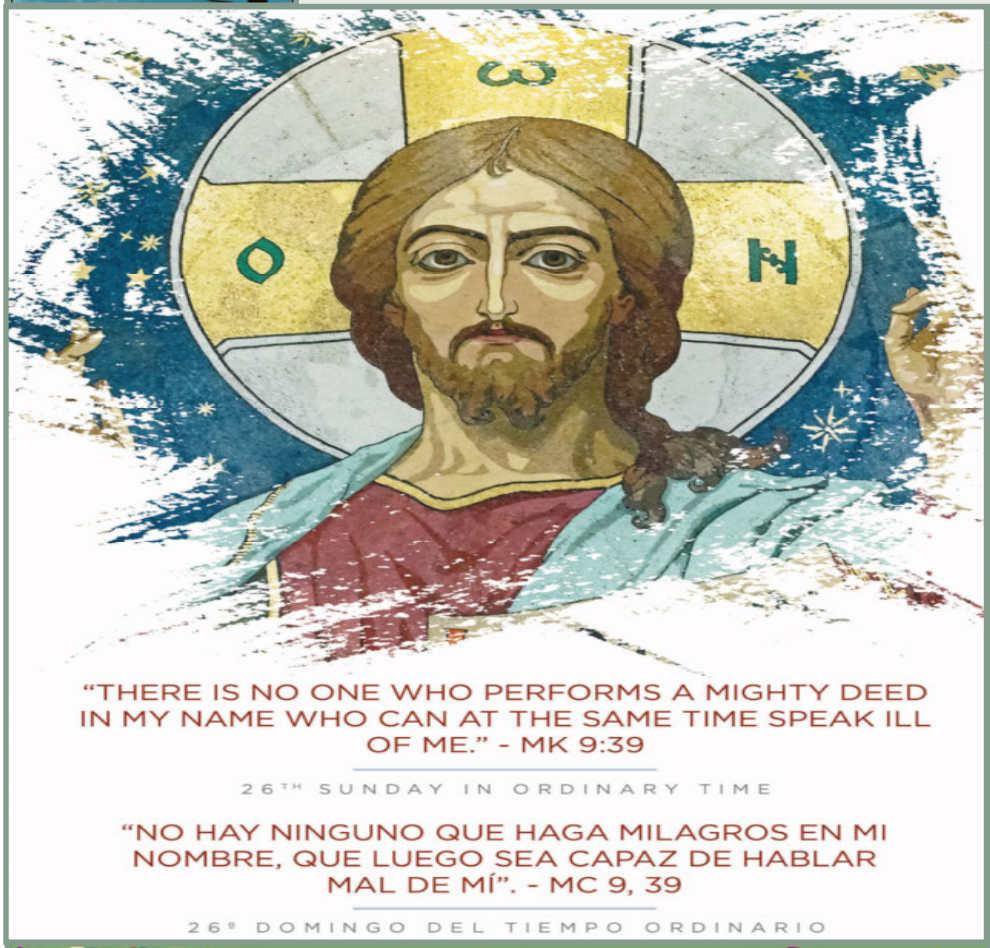
Saint Christopher Catholic Church

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."



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.

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: Nm 11:25-29

The LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to Moses. Taking some of the spirit that was on Moses, the LORD bestowed it on the seventy elders; and as the spirit came to rest on them, they prophesied.
Now two men, one named Eldad and the other Medad, were not in the gathering but had been left in the camp. They too had been on the list, but had not gone out to the tent; yet the spirit came to rest on them also, and they prophesied in the camp. So, when a young man quickly told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp, " Joshua, son of Nun, who from his youth had been Moses' aide, said, "Moses, my lord, stop them." But Moses answered him, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the people of the LORD were prophets! Would that the LORD might bestow his spirit on them all!"

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14

R. (9a) **The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.**

Second Reading: Jas 5:1-6

Come now, you rich, weep and wail over your impending miseries. Your wealth has rotted away, your clothes have become moth-eaten, your gold and silver have corroded, and that corrosion will be a testimony against you; it will devour your flesh like a fire. You have stored up treasure for the last days. Behold, the wages you withheld from the workers who harvested your fields are crying aloud; and the cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. You have lived on earth in luxury and pleasure; you have fattened your hearts for the day of slaughter. You have condemned; you have murdered the righteous one; he offers you no resistance.

Holy Gospel: Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

At that time, John said to Jesus, "Teacher, we saw someone driving out demons in your name, and we tried to prevent him because he does not follow us." Jesus replied, "Do not prevent him. There is no one who performs a mighty deed in my name who can at the same time speak ill of me. For whoever is not against us is for us. Anyone who gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ, amen, I say to you, will surely not lose his reward.
"Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him if a great millstone were put around his neck and he were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter into life maimed than with two hands to go into Gehenna, into the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to sin, cut if off. It is better for you to enter into life crippled than with two feet to be thrown into Gehenna. And if your eye causes you to sin, pluck it out. Better for you to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into Gehenna, where 'their worm does not die, and the fire is not quenched.'"

Primera Lectura: Nm 11, 25-29

En aquellos días, el Señor descendió de la nube y habló con Moisés. Tomó del espíritu que reposaba sobre Moisés y se lo dio a los setenta ancianos. Cuando el espíritu se posó sobre ellos, se pusieron a profetizar.
Se habían quedado en el campamento dos hombres: uno llamado Eldad y otro, Medad. También sobre ellos se posó el espíritu, pues aunque no habían ido a la reunión, eran de los elegidos y ambos comenzaron a profetizar en el campamento.
Un muchacho corrió a contarle a Moisés que Eldad y Medad estaban profetizando en el campamento. Entonces Josué, hijo de Nun, que desde muy joven era ayudante de Moisés, le dijo: "Señor mío, prohíbeselo". Pero Moisés le respondió: "¿Crees que voy a ponerme celoso? Ojalá que todo el pueblo de Dios fuera profeta y descendiera sobre todos ellos el espíritu del Señor".

Salmo Responsorial: Del Salmo 18

R. (9a) **Los mandamientos del Señor alegran el corazón.**

Segunda Lectura: Sant 5, 1-6

Lloren y laméntense, ustedes, los ricos, por las desgracias que les esperan. Sus riquezas se han corrompido; la polilla se ha comido sus vestidos; enmohecidos están su oro y su plata, y ese moho será una prueba contra ustedes y consumirá sus carnes, como el fuego. Con esto ustedes han atesorado un castigo para los últimos días.
El salario que ustedes han defraudado a los trabajadores que segaron sus campos está clamando contra ustedes; sus gritos han llegado hasta el oído del Señor de los ejércitos.
Han vivido ustedes en este mundo entregados al lujo y al placer, engordando como reses para el día de la matanza.
Han condenado a los inocentes y los han matado, porque no podían defenderse.

Del Santo Evangelio: Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

En aquel tiempo, Juan le dijo a Jesús: "Hemos visto a uno que expulsaba a los demonios en tu nombre, y como no es de los nuestros, se lo prohibimos". Pero Jesús le respondió: "No se lo prohíban, porque no hay ninguno que haga milagros en mi nombre, que luego sea capaz de hablar mal de mí. Todo aquel que no está contra nosotros, está a nuestro favor.
Todo aquel que les dé a beber un vaso de agua por el hecho de que son de Cristo, les aseguro que no se quedará sin recompensa.
Al que sea ocasión de pecado para esta gente sencilla que cree en mí, más le valdría que le pusieran al cuello una de esas enormes piedras de molino y lo arrojaran al mar.
Si tu mano te es ocasión de pecado, córtatela; pues más te vale entrar manco en la vida eterna, que ir con tus dos manos al lugar de castigo, al fuego que no se apaga. Y si tu pie te es ocasión de pecado, córtatelo; pues más te vale entrar cojo en la vida eterna, que con tus dos pies ser arrojado al lugar de castigo. Y si tu ojo te es ocasión de pecado, sácatelo; pues más te vale entrar tuerto en el Reino de Dios, que ser arrojado con tus dos ojos al lugar de castigo, *donde el gusano no muere y el fuego no se apaga*''.

Meditation

What are the little ones? They are the poor, the marginalized, the women and men at the well, the Zacchaeus' looking for Jesus from a tree, those mired in sin, the blind who want to see, and the lame who want to walk. They are the lepers and the different ones who have been told that they are unclean, and the ones who suffer from abuse and grave injustices and oppression. They are children who want nothing more than to be loved and enjoy celebrating their innocence. These are all the little ones and they are all vulnerable. Life already brings them burdens, we don't need to add to them.

St. Oscar Romero said, "When the church hears the cry of the oppressed it cannot but denounce the social structures that give rise to and perpetuate the misery from which the cry arises." Why are so many people still so gravely hurting? We have the resources and the means to make things better. We choose not to. There are still those things called greed, pride, lust, apathy, jealously, gluttony, and anger that prevent us from seeing each other and people to be loved and not objects to be used. Is this how God intended things to be?

God loves what is good and upright. It doesn't matter who did it or where it came from. In God's eyes, the end result is always faith, hope, and love. Those will always unite a person with God. We fill our lives with many things that are not good either for ourselves or for others. All of us have to work to discover what it is, exactly, that leads to the world's brokenness. There are people, systems, and ideologies in place that foster oppression and injustice rather than equity and fairness. Sadly, our complacency can be the greatest evil. Turning a blind eye, ignoring the truth, and believing that we are helpless to fix so great a problem, does little to move us closer to the kingdom of God. As members of the Body of Christ, we cannot condone anything that keeps people in misery.

As it is said, charity begins at home. Perhaps a good place to start is with our own households and making sure their foundations are properly laid.

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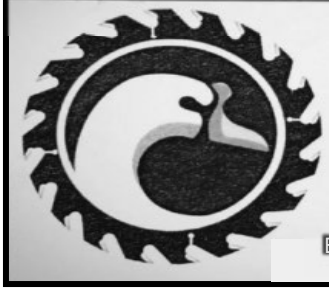

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Readings for the week of September 26th, 2021

Sun: Nm 11:25-29/Ps 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14 [9a]/Jas 5:1-6/ Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48
Mon: Zec 8:1-8/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23 [17]/Lk 9:46-50
Tue: Zec 8:20-23/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7 [Zec 8:23]/ Lk 9:51-56
Wed: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/Ps 138: 1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5 [1]/Jn 1:47-51
Thu: Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11[9ab]/ Lk 10:1-12
Fri: Bar 1:15-22/Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9 [9]/Lk 10:13-16
Sat: Bar 4:5-12, 27-29/Ps 69:33-35, 36-37 [34]/ Mt 18:1-5, 10
Next Sun: Gn 2:18-24/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 [cf. 5]/ Heb 2:9-11/Mk 10:2-16 or 10:2-12

Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 25th, 2021 †=Deceased
5:00 pm: † Carl Stevenson
Lonnie "Tom" Anderson (health)

Sunday, September 26th, 2021
7:00 am: † Charles Puffinbarger
9:00 am: Olivia Marzan (health)
† Roberto Enriquez
11:00 am: † Roberto Enriquez
† Francisco Roa Solorio
† Juana Macias Sanchez

Tuesday, September 28th 2021
Noon: † Lupe Klein
† John Klein

Wednesday, September 29th, 2021
9:00 am: † Joseph King

Thursday, September 30th, 2021
Noon: † Lupe Rubio

Friday, October 1st, 2021
9:00 am: Lydia Soto (health)
† Gilbert Rodriguez Jr.

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

Weekly Offertory

	Week ending 9/19/21
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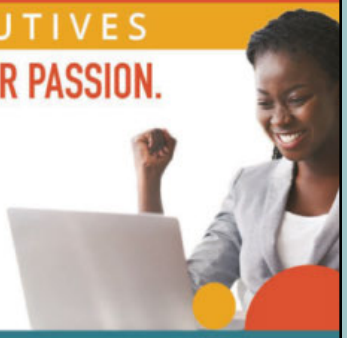

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