



# 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](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:

**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

### 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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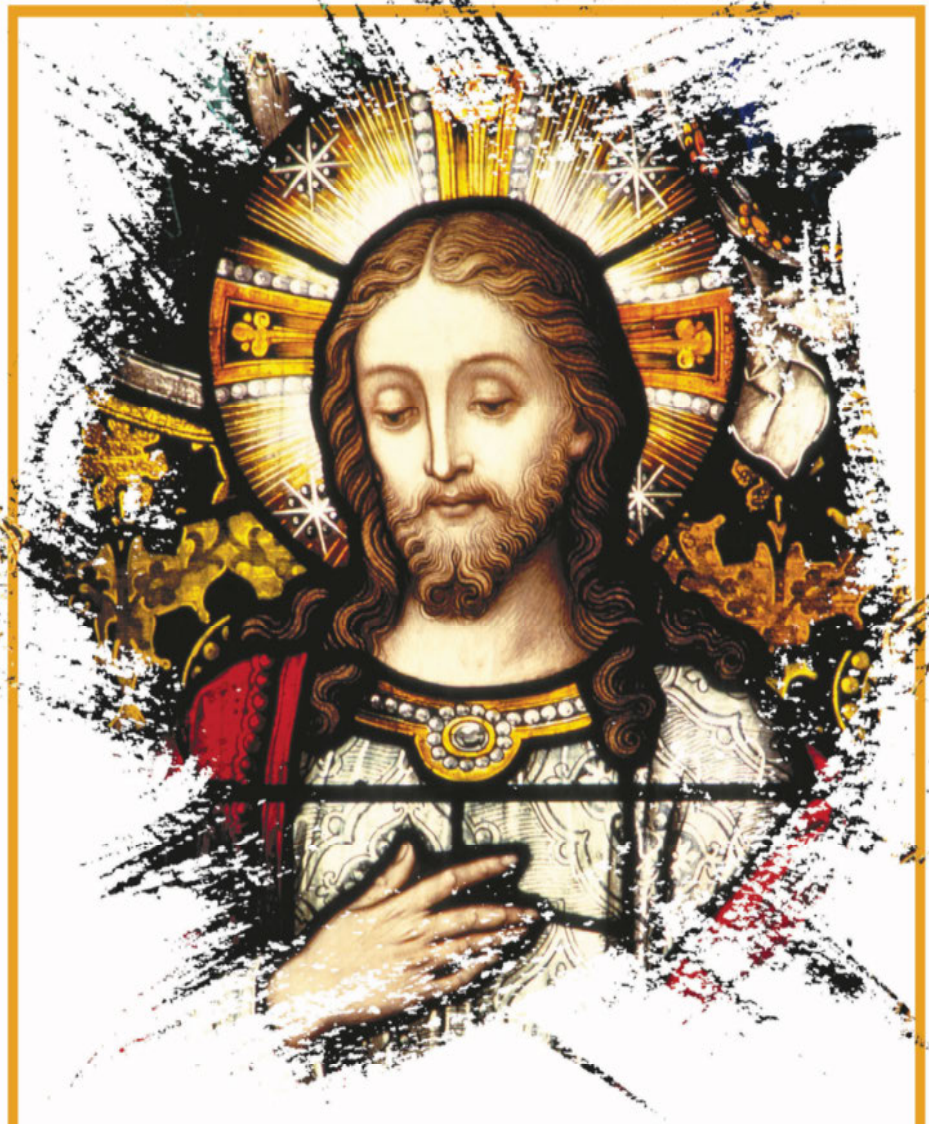
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**"REPAY TO CAESAR WHAT BELONGS TO CAESAR AND  
TO GOD WHAT BELONGS TO GOD." – MT 22:21**

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

**"DEN, PUES, AL CÉSAR LO QUE ES DEL CÉSAR, Y A DIOS  
LO QUE ES DE DIOS". – MT 22, 21**

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

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PARISH MINISTRY GROUPS



### **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

**St. Damian of Molokai Council 14089**  
**Charity | Unity | Fraternity | Patriotism**

*Meets every 2nd Wednesday of the month*



### **CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS**

**St. Theresa of Calcutta**

**Charity | Unity | Spirituality | Service**

*Meets every 3rd Wednesday  
of the month*

**October is respect**

**Pro-Life**



*life month!*

**The CDA is collecting donations for Crisis  
Pregnancy Centers**



### **Bibles Beers & Bro's**

**Attention young men (21-40)!**

Enjoy a **beer**,  
find **fellowship**,  
and study **Scripture**.

Monday evenings at 7:30



**Pray  
THE ROSARY**



Tuesday-Friday following weekday Liturgy

### ***Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament***



**Thursdays**  
**9:00 a.m. to  
12:00 p.m. Mass**

**First Fridays:**  
**following the**  
**9:00 a.m. Mass to  
11:30 p.m.**

### **Important Notice:**

The Religious Education class, and Life Teen Meeting scheduled on Tuesday, October 31 have been moved to November 1. All student and their families must attend our All Saint's Day Mass at 6:00 p.m. on November 1st.  
*Don't forget to smile and to dress as a Saint!*

### **ST CHRISTOPHER R.E. PROGRAM PRESENTS :**



**ALL  
SAINTS'  
DAY  
PARTY !**



**DRESS UP AS YOUR FAVORITE SAINT**

**EVERY PARTICIPANT WILL RECEIVE A PRIZE!**

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**2nd place - \$25 gift card**

**3rd place - gift basket**

**Wednesday, November 1st | 6 PM**

### **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

**Grades 1-8 and Confirmation**

**Tuesdays 6:00—7:30 p.m. MCAT High School**



**LIFE TEEN**  
Leading Teens Closer to Christ

**High School  
Students  
Grades 9-12**

**Tuesdays 6:00—7:30 p.m.  
MCAT High School**

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 22ND, 2023			MASS INTENTIONS		
<p>Sun: Is 45:1, 4-6/Ps 96:1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10 (7b)/ 1 Thes 1:1-5b/Mt 22:15-21</p> <p>Mon: Rom 4:20-25/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75/Lk 12:13-21</p> <p>Tue: Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21/ Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17/Lk 12:35-38</p> <p>Wed: Rom 6:12-18/Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8/Lk 12:39-48</p> <p>Thu: Rom 6:19-23/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 12:49-53</p> <p>Fri: Rom 7:18-25a/Ps 119:66, 68, 76, 77, 93, 94/ Lk 12:54-59</p> <p>Sat: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Lk 6:12-16</p> <p>Next Sun: Ex 22:20-26/Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 (2)/ 1 Thes 1:5c-10/Mt 22:34-40</p>			<p><b>Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023</b> †deceased</p> <p>5:00 p.m. †Ralph Gutierrez †Ramona Roberts <u>Health:</u> Rhina de Jimenez <u>Safe travel:</u> Beatriz Stapleton <u>Well-being:</u> Leonard Roberts <u>Intentions:</u> Fr. Edson Elizarrarás, Reuben Nuñez, Dcn. Angel Gonzalez, Neil and Maureen McCaffrey</p> <p><b>Sunday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023</b></p> <p>7:00 a.m. †George Limoges †Eleanore Palotay †Joe Palotay †Ralph Gutierrez †Ramona Roberts For an end to gun violence <u>Well-being:</u> Leonard Roberts <u>Intentions:</u> Reuben Nuñez, Dcn. Angel Gonzalez, Neil and Maureen McCaffrey</p> <p>9:00 a.m. †Edward Altamirano †Rosemarie Trepaczka †George Trepaczka †Roberto Enriquez †Ramona Roberts †Ralph Gutierrez <u>Health:</u> Rhina de Jimenez <u>Well-being:</u> Leonard Roberts <u>Intentions:</u> Reuben Nuñez, Dcn. Angel Gonzalez, Neil and Maureen McCaffrey</p> <p>11:00 a.m. †Roberto Enriquez †Ramona Roberts †Ralph Gutierrez <u>Bienestar:</u> Leonard Roberts <u>Intenciones:</u> Reuben Nuñez, Dcn. Angel Gonzalez, Neil and Maureen McCaffrey <u>Cumpleaños:</u> Serenity Gamino, Juan Samuel Gamino, Elodia Vazquez</p> <p><b>Tuesday, October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023</b></p> <p>12:00 p.m. †Ramona Roberts †Ralph Gutierrez <u>Health:</u> Rhina de Jimenez <u>Well-being:</u> Leonard Roberts <u>Intentions:</u> Reuben Nuñez, Dcn. Angel Gonzalez</p> <p><b>Wednesday, October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023</b></p> <p>9:00 a.m. †Ramona Roberts †Ralph Gutierrez <u>Well-being:</u> Leonard Roberts <u>Intentions:</u> Reuben Nuñez, Dcn. Angel Gonzalez <u>Birthday:</u> Carmen Anderson</p> <p><b>Thursday, October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023</b></p> <p>12:00 p.m. †Ramona Roberts †Ralph Gutierrez <u>Well-being:</u> Leonard Roberts <u>Intentions:</u> Reuben Nuñez, Dcn. Angel Gonzalez</p> <p><b>Friday, October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023</b></p> <p>9:00 a.m. †Ramona Roberts †Ralph Gutierrez <u>Well-being:</u> Leonard Roberts <u>Intentions:</u> Reuben Nuñez, Dcn. Angel Gonzalez</p>		
MEDITATION					
<p>With little more than a year until the United States' national elections, I find myself feeling, like many Catholics, both dread and energized. Dread, because our democratic republic can be a messy endeavor and campaigns a long, nasty, and unifying slog; energized, because hope for positive societal change can be enticing and engaging. As a pastor, I see similar conflicting attitudes in those whom I serve. How can Catholics best engage our political arena in a way which is truly helpful and worthwhile?</p> <p>This weeks' gospel reading offers wisdom in this regard. Jesus says, "Render therefore to Caesar the things are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's." This riddle forces us to answer for ourselves a hidden question: what is the relationship between political and divine authority? Two common but false answers lead to mischief. If we answer that the two are equivalent, politics becomes our absolute authority. This happens whenever religion is slave to the state, as in the travesty of the pro-Nazi German Christian movement in the 1930s and 40s. It also usually occurs when there is an official state religion. If we answer that the two are totally unrelated, we end up with an unchecked aggressive secularist state as we often experience now. Thus, religion becomes a weak and private pastime.</p> <p>What's a better alternative? At our best, Christians hold that political authority does indeed have its own legitimate autonomy but is nested within God's all-encompassing authority. Think, for example, of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s respect for politics while also being able to criticize unjust human laws because he recognized a higher heavenly law. In other words, Caesar owns politics — and God owns Caesar. So, we should allow Jesus' words to lead us to have a deep respect and willingness to peacefully engage in politics without making that engagement our religion. We bring our faith to bear on our politics knowing confidently that Caesar isn't God — but he is indeed God's.</p> <p>— Father John Muir</p>					
WEEKLY OFFERTORY					
<i>Thank you for your generosity!</i>	<b>Week ending 10/8/2023</b>	<b>Week ending 10/15/2023</b>			
<b>Offerings</b>	\$4,739	\$5,740			
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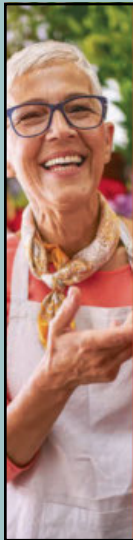
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