



Saint Christopher Catholic Church

*31st Sunday in Ordinary Time
31º Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario*



St Christopher Parish

All Saints' Day

Monday, November 1st
Holy Mass

9:00 AM - English



ST. CHRISTOPHER CATHOLIC CHURCH



ALL SOULS' DAY DIA DE LOS FIELES DIFUNTOS

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2ND

SOLEMN MASS
9:00 AM
ENGLISH

MISA SOLEMNE | SOLEMN MASS
6:30 PM
BILINGUAL



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

CONFESIONS:

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: Dt 6:2-6

Moses spoke to the people, saying: "Fear the LORD, your God, and keep, throughout the days of your lives, all his statutes and commandments which I enjoin on you, and thus have long life. Hear then, Israel, and be careful to observe them, that you may grow and prosper the more, in keeping with the promise of the LORD, the God of your fathers, to give you a land flowing with milk and honey.

"Hear, O Israel! The LORD is our God, the LORD alone! Therefore, you shall love the LORD, your God, with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength. Take to heart these words which I enjoin on you today."

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51

R. (2) **I love you, Lord, my strength.**

Second Reading: Heb 7:23-28

Brothers and sisters: The levitical priests were many because they were prevented by death from remaining in office, but Jesus, because he remains forever, has a priesthood that does not pass away. Therefore, he is always able to save those who approach God through him, since he lives forever to make intercession for them.

It was fitting that we should have such a high priest: holy, innocent, undefiled, separated from sinners, higher than the heavens. He has no need, as did the high priests, to offer sacrifice day after day, first for his own sins and then for those of the people; he did that once for all when he offered himself. For the law appoints men subject to weakness to be high priests, but the word of the oath, which was taken after the law, appoints a son, who has been made perfect forever.

Holy Gospel: Mk 12:28b-34

One of the scribes came to Jesus and asked him, "Which is the first of all the commandments?" Jesus replied, "The first is this: *Hear, O Israel! The Lord our God is Lord alone! You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.* The second is this: *You shall love your neighbor as yourself.* There is no other commandment greater than these." The scribe said to him, "Well said, teacher. You are right in saying, 'He is One and there is no other than he.' And 'to love him with all your heart, with all your understanding, with all your strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself' is worth more than all burnt offerings and sacrifices." And when Jesus saw that he answered with understanding, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." And no one dared to ask him any more questions.

Primera Lectura:Dt 6, 2-6

En aquellos días, habló Moisés al pueblo y le dijo: "Teme al Señor, tu Dios, y guarda todos sus preceptos y mandatos que yo te transmito hoy, a ti, a tus hijos y a los hijos de tus hijos. Cúmplelos y ponlos en práctica, para que seas feliz y te multipliques. Así serás feliz, como ha dicho el Señor, el Dios de tus padres, y te multiplicarás en una tierra que mana leche y miel.

Escucha, Israel: El Señor, nuestro Dios, es el único Señor; amarás al Señor, tu Dios, con todo tu corazón, con toda tu alma, con todas tus fuerzas. Graba en tu corazón los mandamientos que hoy te he transmitido".

Salmo Responsorial: Salmo 17, 2-3a. 3bc-4. 47 y 51ab

R. (2) **Yo te amo, Señor, tú eres mi fuerza.**

Segunda Lectura: Heb 7, 23-28

Hermanos: Durante la antigua alianza hubo muchos sacerdotes, porque la muerte les impedía permanecer en su oficio. En cambio, Jesucristo tiene un sacerdocio eterno, porque él permanece para siempre. De ahí que sea capaz de salvar, para siempre, a los que por su medio se acercan a Dios, ya que vive eternamente para interceder por nosotros.

Ciertamente que un sumo sacerdote como éste era el que nos convenía: santo, inocente, inmaculado, separado de los pecadores y elevado por encima de los cielos; que no necesita, como los demás sacerdotes, ofrecer diariamente víctimas, primero por sus pecados y después por los del pueblo, porque esto lo hizo de una vez para siempre, ofreciéndose a sí mismo. Porque los sacerdotes constituidos por la ley eran hombres llenos de fragilidades; pero el sacerdote constituido por las palabras del juramento posterior a la ley, es el Hijo eternamente perfecto.

Del Santo Evangelio: Mc 12, 28-34

En aquel tiempo, uno de los escribas se acercó a Jesús y le preguntó: "¿Cuál es el primero de todos los mandamientos?" Jesús le respondió: "El primero es: *Escucha, Israel: El Señor, nuestro Dios, es el único Señor; amarás al Señor, tu Dios, con todo tu corazón, con toda tu alma, con toda tu mente y con todas tus fuerzas.* El segundo es éste: *Amarás a tu prójimo como a ti mismo.* No hay ningún mandamiento mayor que éstos".

El escriba replicó: "Muy bien, Maestro. Tienes razón, cuando dices que el Señor es único y que no hay otro fuera de él, y amarlo con todo el corazón, con toda el alma, con todas las fuerzas, y amar al prójimo como a uno mismo, vale más que todos los holocaustos y sacrificios".

Jesús, viendo que había hablado muy sensatamente, le dijo: "No estás lejos del Reino de Dios". Y ya nadie se atrevió a hacerle más preguntas.

MEDITATION

Centuries of God's devoted people have found this prayer on their lips: "Hear, O Israel! The Lord is our God, the Lord alone!" The fundamental prayer has been laid as the cornerstone of many spiritual lives. Where did you learn how to pray or did you? Maybe there is a wisdom figure in your life who inspired and guided you by the genuine, holy simplicity of their lives. His or her example may have led you to God and taught you how to pray. Or perhaps you discovered this art on your own after stumbling over yourself enough times and finally realizing it was time to reach out to Someone greater than yourself. There is a timeless truth that we not only tend to forget, but may have never learned. There is only one God, the Lord alone! As a result, we often worship other gods rather than the One true God. Everything in our life gets distorted and we find ourselves lost and off center.

If we haven't learned it yet, there is a life lesson at the top of all of the possible lessons to be learned. There is One True and Eternal God who alone has a solitary claim on us and must be loved with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength. Until we learn this primary lesson, we run the risk of getting distracted and sidetracked. We will also never really figure out what is at the heart of the relationships we share with the other human beings on this planet with whom we share life. That one primary lesson will teach us the second most valuable lesson: that we must love our neighbor as ourselves. You cannot have one without the other. The presence of God in the core soul of each one of us requires that all of our relationships work together. This truth is at the heart of the Gospel.

If every human being, each in their own way, could stumble upon and genuinely embrace this truth, look how different life would be! Our priorities will immediately shift from "I and me" to "us and we" and we will develop a more inclusive vision for our brothers and sisters. Concerned not only about my own wellbeing and happiness but also that of our brothers and sisters, humanity stands a chance at succeeding in the struggle with injustice, abuse, inequity, violence, war, entitlement, and privilege. It seems that getting to this point has been at the heart of the Gospel and the kingdom of God from the moment Jesus first started to preach. It's a wonder why, then, why so many centuries later, we have still failed to achieve his vision. Maybe we just haven't learned our primary lessons yet.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 31ST, 2021

- Sun: Dt 6:2-6/Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 [2]/Heb 7:23-28/
Mk 12:28b-34
- Mon: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. 6]/
1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a
- Tue: Wis 3:1-9/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1 or 4ab]/
Rom 5:5-11 or Rom 6:3-9/Jn 6:37-40a
- Wed: Rom 13:8-10/Ps 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9 [5a]/Lk 14:25-33
- Thu: Rom 14:7-12/Ps 27:1bcde, 4, 13-14 [13]/
Lk 15:1-10
- Fri: Rom 15:14-21/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [cf. 2b]/
Lk 16:1-8
- Sat: Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 10-11 [1b]/
Lk 16:9-15
- Next Sun: 1 Kgs 17:10-16/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 [1b]/Heb
9:24-28/Mk 12:38-44 or 12:41-44

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, October 30th, 2021 †=Deceased

- 5:00 pm: † Carl Stevenson
Holy Souls in Purgatory
The ill written on the Prayer Ribbon

Sunday, October 31st, 2021

- 7:00 am: † Ramona Roberts
Anastasia Kudrick (health)
The ill written on the Prayer Ribbon
- 9:00 am: † Roberto Enriquez
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- 11:00 am: † Roberto Enriquez
The ill written on the Prayer Ribbon

Tuesday, November 2nd, 2021

- 9:00 am: The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed
6:30 pm: La Conmemoración de Todos los Fieles Difuntos (Bilingual Mass)

Wednesday, November 3rd, 2021

- 9:00 am: Forgotten Souls in Purgatory
† Allan Schureman

Thursday, November 4th, 2021

- Noon: † Caulkins—Dickie Family
† Reina—Bernal Family
† Sun Ngo
† Nguyen Family

Friday, November 5th, 2021

- 9:00 am: Communion Service and Liturgy of the Word
To request a Mass intention, please call or stop by the office.

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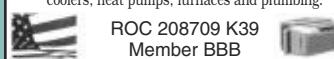
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