Saint Christopher Catholic Church

Mission Statement:

"St. Christopher Catholic Church, empowered by the Holy Spirit and nourished by the Eucharist; Proclaims, Witnesses, and Shares the Good News of Jesus Christ. We invite all of you to join us as we live our faith! and reach out in charity to those in need."

23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

And people brought to him a deaf man who had a speech impediment and begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him off by himself away from the crowd. He put his finger into the man's ears and, spitting, touched his tongue; then he looked up to heaven and groaned, and said to him, "Ephphatha!" —that is, "Be opened!" - Mk 7:32-34

Le llevaron entonces a un hombre sordo y tartamudo, y le suplicaban que le impusiera las manos. El lo apartó a un lado de la gente, le metió los dedos en los oídos y le tocó la lengua con saliva. Después, mirando al cielo, suspiró y le dijo: "¡Effetá!" (que quiere decir "¡Abrete!"). - Mc 7, 32-34

XXIII DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

Sacraments

Baptism: Please contact the office for information or send an email to reception@stchristophermarana.com. Parents and Godparents must attend a class before the baptism.

Marriage: Engaged Couples planning to marry must contact the parish office at least six months in advance.

Anointing of The Sick: The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick is for the spiritual comfort, strength and healing of the ill. Please notify the church office when you or another parishioner would like to receive this Sacrament.

(Due to Covid-19 Priests in the DOT are restricted from visiting hospitals)

Parish Information

Mass Times (during Covid-19):

Tue & Thu	12:00 Noon
Wed & Fri	9:00 am
Saturday:	5:00 pm Sunday Mass
Sunday:	7:00 am Mass
	9:00 am Mass
	11:00 am Santa Misa

Live-streaming of Sunday Mass
9am English & 11am Spanish

Confessions:
Saturday: 4:00 pm – 4:45 pm |
and by appointment

Office Hours:
Monday-Friday 9:30 am – 5 pm

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First Reading: Is 35:4-7a

Thus says the LORD:
Say to those whose hearts are frightened:
Be strong, fear not!
Here is your God,
he comes with vindication;
with divine recompense
he comes to save you.
Then will the eyes of the blind be opened,
the ears of the deaf be cleared;
then will the lame leap like a stag,
then the tongue of the mute will sing.
Streams will burst forth in the desert,
and rivers in the steppe.
The burning sands will become pools,
and the thirsty ground, springs of water.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10

R. (1b) **Praise the Lord, my soul!**

Second Reading: Jas 2:1-5

My brothers and sisters, show no partiality as you adhere to the faith in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ. For if a man with gold rings and fine clothes comes into your assembly, and a poor person in shabby clothes also comes in, and you pay attention to the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Sit here, please, " while you say to the poor one, "Stand there, " or "Sit at my feet, " have you not made distinctions among yourselves and become judges with evil designs?

Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Did not God choose those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom that he promised to those who love him?

Holy Gospel: Mk 7:31-37

Again Jesus left the district of Tyre and went by way of Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, into the district of the Decapolis. And people brought to him a deaf man who had a speech impediment and begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him off by himself away from the crowd. He put his finger into the man's ears and, spitting, touched his tongue; then he looked up to heaven and groaned, and said to him, "*Ephphatha!*"— that is, "Be opened!" — And immediately the man's ears were opened, his speech impediment was removed, and he spoke plainly. He ordered them not to tell anyone. But the more he ordered them not to, the more they proclaimed it. They were exceedingly astonished and they said, "He has done all things well. He makes the deaf hear and the mute speak."

Primera Lectura: Is 35, 4-7a

Esto dice el Señor:
"Digan a los de corazón apocado:
'¡Animo! No teman.
He aquí que su Dios,
vengador y justiciero,
viene ya para salvarlos'.
Se iluminarán entonces los ojos de los ciegos
y los oídos de los sordos se abrirán.
Saltará como un venado el cojo
y la lengua del mudo cantará.
Brotarán aguas en el desierto
y correrán torrentes en la estepa.
El páramo se convertirá en estanque
y la tierra seca, en manantial".

Salmo Responsorial: Del Salmo 145

R. (1) **Alaba, alma mía, al Señor.**

Segunda Lectura: Sant 2, 1-5

Hermanos: Puesto que ustedes tienen fe en nuestro Señor Jesucristo glorificado, no tengan favoritismos. Supongamos que entran al mismo tiempo en su reunión un hombre con un anillo de oro, lujosamente vestido, y un pobre andrajoso, y que fijan ustedes la mirada en el que lleva el traje elegante y le dicen: "Tú, siéntate aquí, cómodamente". En cambio, le dicen al pobre: "Tú, párate allá o siéntate aquí en el suelo, a mis pies". ¿No es esto tener favoritismos y juzgar con criterios torcidos?
Queridos hermanos, ¿acaso no ha elegido Dios a los pobres de este mundo para hacerlos ricos en la fe y herederos del Reino que prometió a los que lo aman?

Del Santo Evangelio: Mc 7, 31-37

En aquel tiempo, salió Jesús de la región de Tiro y vino de nuevo, por Sidón, al mar de Galilea, atravesando la región de Decápolis. Le llevaron entonces a un hombre sordo y tartamudo, y le suplicaban que le impusiera las manos. Él lo apartó a un lado de la gente, le metió los dedos en los oídos y le tocó la lengua con saliva. Después, mirando al cielo, suspiró y le dijo: "¡Effetá!" (que quiere decir "¡Abrete!"). Al momento se le abrieron los oídos, se le soltó la traba de la lengua y empezó a hablar sin dificultad.
Él les mandó que no lo dijeran a nadie; pero cuanto más se lo mandaba, ellos con más insistencia lo proclamaban; y todos estaban asombrados y decían: "¡Qué bien lo hace todo! Hace oír a los sordos y hablar a los mudos".

Meditation

From the time we are born into this world until we die, our human radar picks up signals about how to respond to life. What we picked up on when we were very young carries an even greater power. The messages we receive and process tell us what we are "supposed" to do with our feelings, how to understand and cope with disappointment, anxiety, failure, death, illness, and what to expect out of life. As life unfolds for us, these radar messages kick in and resonate in us at very deep levels. Sometimes what we have learned is helpful and sometimes it is not. The stories we have been told, especially when we are young, about how life is best lived and how to negotiate its pain carry a heavy weight.

Life can be challenging and frightening. Sometimes, it really hurts to be a human being. It also can be quite unpredictable and, at times, unfair. We face our vulnerability and brokenness of all kinds: physical, emotional, and spiritual. It doesn't take much for life to quickly fall apart. What we knew to be familiar and true is gone and something we relied upon, physically, emotionally, or spiritually, can be taken away. It is hard to confront our limitations and sit with our incompleteness. Often, life hurts us so much that we find ourselves sitting in a pool of sadness, not sure what we are supposed to do. It is particularly hard when the signals we have inherited tell us that we need to be successful in what we do, and we have to avoid life's unfairness. We can feel like a failure, wondering what precisely we did to deserve this fate, or ruminate about what we did not do correctly. But it's really not about us. We are part of a bigger picture and a much more fascinating story!

If we cease doing battle with life's incompleteness and see ourselves, as God does, on a journey toward wholeness and completeness we can better accept our disappointments and stand firm. The prophets told us, and Jesus reassured us: Be strong! Fear not! Sometimes we have to update our stories and replace them with newer, more accurate ones. When we make God's story our own and tune our radar into His voice, what we hear is all about restoration, healing, and rejuvenation! This is true even when we think we have hit rock bottom and can go no further. There is always hope. Remember the words of Julian of Norwich: God made us, God loves us, and God keeps us. Now, listen to God when He says, "be opened!" Be healed and allow your stories to change.

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Readings for the week of September 5th, 2021

Sun: Is 35:4-7a/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 [1b]/Jas 2:1-5/ Mk 7:31-37
Mon: Col 1:24—2:3/Ps 62:6-7, 9 [8]/Lk 6:6-11
Tue: Col 2:6-15/Ps 145:1b-2, 8-9, 10-11 [9]/ Lk 6:12-19
Wed: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6ab, 6c [Is 61:10]/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23
Thu: Col 3:12-17/Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6 [6]/Lk 6:27-38
Fri: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 11 [cf. 5]/Lk 6:39-42
Sat: 1 Tm 1:15-17/Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a and 6-7 [2]/ Lk 6:43-49
Next Sun: Is 50:5-9a/Ps 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [9]/ Jas 2:14-18/Mk 8:27-35

Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 4th, 2021 †=Deceased

5:00 pm: † Poor Souls in Purgatory
† Ysidra Lara
Adrea Cortez (health)

Sunday, September 5th, 2021

7:00 am: Greg and Pam Gervais (safe travel)
9:00 am: † Roberto Enriquez
11:00 am: † Roberto Enriquez
† Martín López Sr.
† Edward Altamirano

Tuesday, September 7th, 2021

Noon: Communion Service and Liturgy of the Word

Wednesday, September 8th, 2021

9:00 am: Communion Service and Liturgy of the Word

Thursday, September 9th, 2021

Noon: St. Christopher Parish Family

Friday, September 10th, 2021

9:00 am: St. Christopher Parish Family

To request a Mass intention, please call or stop by the office.

Weekly Offertory

	Week ending 8/29/21
Offertory	*$3,395.00*
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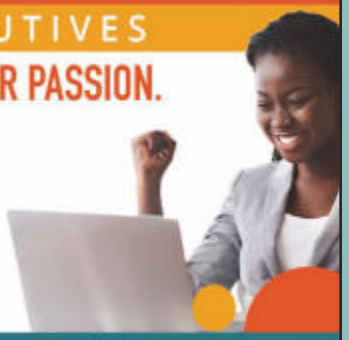

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