



Saint Christopher Church

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Rev. Mark Gazzingan & Rev. Saju Joseph

PARISH SECRETARIES:

Gayle Blackford & Gina Park

PARISH ADMINISTRATOR:

Mr. Chuck Blalock

MASS & CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Daily Mass: 6:30 & 8:00 a.m.

Saturdays: 8:00 a.m. & 4:30 p.m.

Sundays: 6:30, 8, 9:30 & 11 a.m.;
12:30 & 6 p.m.

Confessions: Saturdays 3:30-4:15 pm
& by appointment.

R.C.I.A.: 269-2226

Director: Sr. Sharon Skain, S.N.D.

LITURGY OFFICE: 269-6437

Secretary: Lesley Paul

OUTREACH OFFICE: 269-3932

Director: Mrs. Nancy Melander

Pantry Hours: 11 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Tues.-Thurs.
Call for Appointment

PARISH RECORDS: Sue Pershon

PASTORAL Ministry: 264-5114

Director: Loretta Pfaff

YOUTH MINISTRY: 265-3230

Director: Mr. Tim Melander

CATECHETICAL MINISTRY: 264-8764

Director: Sr. Felicia Gross, O.S.F.

Rel. Ed. Assistant: Mrs. Diane Forst

Sacrament Coordinator: Mrs. Anne Wood

ST. CHRISTOPHER SCHOOL: 408-723-7223 School web site: www.stchris.us

Principal: Mrs. Anne Ivie; **Vice Principals:** Sr. Kieran O'Connor, P.B.V.M. and Ms. Linda Knox

Business Manager: Mrs. Patt Brust **Finance Manager:** Mrs. Angie Thomas;

Development Director: Teresa Behan X204

MARRIAGE: Must be registered in the parish. Diocesan policy requires that parish couples contact a parish priest six (6) months prior to the date of marriage. Weddings are on Saturdays at 12:30 p.m. & 2:30 p.m.

BAPTISM: Registered parents (6 mo. minimum) may pick up a Baptism Registration form at the parish office or on line at www.saintchris.com. Baptismal Preparation will take at least 2 – 4 months upon receipt of the registration form. We suggest you begin Baptismal Preparation before the birth of your child.

Second Sunday of Lent February 28, 2010

A Journey of Transformation

This Lent we are called to transform our lives. Our transformation may not be as dramatic as the transfiguration of Jesus we hear about in today's Gospel or the glorification of our bodies as described by St. Paul. Still, nearly all of us could do with a brush up every now and then and Lent is the perfect time. It could be that we have temporarily lost our way on our journey. Maybe our lives aren't what we—and God—want them to be. We distance ourselves from God by the way we treat others (and ourselves).

Jesus provides us with the perfect model of how God wants us to live our lives: each of us can and needs to be more compassionate, more loving, more peaceful, and more forgiving. We are called to use our gifts—our time, talents, and resources—to serve the needs of those who are less fortunate.

But how can we transform ourselves to be more like Jesus with the “busy-ness” of our everyday

lives, especially with the frenetic pace of Silicon Valley? Finding our way requires us to re-order our priorities. Is our faith a priority, or an afterthought? Do we put the needs of others ahead of our own, or is what we are doing “too important” to stop long enough to help others? Are we respectful to those with whom we differ, putting ourselves in their place to understand why they take the positions they do? Do we promote peace in our homes, our community, our nation, and our world?

What can we do this Lent to be more like Jesus? We can feed the hungry. Shelter the homeless. Clothe the naked. Visit the infirm and imprisoned. Limit our wants and give from our surplus.

The way in which we serve others will transform our lives and set us back on the journey that will lead us to God.



Christian Meditation

As taught by Father John Main O.S.B.

Two Thursdays and Two Wednesdays of Lent at 7pm
You are warmly invited to participate in the tradition and practice of silent Christian meditation during each of the 5 weeks of Lent.

Wednesday March 3 - Marian Room (MAC)

Wednesday March 10 - Marian Room (MAC)

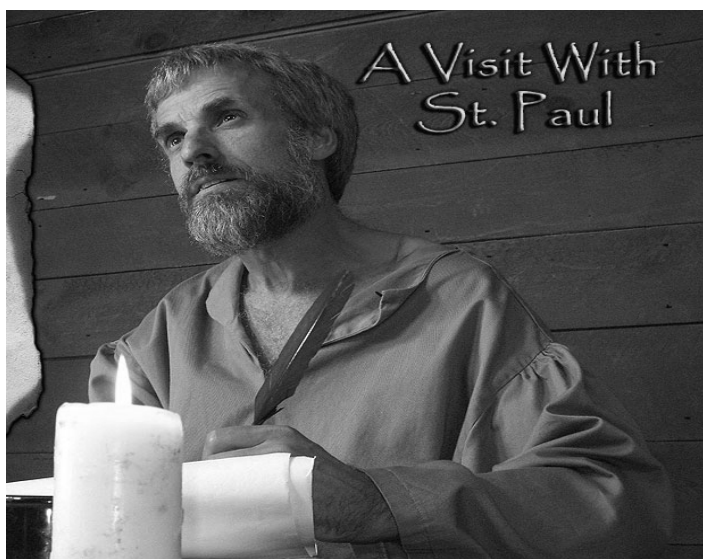
Thursday March 18 - Marian Room (MAC)

Thursday March 25 - Church

We will begin at 7pm each week.

Meditation brings us to that place of inner silence where “we are simply being with God who is in us in the Holy Spirit whom Jesus has given us” (John Main). Christian meditation is a prayer of faith. “It is more important to experience its power in our lives than to try to understand or explain it” (John Main), so let us deepen our spiritual life by joining together to meditate. Let us make these five special evenings a beautiful part of our Lenten journey.

The format for our meetings is very simple and will consist of gathering together, followed by a prayer and a reading. We will listen to a recording of John Main for 5 –10 minutes then a minute or two of gentle music, before meditating together for 20 minutes. We will conclude with some more gentle music after which you are free to leave, or to stay for a discussion about meditation. This invitation is extended with much love to those who came to the meditation during Advent and also to anyone who has never meditated before. All are welcome – no experience required.



“A Visit with St. Paul”

*A one-man show written and performed
by Glenn Smith*

Saint Christopher Church

March 3, 2010

7:00 PM

All are invited to attend this exciting presentation. There will be a reception and a Q & A after the performance. *For more information, call the parish or go to;*
www.visitwithstpaul.com

Faith Formation

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

(408) 264-8764

Mon-Thurs 8:30am-Noon, 1:00pm-4:00pm

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMS: 1st Eucharist Parent Meeting - March 9th at 7 PM in Church. One parent must attend. This is the meeting where the parents sign up for the date for their child's 1st Communion Day in May.

JUNIOR HIGH PROGRAM: The Jr. Hi. Program next meeting is March 7th.

LITURGY OF THE WORD PROGRAM: Available for all parish children already in grades 1st - 4th. This program meets each Sunday during the 9:30 a.m. Mass. *No registration needed.*

COOP Babysitting is in session during the 9:30 a.m. Sunday Mass.

NEW REGISTRATIONS FOR THE FALL OF 2010: New registrations for children not currently enrolled in any Religious Education program begins on March 29th through March 31st from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. in the Msgr. Allen Center, 2nd floor. We are closed during

Noon-1:00 p.m.

Pre-School Program only: Spaces available on a first-come first-serve basis. The Pre-School Program is held during the 9:30 am Mass and is open to children who are 3 yrs. old by September 1, 2010, 4yr. olds and children entering Kindergarten in the fall.

CCD Program: Either Tuesdays 4-5 p.m. or Sunday mornings from 8:30-9:20 a.m. Open to children in public or private non-catholic schools who will be entering 1st thru 6th grade in the fall.

Jr. High Program: Every other Sunday evening, 5:30 p.m.-6:45 p.m. This is open to children in public or private schools entering 7th or 8th grade in the fall.

To register for the above programs, you must be registered with the Parish, know your parish envelope number, bring a copy of your child's baptismal certificate, and a check for payment.

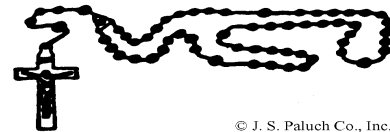
ADA 2010

The Annual Diocesan Appeal is now underway. The Diocese has set our goal at \$239,057. In order to meet this goal we need the support of all our parish families. By now you should have received an information packet in the mail. If you have not received your packet yet please contact Sue Pershon in the Parish Office, 269-2226 ext 124 or via email at sue.pershon@stchrissj.org to get one.

You can also visit our webpage, www.SaintChris.com, for a link to view a message from Bishop McGrath on the ADA. There is also a link to the Diocesan website where you can donate online to the ADA.

Thank you to the 627 families who have already responded to the ADA. To date we have a total of \$165,430 pledged. You have helped to put us more than halfway to meeting our goal for the Diocese. Please remember that any amount over our goal that is collect will come back directly to St. Christophers to support the many programs here.

Thank you again for your ongoing support,
Msgr. Jim Walsh



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Youth Ministry News:

Tim Melander (408)-265-3230
scyouth@yahoo.com or parish website
www.saintchris.com—Select youth link

PFC HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY

On Sunday, March 14th, we will meet from 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. in the Marian Room, ending early in order to prepare for the youth mass following our meeting. All High School youth are welcome!

A YOUTH LITURGY is scheduled for the 6 p.m. evening mass on Sun., March 14th. *High School Youth are especially encouraged to attend this mass.* Youth will serve as Musicians, Ushers/Greeters, Lectors, and Eucharistic Ministers.

FUNDRAISER BAKE SALE FOR HAITI

Our PFC Youth Ministry and youth preparing for Confirmation, have decided to have a parish-wide bake sale to help those suffering from the earthquake in Haiti. The bake sale is Sat/Sun, March 13th - 14th after all masses. Youth and parents are encouraged to help sell items after all weekend masses. Your donations of baked items are also welcome! Please bring home baked items to the Msgr. Allen Center on Saturday morning, March 13th from 9-12 a.m.

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27

4:30 Ida Shelton, Elaine Buffington

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28

6:30 Helen Boshell,

8:00 Michael Giammona, Millie Rochette
Ray Humecke & Narog Family

9:30 Loretta Bravo

11:00 Maietta Family, Linda Cortez
Nino America, Joe DeRose

12:30

6:00 Carlos Maestas, Giuseppa Cammarata,
Mario Rubino, Theresa Rancadore

Social Justice



The story of the Transfiguration of Christ as told in Luke's Gospel gives us not only a glimpse into the unity of Jesus, the man, with the loving God, but also a message of transformation from the past, i.e. Moses and Elijah.

We are reminded by Luke that Peter, in his expressed desire to bring Jesus, Moses, and Elijah together in a concrete way, connecting with the past, is rejected as not knowing "what he is saying". The "Voice" tells the disciples to listen to Jesus, the human/divine messenger. Is this not an invitation to focus on what the future with Jesus might reveal?

This instruction to "listen to Him" remains a challenge for us today. The God of love, lived out in Christ's life among us, invites us to move out of our individually focused spirituality to truly live with Him. If we believe that we are members of the Body of Christ, then, as Christ, we also must embrace the love/beauty of God in all of creation. This is how this Man lived His life. The strength of His personal spirituality burst forward in Solidarity with all, especially the "least of my brethren". Is my Lenten journey of renewal transforming me so that I may honestly say that I have heard the "Voice" and "listen to Him"?

Lenten Reflection

Lenten Eve Reflections

Thursdays beginning Feb 25 through March 25 in the small hall 7-9 pm. Sunday readings with video commentaries for our discussion in Small groups Facilitator: Sr. Sharon



Lenten RCIA

- Feb 28—Mass 6pm Creedal acceptance
- Mar 7—Mass 6pm Scrutiny #1
- Mar 13—Mass 4:30 Scrutiny #2
- Mar 21—Mass 6pm Scrutiny #3
- Mar 28—Mass 9:30 Palm Sunday
- April 3 Vigil 7:00 pm Sacrament of Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist.

Lenten Opportunities

EASTER FLOWERS IN MEMORY OF LOVED ONES

The envelopes for Easter flower donations are placed near the entrances to the church. The name of your loved one will be placed in the bulletin.



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St. Joseph's Table

Friday, March 19, 2010

Come join us on the 19th of March to celebrate the Feast of St. Joseph, sponsored by the Ladies Guild and the Over 50's club. The celebration begins with Mass at 5:00 pm in the church, immediately followed with dinner in Healy Hall. All are invited at no charge, although donations are welcome and will be used to assist Martha's Kitchen and our Outreach Program. Bring a potluck **MEATLESS** entrée, salad, fresh fruit or dessert. Items can be dropped off anytime after 1 pm that Friday. Please bring your own utensils and dishes. Any help would be welcomed for decorating and food preparation starting at 9am that morning. We are also looking for Calla Lilies. If you have any you could donate, please bring them by Healy Hall on Friday, March 19th. For those who wish, regular 7:00pm Lenten Stations of the Cross will follow dinner.

For information call Pat Miner @ 377-8351.

St. Christopher's Parish Honors Its Religious
Please Bring Your Family and Join Us!

Sunday, March 7, 2010

For a Celebratory Mass & Reception to Honor
All Those in Our Community Who Enrich

Our Lives and Our Souls

Mass Will Begin at 9:30 A.M.

Reception & Continental Breakfast
Immediately Following in Healy Hall.

Parish Ministries & Activities



The 52nd Annual Festival - June 11,12,13

Please join us at the first of four planning meetings which will be held on Wednesday March 10th at 6:30PM in Nano Nagle. Volunteers are needed in every area so please contact us if you can help or want more information. Mike Weir 408-892-6291 mikeweir@pacbell.net or Mark Morse 408-569-1579 morsemarks@gmail.com.

The Ladies Guild 2010 Heavenly Creations Cookbook is Now Available for purchase of \$15.00!

You can send in your check to Ladies Guild, 2278 Booksin Avenue, San Jose 95125 or you may purchase online via PayPal at www.stchrislgcookbook.com. All orders will be delivered directly to you, free of charge! For more information, contact Sandy Douthit at 408-287-8130 or sandradouthit@sbcglobal.net

~We congratulate our Cover Artist Winner ~
7th Graders -Mary Grace Kelly &
Runner Up - Laurel Fisher

"THE CHRISTOPHERS"

Giving Meals to those in need the "Christopher's" is comprised of volunteer parishioners who provide meals to other parishioners during times of temporary hardship. If you know of someone who needs this service, contact Martha Piazza 408-266-2575 or Kelly Lynch 408-448-2610. If you would like to become a volunteer, email us at tmacpiazza@aol.com



SAVE THE DATE
2010 Vacation Bible Camp
July 19-23, 2010

To volunteer, contact Camp Director, Jennifer Packard, at 5packards@sbcglobal.net

St. Christopher Ladies' Guild present ...

St. Christopher's Movie Night

DRIVE-IN THEATER

FEATURING...
"THE GOONIES"

Thursday, March 25 at 6:30 PM
St. Christopher's Parking Lot

WHO
• Moms and Children
Kinder and Up

\$10.00 per person
includes Hot Dog Dinner and a Special Gift

• Don't forget to dress warm and bring your lawn chairs and blankets!
(There will be NO parking in the lot, only along the neighborhood streets)

• Please send your check made payable to "St. Christopher Ladies' Guild" to:
Ladies' Guild Ticket Sales, 2297 Radio Avenue, San Jose, CA 95125.
(A list of names will be at the front desk night of event)

For questions please contact Special Events Co-Chair, Lisa Kreider at lnkreider@hotmail.com.



PRESENTATION FASHION SHOW 2010 44th Annual Scholarship Benefit Fashion Show

The Presentation High School annual fashion show, "**One Common Thread**", will be held on Friday, March 19th at The Fairmont San Jose. The event features a luncheon show beginning at 11:30 a.m. as well as a gala dinner show beginning at 6:30 p.m. Proceeds will benefit the Presentation High School Student Financial Aid Fund. Luncheon tickets are \$115 per person (\$100 for Presentation students). Dinner tickets are \$175 per person (\$150 for Presentation alumnae 1999-2009). For more information, please contact the Presentation High School Development Office at (408) 264-5110, ext. 2428, or visit the show website, at www.presentationfashionshow.com.

Development

ATTN: Alumni of St Christopher Class of 2006
Before you head off to college, get together with your St. Christopher classmates.
May 11, 2010 Save the date. Invitations will be sent out.

ALL ALUMNI OF ST. CHRISTOPHER SCHOOL

If you did not receive The Traveler in the mail last spring we must not have your current address. Please e-mail your current information or drop it off at the school or parish office (marked development).

Also we would love to hear what you are up to, your family, schooling, children etc.....

If you would like your update to be published in the next Traveler please let me know.

Thank you Tbehan@stchris.us

Miscellaneous

RESPECT



LIFE

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40 Days for Life

40 Days for Life is a focused pro-life campaign that has saved the lives of thousands of babies in hundreds of cities throughout the United States. The 40 Days for Life campaign is made up of three components: prayer and fasting; peaceful, prayerful vigils at Planned Parenthood abortion clinics; and community outreach.

People of faith are praying that, with God's help, this effort will help bring an end to the tragedy of abortion. You may make this a part of your Lenten devotion. **Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves** as a volunteer in the third 40 Days for Life grassroots campaign in San Jose sponsored by Holy Family Parish. For more information on vigil dates and community activities, visit www.40daysforlife.com/sanjose or contact Pat Bradley at 408-497-7270.

WHAT IS ALPHA?

Alpha pertains to Jesus. He is the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end of the purpose of our lives. So, the Alpha Course is all about Jesus. The Alpha Course is a 15 session course given in 10 weeks after the introductory dinner, which will be given at Holy Family Wed April 7, 2010. It includes a weekend retreat focusing on the Holy Spirit. The Alpha Course is designed to deepen our faith in the person of Jesus Christ, while exploring the meaning of life. It can be a tool to use to answer both Pope John Paul II's call to evangelization and fulfill Bishop McGrath's Pastoral Plan, Renewing the Church. The Alpha Course clarifies what we believe about Jesus and equips us with how to share it.

Each session includes a simple meal, DVD presentation, followed by discussion of the evening's topic, while enjoying dessert.

Come and see and bring a friend, neighbor, relative, grocery clerk, business associate, etc.

For more information and/or to RSVP for dinner April 7, 2009 call:

Patty Trillo 264-6134
Diane Stalions 269-8385
Yvonne Durand 269-7740

Let us Pray

We continue to pray for all the men and women serving our country in this time of war:

Richard Stayskal, Brian Loftus, Larry Chartier, Ernesto Gonzalez, Andrew Morgan, Derek Carroll, Jason Johnson, Allen Ellerbee, Obadihah Petteway, Aimee Sanfilippo, Eric Gentrup, Gregory J. Cook, Kenny Blasé, Jeffery Iburg, Michael Arnone, David Wells, Ryan Bratcher, John Prieto, Ryan Trapani, Spencer Fishman, Benjamin Owens-Filice, Ryan A. Johnson, David Ryan, And Rafi Miranda



Pray for the ill in our Parish

Isabel Shehtanian, Marie Messina, Keith Lewis, Louise Re, Linda Avery, Diane Nigro, Christina Steigerwald, Mary O'Toole, Ruben Cabrera, Josephine Boverio, Jim Holman, Joan Contino, Frank Blaine, Rosealie Panzica, Carole Gross, Virginia Hughes, Virginia Hammerness, Charles Pori, Joe & Ann Monaco, Kay Layman, Steve Layman, Marcus Espinoza, Kathleen Folan, Al & Jean Trznadel, and Harry Hamilton



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