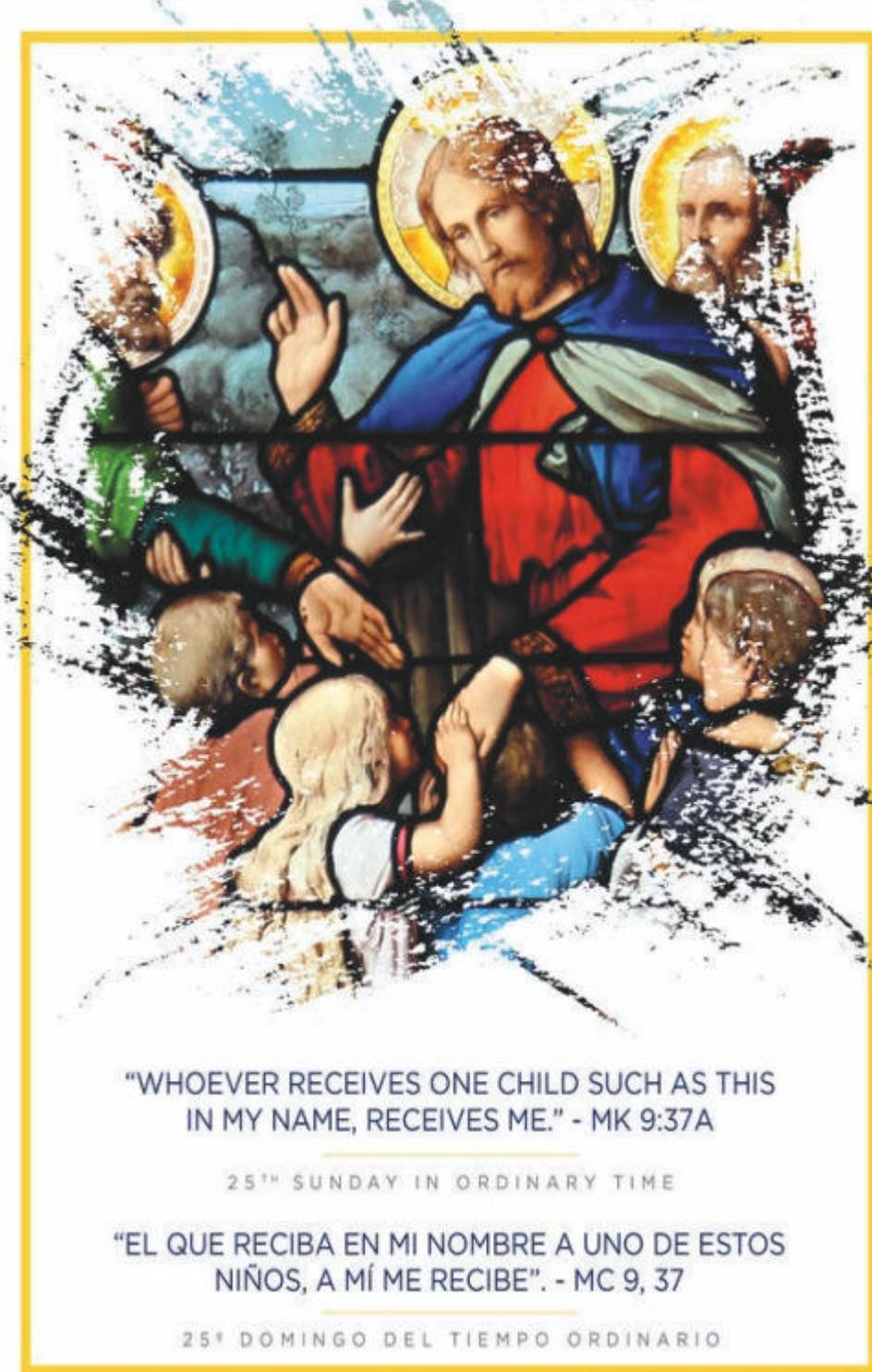




# Saint Christopher Catholic Church

## 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."*



"WHOEVER RECEIVES ONE CHILD SUCH AS THIS  
IN MY NAME, RECEIVES ME." - MK 9:37A

25<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"EL QUE RECIBA EN MI NOMBRE A UNO DE ESTOS  
NIÑOS, A MÍ ME RECIBE". - MC 9, 37

25<sup>º</sup> DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

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## SACRAMENTS

**Baptism:** Please contact the office for information or send an email to [reception@stchristophermarana.com](mailto: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.

## PARISH INFORMATION

### MASS TIMES (DURING COVID-19):

<b>Tue &amp; Thu</b>	12:00 Noon
<b>Wed &amp; Fri</b>	9:00 am
<b>SATURDAY:</b>	5:00 pm Sunday Mass
<b>SUNDAY:</b>	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

## PARISH STAFF

### PASTOR

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**DEACON:** Rev. Mr. Jorge Muñoz

### PARISH OFFICE MANAGER

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**First Reading: Wis 2:12, 17-20**

The wicked say: Let us beset the just one, because he is obnoxious to us; he sets himself against our doings, reproaches us for transgressions of the law and charges us with violations of our training.

Let us see whether his words be true; let us find out what will happen to him. For if the just one be the son of God, God will defend him and deliver him from the hand of his foes. With revilement and torture let us put the just one to the test that we may have proof of his gentleness and try his patience. Let us condemn him to a shameful death; for according to his own words, God will take care of him.

**Responsorial Psalm: Ps 54:3-4, 5, 6 and 8**

**R. (6b) The Lord upholds my life.**

**Second Reading: Jas 3:16—4:3**

Beloved: Where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there is disorder and every foul practice. But the wisdom from above is first of all pure, then peaceable, gentle, compliant, full of mercy and good fruits, without inconstancy or insincerity. And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace for those who cultivate peace.

Where do the wars and where do the conflicts among you come from? Is it not from your passions that make war within your members? You covet but do not possess. You kill and envy but you cannot obtain; you fight and wage war. You do not possess because you do not ask. You ask but do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions.

**Holy Gospel: Mk 9:30-37**

Jesus and his disciples left from there and began a journey through Galilee, but he did not wish anyone to know about it. He was teaching his disciples and telling them, "The Son of Man is to be handed over to men and they will kill him, and three days after his death the Son of Man will rise." But they did not understand the saying, and they were afraid to question him.

They came to Capernaum and, once inside the house, he began to ask them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" But they remained silent. They had been discussing among themselves on the way who was the greatest. Then he sat down, called the Twelve, and said to them, "If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all." Taking a child, he placed it in the their midst, and putting his arms around it, he said to them, "Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me; and whoever receives me, receives not me but the One who sent me."

**Primera Lectura: Sab 2, 12. 17-20**

Los malvados dijeron entre sí: "Tendamos una trampa al justo, porque nos molesta y se opone a lo que hacemos; nos echa en cara nuestras violaciones a la ley, nos reprende las faltas contra los principios en que fuimos educados.

Veamos si es cierto lo que dice, vamos a ver qué le pasa en su muerte. Si el justo es hijo de Dios, él lo ayudará y lo libraré de las manos de sus enemigos. Sometámoslo a la humillación y a la tortura, para conocer su temple y su valor. Condenémoslo a una muerte ignominiosa, porque dice que hay quien mire por él".

**Salmo Responsorial: Del Salmo 53**

**R. (6b) El Señor es quien me ayuda.**

**Segunda Lectura: Sant 3, 16-4, 3**

Hermanos míos: Donde hay envidias y rivalidades, ahí hay desorden y toda clase de obras malas. Pero los que tienen la sabiduría que viene de Dios son puros, ante todo. Además, son amantes de la paz, comprensivos, dóciles, están llenos de misericordia y buenos frutos, son imparciales y sinceros. Los pacíficos siembran la paz y cosechan frutos de justicia.

¿De dónde vienen las luchas y los conflictos entre ustedes? ¿No es, acaso, de las malas pasiones, que siempre están en guerra dentro de ustedes? Ustedes codician lo que no pueden tener y acaban asesinando. Ambicionan algo que no pueden alcanzar, y entonces combaten y hacen la guerra. Y si no lo alcanzan, es porque no se lo piden a Dios. O si se lo piden y no lo reciben, es porque piden mal, para derrocharlo en placeres.

**Del Santo Evangelio: Mc 9, 30-37**

En aquel tiempo, Jesús y sus discípulos atravesaban Galilea, pero él no quería que nadie lo supiera, porque iba enseñando a sus discípulos. Les decía: "El Hijo del hombre va a ser entregado en manos de los hombres; le darán muerte, y tres días después de muerto, resucitará". Pero ellos no entendían aquellas palabras y tenían miedo de pedir explicaciones.

Llegaron a Cafarnaúm, y una vez en casa, les preguntó: "¿De qué discutían por el camino?" Pero ellos se quedaron callados, porque en el camino habían discutido sobre quién de ellos era el más importante. Entonces Jesús se sentó, llamó a los Doce y les dijo: "Si alguno quiere ser el primero, que sea el último de todos y el servidor de todos".

Después, tomando a un niño, lo puso en medio de ellos, lo abrazó y les dijo: "El que reciba en mi nombre a uno de estos niños, a mí me recibe. Y el que me reciba a mí, no me recibe a mí, sino a aquel que me ha enviado".

## MEDITATION

There is something about being first. Whether it be first in line, first to be picked for the team, or the first one to finish their work, great satisfaction is achieved. Our egos love being first. It somehow sets us apart from everyone else, gives us a sense of pride and positions us to feel better than others. When we are first, we can glory in our efforts, skills, and achievements. Isn't that what really matters? After all, we are taught from a very young age to be proficient, stay on top, be the best at what we do, and win the praise and esteem of others. This is the stuff that makes us successful and provides us with a comfortable, satisfying life.

Jesus wants none of it. All of the details we anguish over mean little to the kingdom of God. You want to be first? Then, be a servant and welcome a child. All of this is the opposite of our often vehement pursuits. If we are serious about following Jesus and living the Gospel, then we must put the needs of others before our own. If we continue to listen only to the noise of the world, we are going to continue to believe the illusions we inherit. Those illusions come in many forms, but all have things in common: me before you, being on top and not the bottom, us versus them, personal security over universal harmony and peace. When are we going to learn that always striving to be the best and first is an empty pursuit in our struggle for happiness? While satisfying our ego with this momentary boost of esteem may feel good for a moment, is it what we really desire?

If we can break from the world's noise and create a space of sacred silence in our lives, we can begin to listen and see that we are being called in another direction. What we really desire is not the bolstering of our egos but the innocence we lost somewhere along the way. When we can be playful, joyful, and even somewhat carefree, life is good. We want our relationships to work, a place to call home, and to live peaceful lives with our sisters and brothers. Only a servant can do this. The servant's prayer seeks to detach from self-concern in order to be used by God. Rather than worrying about being first and coming out on top, we can be inspired, guided, empowered, and led to do good works. Stop worrying about being first and put greater energy into feeling joy

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 19TH, 2021

Sun: Wis 2:12, 17-20/Ps 54:3-4, 5, 6-8 [6b]/  
Jas 3:16—4:3/Mk 9:30-37  
Mon: Ezr 1:1-6/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/  
Lk 8:16-18  
Tue: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5]/Mt 9:9-13  
Wed: Ezr 9:5-9/Tb 13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8 [1b]/  
Lk 9:1-6  
Thu: Hg 1:1-8/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/  
Lk 9:7-9  
Fri: Hg 2:1-9/Ps 43:1, 2, 3, 4 [5]/Lk 9:18-22  
Sat: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab,  
13 [cf. 10d]/Lk 9:43b-45  
Next Sun: Nm 11:25-29/Ps 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14 [9a]/  
Jas 5:1-6/Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

## MASS INTENTIONS

**Saturday, September 18th, 2021** †=Deceased

5:00 pm: † Carl Stevenson  
Joseph Giannetti Sr. (health)

**Sunday, September 19th, 2021**

7:00 am: † Frank Uriquides  
Joseph Giannetti Sr. (health)

9:00 am: Joseph Giannetti St. (health)

11:00 am: † Roberto Enriquez  
† Ed Altamirano  
Joseph Giannetti Sr. (health)

**Tuesday, September 21st, 2021**

Noon: Joseph Giannetti St. (health)

**Wednesday, September 22nd, 2021**

9:00 am: Joseph Giannetti St. (health)

**Thursday, September 23rd, 2021**

Noon: Joseph Giannetti St. (health)

**Friday, September 24th, 2021**

9:00 am: Joseph Giannetti St. (health)

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