



# 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."*



"ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE FOR GOD." - MK 10:27

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

## 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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**2021**

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**First Reading: Wis 7:7-11**

I prayed, and prudence was given me; I pleaded, and the spirit of wisdom came to me. I preferred her to scepter and throne, and deemed riches nothing in comparison with her, nor did I liken any priceless gem to her; because all gold, in view of her, is a little sand, and before her, silver is to be accounted mire. Beyond health and comeliness I loved her, and I chose to have her rather than the light, because the splendor of her never yields to sleep. Yet all good things together came to me in her company, and countless riches at her hands.

**Responsorial Psalm: Ps 90:12-13, 14-15, 16-17**

**R. (14) Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy!**

**Second Reading: Heb 4:12-13**

Brothers and sisters: Indeed the word of God is living and effective, sharper than any two-edged sword, penetrating even between soul and spirit, joints and marrow, and able to discern reflections and thoughts of the heart. No creature is concealed from him, but everything is naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must render an account.

**Holy Gospel: Mk 10:17-30 or 10:17-27**

As Jesus was setting out on a journey, a man ran up, knelt down before him, and asked him, "Good teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus answered him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: *You shall not kill; you shall not commit adultery; you shall not steal; you shall not bear false witness; you shall not defraud; honor your father and your mother.*"

He replied and said to him, "Teacher, all of these I have observed from my youth." Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said to him, "You are lacking in one thing. Go, sell what you have, and give to the poor and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." At that statement his face fell, and he went away sad, for he had many possessions.

Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it is for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" The disciples were amazed at his words. So Jesus again said to them in reply, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for one who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." They were exceedingly astonished and said among themselves, "Then who can be saved?" Jesus looked at them and said, "For human beings it is impossible, but not for God. All things are possible for God." Peter began to say to him, "We have given up everything and followed you." Jesus said, "Amen, I say to you, there is no one who has given up house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or lands for my sake and for the sake of the gospel who will not receive a hundred times more now in this present age: houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions, and eternal life in the age to come."

**Primera Lectura: Sab 7, 7-11**

Supliqué y se me concedió la prudencia; invoqué y vino sobre mí el espíritu de sabiduría. La preferí a los cetros y a los tronos, y en comparación con ella tuve en nada la riqueza. No se puede comparar con la piedra más preciosa, porque todo el oro, junto a ella, es un poco de arena y la plata es como lodo en su presencia.

La tuve en más que la salud y la belleza; la preferí a la luz, porque su resplandor nunca se apaga. Todos los bienes me vinieron con ella; sus manos me trajeron riquezas incontables.

**Salmo Responsorial: Salmo 89, 12-13, 14-15, 16-17**

**R. Sáncianos, Señor, de tu misericordia.**

**Segunda Lectura: Heb 4, 12-13**

Hermanos: La palabra de Dios es viva, eficaz y más penetrante que una espada de dos filos. Llega hasta lo más íntimo del alma, hasta la médula de los huesos y descubre los pensamientos e intenciones del corazón. Toda creatura es transparente para ella. Todo queda al desnudo y al descubierto ante los ojos de aquel a quien debemos rendir cuentas.

**Del Santo Evangelio: Mc 10, 17-30**

En aquel tiempo, cuando salía Jesús al camino, se le acercó corriendo un hombre, se arrodilló ante él y le preguntó: "Maestro bueno, ¿qué debo hacer para alcanzar la vida eterna?" Jesús le contestó: "¿Por qué me llamas bueno? Nadie es bueno sino sólo Dios. Ya sabes los mandamientos: *No matarás, no cometerás adulterio, no robarás, no levantarás falso testimonio, no cometerás fraudes, honrarás a tu padre y a tu madre.*"

Entonces él le contestó: "Maestro, todo eso lo he cumplido desde muy joven". Jesús lo miró con amor y le dijo: "Sólo una cosa te falta: Ve y vende lo que tienes, da el dinero a los pobres y así tendrás un tesoro en los cielos. Después, ven y sígueme". Pero al oír estas palabras, el hombre se entristeció y se fue apesadumbrado, porque tenía muchos bienes.

Jesús, mirando a su alrededor, dijo entonces a sus discípulos: "¿Qué difícil les va a ser a los ricos entrar en el Reino de Dios!" Los discípulos quedaron sorprendidos ante estas palabras; pero Jesús insistió: "Hijitos, ¡qué difícil es para los que confían en las riquezas, entrar en el Reino de Dios! Más fácil le es a un camello pasar por el ojo de una aguja, que a un rico entrar en el Reino de Dios".

Ellos se asombraron todavía más y comentaban entre sí: "Entonces, ¿quién puede salvarse?" Jesús, mirándolos fijamente, les dijo: "Es imposible para los hombres, mas no para Dios. Para Dios todo es posible".

Entonces Pedro le dijo a Jesús: "Señor, ya ves que nosotros lo hemos dejado todo para seguirte".

Jesús le respondió: "Yo les aseguro: Nadie que haya dejado casa, o hermanos o hermanas, o padre o madre, o hijos o tierras, por mí y por el Evangelio, dejará de recibir, en esta vida, el ciento por uno en casas, hermanos, hermanas, madres, hijos y tierras, junto con persecuciones, y en el otro mundo, la vida eterna".

## MEDITATION

If we are truly in love with God, then the basics are not going to be enough. That love is going to want to be expressed in going above and beyond, in leaving the comfortable and familiar, in stretching and growing, and in following a voice other than our own. St. Teresa of Calcutta rightly instructs us that for “love to be real, it must cost, it must hurt, it must empty us of self.” Being in love with God requires more than just checking the boxes of the commandments. It requires a sincere and unconditional self-investment. Desiring God with our whole heart, mind, and soul means that I must also desire a relationship with my neighbor with that same degree of fervor.

Biases and prejudices usually occur when people are kept at a distance and treated as objects. We cannot truly know our neighbors, especially if they are different than us, if we keep them in boxes and do not listen to their stories. When we open ourselves to listen to another person’s story, we begin to realize more how similar we are than dissimilar. Being overly attached to our possessions, ideologies, agendas, lifestyles, and personal needs are absolute barriers to achieving the type of personal investment love demands. This is why following Christ can be difficult. It is less a matter of intellect and more a matter of heart and soul. It requires that we transfer our treasure from an investment in tangible secular things and move it into the Kingdom of God. It is only the gift of wisdom and discernment that can help us decide what to do and how to do it.

Contemporaries of Jesus would know that a camel could not enter through the portal of a city weighed down with the baggage it was carrying. In order to enter, the baggage must be removed so that the animal could fit through the entry way. The same is true for us. We carry a lot of excessive baggage around with us that keeps us tethered to our past histories, wounds, myopic world views, prejudices, fears, and suspicions. To invest ourselves in the Kingdom of God, do God’s work and live out our love relationship with God, we need to shed the extra weight. While it may seem that a lot of that stuff is necessary, it really is not. We are much more than the things that we think define us and more secure than we think. The more there is to hold on to and the more that we carry with us, the harder it will be to leave it all behind. Many choose not to and walk away sad because they are not ready to trust.

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## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 10TH, 2021

Sun: Wis 7:7-11/Ps 90:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [14]/  
Heb 4:12-13/Mk 10:17-30 or 10:17-27  
Mon: Rom 1:1-7/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [2a]/  
Lk 11:29-32  
Tue: Rom 1:16-25/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [2a]/Lk 11:37-41  
Wed: Rom 2:1-11/Ps 62:2-3, 6-7, 9 [13]/Lk 11:42-46  
Thu: Rom 3:21-30/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [7]/  
Lk 11:47-54  
Fri: Rom 4:1-8/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 [cf. 7]/Lk 12:1-7  
Sat: Rom 4:13, 16-18/Ps 105:6-7, 8-9, 42-43 [8]/  
Lk 12:8-12  
Next Sun: Is 53:10-11/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 [22]/  
Heb 4:14-16/Mk 10:35-45 or 10:42-45

## MASS INTENTIONS

**Saturday, October 9th, 2021** †=Deceased

5:00 pm: † Carl Stevenson  
Judy Unrein (safe travel)  
The ill written on the Prayer Ribbon

**Sunday, October 10th, 2021**

7:00 am: † Sonny Ngo  
† Dale Menna  
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9:00 am: † John Morris  
† Roberto Enriquez  
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11:00 am: † Roberto Enriquez  
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**Tuesday, October 12th 2021**

Noon: Jan McLay (birthday)  
The ill written on the Prayer Ribbon

**Wednesday, October 13th, 2021**

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

**Thursday, October 14th, 2021**

Noon: Maddie Unrein (life’s journey and health)  
The ill written on the Prayer Ribbon

**Friday, October 15th 2021**

9:00 am: Poor Souls in Purgatory  
The ill written on the Prayer Ribbon

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

## WEEKLY OFFERTORY

**Week ending 10/3/21**

<b>Offertory</b>	\$4,431.00
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