



# Saint Christopher Church

1576 Curtner Avenue, San Jose, CA

Parish Office: 269-2226 Fax: 269-2784

Web Site: [www.saintchris.com](http://www.saintchris.com)

Office Hours: 8:30—12:00; 1:00—4:00 M-F

PASTOR: Msgr. Wilfredo S. Manrique

PAROCHIAL VICARS:

Rev. David Mercer & Rev. Andrew Nguyen

Deacon Pedro Perez

PARISH SECRETARIES:

Gayle Blackford & Adrienne DiVittorio

PARISH ADMINISTRATOR:

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

OUTREACH OFFICE: 269-3932

Director: Nancy Melander

Pantry Hours: 4:00-5:30pm Tuesday & Wednesday

Call for Saturday Hours

PARISH RECORDS: Sue Pershon

PASTORAL Ministry: 264-5114

Director: Loretta Pfaff

YOUTH MINISTRY: 265-3230

Director: Tim Melander

CATECHETICAL MINISTRY: 264-8764

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

Rel. Ed. Assistant: Diane Forst

Elementary Sacrament Coordinator: Gina Park

**ST. CHRISTOPHER SCHOOL: 408-723-7223**

School web site: [www.stchris.us](http://www.stchris.us)

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

**Business Manager:** Mrs. Stephanie Houlihan **Finance Manager:** Mrs. Angie Thomas;

**Development Director:** Teresa Behan X204

**MARRIAGE:** Must be a Parishioner 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](http://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.



### Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time January 29, 2012

Come, let us bow down in worship; let us kneel before the LORD who made us.— *Psalm 95:6*

#### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — Moses spoke to all the people, saying: "A prophet like me will the LORD, your God, raise up for you" (Deuteronomy 18:15-20).

**Psalm** — If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts (Psalm 95).

**Second Reading** — Brothers and sisters: I should like you to be free of anxieties (1 Corinthians 7:32-35).

**Gospel** — The people were astonished at Jesus' teaching (Mark 1:21-28).



#### SATURDAY, JANUARY 28

4:30 Vicente Martinez, Phil Sunseri Sr.

#### SUNDAY, JANUARY 29

- 6:30 Helen Boshell,
- 8:00 Michael Giammona, Vincent Oppenheim  
Ray Humecke & Narog Family, Millie Rochette  
Fr. Albano Oliveira
- 9:30 Linda DeRuiter, Alexander Valero  
Ron Giuffre, Jim Giuffre
- 11:00 Ismael Oliver, Jeffrey Frybargar,  
Maietta Family, Maribel Kalambakal & Family
- 12:30 Anne Marie Monaghan



Begin Lent this year by attending a powerful and meaningful Evening of Reflection presented by **John Michael Talbot**, nationally known musician, author, and retreat leader.

#### Friday, February 24, 2012

(The Friday after Ash Wednesday)

**7:00 PM to 8:30 PM**

In St. Christopher Church

A free will offering will be requested

During the 1970s, John Michael Talbot was a member of the rock band Mason Profit, one of the fore-runners of country rock, and shared the stage with some of the biggest acts of the day, including The Byrds, Poco, Pink Floyd, and The Grateful Dead. Following an extensive spiritual journey, Talbot converted to Catholicism, formed a lay monastic community in the Ozarks, and began writing spiritual and liturgical music.

Information on Annual Diocesan Appeal has been mailed out to all parishioners from Bishop McGrath and Msgr. Willie. Please keep in mind that this Appeal not only assists our parish in fulfilling their assessment obligation to the Diocese, but at the same time supports the common services and programs that assist all 54 parishes and missions in the Diocese of San Jose.

This year, the theme of the Appeal is, **Our Parish, Our Diocese, Together in Christ.** As members of Christ and his Church, we are connected to one another—parishioner to parishioner, family to family, and parish to parish.

Our gifts are to be given in gratitude for what God has entrusted to us. A gift/pledge to the Annual Diocesan Appeal will help the work of our local Church to grow and flourish throughout our Santa Clara County diocesan faith community.

Also, when our parish reaches its goal of \$239,057, 100% of the additional funds will be returned to us for use in our parish.

Please reflect on your blessings and consider a pledge to the 2012 Annual Diocesan Appeal.

If you did not receive a packet in the mail please contact Sue Pershon in the parish office to have one sent to you.

Dear Beloved Parishioners of St. Christopher's Church, I would like to, on behalf of my family, express our gratitude for your prayers, concern, and words of consolation and support. When I got back, I felt very pleased not only to have seen you again, but also to have heard your beautiful words of encouragement and welcome. I felt at home. I honestly feel more than ever that I am being part of this caring community and, indeed, family.

Once again, with my appreciation and prayers,

Fr. Andrew

**Religious Education Office Hours:**

**Mon.-Thurs: 8:30am-Noon and 1:00pm-4:00pm**

**JUNIOR HIGH PROGRAM:** The Rel. Ed. Junior Program will meet Sunday Jan. 29, 2012 from 4:30 p.m.-5:45 p.m. Our next meeting will be Feb. 12<sup>th</sup>.

**SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMS:** There will be a 1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation Parent meeting on Tuesday Feb. 7<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. in Church. This is the last meeting before the children will receive their 1<sup>st</sup> Confession on March 3<sup>rd</sup>. **IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT ONE PARENT ATTEND THIS MEETING.**

**LITURGY OF THE WORD PROGRAM:** The Liturgy of the Word for children is open to all children of the parish, who are in grades 1<sup>st</sup> through 4<sup>th</sup>. This program takes place each Sunday during the 9:30 a.m. Mass.

**WOMEN AND SPIRIT: CATHOLIC SISTERS IN AMERICA**

Don't miss your chance to be touched, moved and inspired at the national touring exhibit of **WOMEN & SPIRIT: CATHOLIC SISTERS IN AMERICA**. It features many never before seen artifacts, from a handwritten letter from President Thomas Jefferson to a replica of a prototype of the first incubator developed by a religious Sister. Already **WOMEN AND SPIRIT** has been

showcased at the Smithsonian Institute. In Sacramento, it will culminate at the California Museum, from January 24, 2012 to June 3, 2012. You can find The California Museum at 1020 O Street in Sacramento. For more details log onto [www.womenandspirit.org](http://www.womenandspirit.org) or contact Liz Dossa at [edossa@mercywmw.org](mailto:edossa@mercywmw.org)

Sacramento is the last stop of the 2-year nationwide Women & Spirit: Catholic Sisters in America tour. Learn about the innovative American women who helped shape our nation's social and cultural landscape. To learn more, contact Sr. Gladys Guenther 510-624-4595.

**ANNOUNCEMENT**

We are called to a vision of new hope. In this earthly life, with its grief and pain, its suffering and loss, death marks the limit of our vision, a horizon beyond which we cannot see. Please help us to reach out to those individuals and families who have experienced the pain and hurt of losing a loved one through a violent act. We cannot ignore the moral and human costs of violence in our midst. A special Mass for Victims/Survivors of Violence will be held on Sunday, March 18, 2012 at 2:30 pm at St. John Vianney Church, 4600 Hyland Avenue, San Jose, CA Bishop Patrick McGrath will be the presider. All are invited to the Mass and to the reception. If you have had a loved one or friend taken by violence and would like that person to be remembered by name during this Mass, please contact Sister Maryann Cantlon at (408) 983-0131 or at [mcantlon@dsj.org](mailto:mcantlon@dsj.org) or [maryanncsj@yahoo.com](mailto:maryanncsj@yahoo.com)

 **40 DAYS FOR LIFE™**

Join Bishop McGrath on February 7th at Our Lady of Peace Parish, 2800 Mission College Blvd., Santa Clara at 7:30pm as he celebrates a Special Mass to open the Spring 40 Days for Life Campaign in the Diocese of San Jose. The Campaign will run from February 22 – April 1. A reception with the Bishop will follow the Mass. All are welcome!

Christians throughout San Jose are invited to take part in the San Jose 40 Days for Life effort from February 22 through April 1. In addition to 40 days of peaceful prayer and fasting for an end to abortion, please consider volunteering to pray outside of the Planned Parenthood Abortion Clinic, 1691 The Alameda, San Jose during the 40 days, and spread the word to others about this important life-saving effort. To get more information, or to volunteer to help, please contact: Pat at 408-497-7270 or visit [www.40daysforlife.com/sanjose](http://www.40daysforlife.com/sanjose). All are welcome!

 **ATTENTION!** **Monthly Talk: Date Change**  
Fr. Dave's monthly talk will be February 12 & 13, *not* Feb 5 & 6.



**Are You Saved?  
A Catholic Response**

Presenter: Fr. Dave Mercer  
Location: St. Christopher Church  
Date/Time: Sunday, February 12, 7-8:30pm (follows the 6pm mass)  
Date/Time: Monday, February 13, 8:45-10:15am

That question confuses us Catholics: "Are you saved?" When a non-Catholic asks us the question, we might not know how to answer it.

Fr. Dave will talk about the question, why other Christians think it's an important question, and how we Catholics can answer it. This will be a lively talk, so invite a friend. All are welcome.

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**Adult Confirmation**

Join our class on Wednesdays Jan thru April 7:15pm in Msgr. Allen Center 2278 Booksin. Confirmations will be April 7, all day event.

**BIBLE STUDY**

Thursday 7-9pm. Msgr. Allen Ctr.  
Gospel of John—Come join our group.

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

## PFC YOUTH MINISTRY

Guest speaker Katie Meister from the office of the Diocese of San Jose, will discuss "A Close Look at Facebook and Other Social Media" on Sun., Feb. 12<sup>th</sup> from 4:30 – 5:45 pm. in the Marian Room. Katie is an interesting, informative speaker that you won't want to miss. As always, all High School youth are welcome!

## Social Justice

One reading of St. Paul's writing today might be to acquiesce to the implied message that those of us who are not single or virgins (i.e.married) might be limited in our ability to be undistracted in our focus on the Lord. We might hear St. Paul suggesting that if we incorporate people and things outside ourselves in our spiritual journey, then we are not ideally moving toward the Lord. Pope Benedict XVI in "Caritas in Veritate", speaks to this issue: "The development of people depends, above all, on a recognition that the human race is a single family working together in true communion, not simply a group of subjects who happen to live side by side" (53).

This beautiful description of SOLIDARITY lies at the foundation of the Church's teaching in the arenas of: Right to Life (abortion, euthanasia, death penalty,--); responsibility to care for the environment; principles of "just war"; economic inequities in the world; people's right to food, clothing, shelter, medical care; social justice; responsible citizenship; - - -. Is it to walk hand in hand with the Lord, enmeshed in the world,not the true meaning of doing for/with "the least of My brethren" ?

SAVE THE DATE:  
Deanery 7 Presents:  
The 6th Annual Day of Reflection on Social Justice:  
Faith, Justice, Action!  
Co-sponsored by Deanery 6  
Eucharist & Justice:  
One World, One Church, One Body:  
Called to Do Justice  
Saturday, March 3, 2012  
Holy Family Parish - Community Center  
4848 Pearl Avenue, SJ 95136  
9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

## Minister and Altar Server Training

### You are invited to be a Eucharistic Minister or Lector/Commentator

St. Christopher has a need for new Eucharistic Ministers at every Mass. We invite all parishioners to take a moment of prayerful reflection and consider joining us in this vitally important Ministry. The need is particularly acute at 4:30, 6:30, 8:00, 11:00, and 12:30.

Eucharistic Ministers are members of the Assembly who assist in the distribution of Holy Communion. Lectors/Commentators proclaim the Word of God at our Liturgies. The only pre-requisites to perform these ministries are to be a confirmed Catholic who has a willingness to serve the community in this capacity, and to attend a two-part training session.

Training for both of these Ministries is being offered February 11, 2012:

#### Part 1 – Walk Through The Mass 9:30 AM to 11:30 AM in Nano Nagle Center

Lunch will be served to all in attendance from 11:30 to 12:30

#### Part 2 – Practical Training for new Ministers 12:30 PM to 3:00 PM in the Church

For more information and/or to reserve your spot at the training please email Phil McCarty at [stchris@pkmccarty.com](mailto:stchris@pkmccarty.com) or call Phil at 408.893.4507

### Altar Server Training

Boys and girls currently in 5th, 6th, or 7th grades who are interested in learning more about the ministry of Altar Serving are invited to attend one of two orientation meetings, with a parent, to help them to discern this ministry. At the orientation we will answer your questions about training, scheduling, and the practical aspects of serving our parish as an Altar Server. Prospective servers will have the opportunity to sign up for one of the upcoming training sessions at the orientation meeting.

#### Orientation Meeting Dates

Tuesday, January 31st from 7:00 to 8:00 PM in the church -**or**-Thursday, February 2nd from 3:30 to 4:30 PM in the church

*This Orientation is a prerequisite for Altar Server Training, and **prospective Servers must attend 1 Orientation Meeting with a parent.** Prospective Altar Servers must also complete a 2-day training session:*

#### Training Session Dates

Friday, February 17th – 3:30 to 6:30 PM in the church  
Saturday, February 18th – 7:45 to 11:30 AM in the church

**Space is limited! Please RSVP to [hovlandfamily@comcast.net](mailto:hovlandfamily@comcast.net) to confirm your reservation at one of the Orientation Meetings.**

## Announcements

Sign-ups for Adult Co-Ed Volleyball begin now through February 11th. This is our 32nd year. If you are looking for a way to get some fun exercise and socialize at the same time, this league is for you. We play Sunday nights at the St. Christopher gym from February 19th to May 6th. Sign-up sheets available at the back of the church or through the Tuesday envelope.

### OUTREACH

There will be a second collection for our Outreach Pantry the week end of Jan. 28th and 29th. The need has increased due to our present economy. Many of our families depend on the food they receive from our pantry to feed their hungry families. We are hoping our parish members are able to help out.



### The Polenta Is Coming!

Join fellow parishioners and friends once again for an outstanding traditional polenta dinner cooked by Carl Borrelli and the renowned Calabrese crew!

Saturday, February 25th after 4:30 Mass  
Doors open 5:30pm, dinner served at 6:00pm  
Tickets \$20 – antipasto, salad, bread, polenta w/ sausage, and dessert

Exciting raffle prizes, authentic entertainment, no host bar. For more information and reservations, contact Frank Tarantino ([frankt@foodcomm.com](mailto:frankt@foodcomm.com) – 265 7630) or Kris Kelly ([krisgk408@gmail.com](mailto:krisgk408@gmail.com) – 269 6455). Reserve your spot at the table in the Parish Office or after Sunday Masses in February. Mangia!

Please remember to bake for the Antique Show Pantry! Bring your clearly marked donations to the **Pantry location in the Antique Show Tent**. Donation drop off begins Thursday, February 2th before school and continues through out the entire week.

Make sure to sign in your donations so your child's class receives credit. It would be great if you would remind grandparents, other family and friends making a donation of what class your child is in so we can give them proper credit.

For additional information, or to volunteer for a Pantry shift, please contact Annette Reavis 408.839.1283.

Thank you for supporting the Antique Show Pantry!

### 42ND ANTIQUE SHOW!!!

JOIN THE  
LADIES' GUILD  
Feb 3RD, 4TH & 5TH



It's easy and fun - enjoy time with fellow parishioners, supporting this community event! Volunteer for a shift or two? Contact Gina Marciano or Sandy Douthit at 445-7147 or

[antiqueshow2012@gmail.com](mailto:antiqueshow2012@gmail.com)

WE NEED YOU...

- In the Kitchen – cooking, serving, or working the window
- In the Pavilion – working a sales shift for the Boutique or Personalization, Raffle or Silent Auction
- Baking – drop off your baked goods in our pantry or help with Pizzelles
- Setting up or Tearing down -Volunteer and you are entered into the Worker's Raffle. Win a prize for helping out! Contact Patrick Malone [Patrick.malone.m.@gmail.com](mailto:Patrick.malone.m.@gmail.com)

### KID'S KRAFT CORNER

Enjoy the Show while kids get to create something special at our Kid's Kraft Corner in the Nano Nagle Building. 90-minute Art workshops daily: 10 a.m., 12 p.m., 2 p.m., 4 p.m. & 6 p.m. Only \$15 per child per Art workshop. Register today: [Bronwyn@bronwyncommunications.com](mailto:Bronwyn@bronwyncommunications.com)

### PRIVATE DINING ROOM RESERVATIONS

Friday Feb. 3rd or Saturday Feb. 4th. Email Peggy Shaw at [peggyshaw@comcast.net](mailto:peggyshaw@comcast.net) BREAKFAST ON SUNDAY, contact Gina Marciano at [ginamarciano@gmail.com](mailto:ginamarciano@gmail.com) It is perfect for a family dinner or large group? Reservations are on a first come, first serve basis!

### HAVE YOUR ANTIQUES APPRAISED!?!?

Nationally Recognized Antique Appraiser  
Steven Wayne Yvaska  
will appear at our Show!

Friday: 1 pm to 2 pm, In Vintage Hall to greet all those who attend!

Saturday: 1 pm to 2 pm, "Everything Old is New Again" in the Pavilion Tent

Sunday: 11 am to 1 pm, Stop by with one favorite antique for an informal appraisal on stage area of Vintage Hall. The first 20 people to sign in will be seen. 10 reserved private appointments available from 10 am to 11 am for \$10.

**Reserve your spot by mailing:**  
[antiqueshow2012@gmail.com](mailto:antiqueshow2012@gmail.com)

## Please Pray For Us



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

Tom G. Holman, Greg Cook, Connor McDonald, Christian Dietz, Connor Quinn, Adam Christopher Madewell, Keith Lewis, Richard Stayskal, Larry Chartier, Andrew Morgan, Derek Carroll, Allen Ellerbee, Obadihah Petteway, Eric Gentrup, Michael Arnone, David Wells, John Prieto, Ryan Trapani, Rafi Miranda, Spencer Fishman, Ryan A. Johnson, David Ryan, Benjamin Owens-Filice, Christopher Healy, and Christine Doudell

### Pray for the ill in our Parish

Marco Salsiccia, Geraldine DeRose, Kathleen Maloney Ormsby, Maureen Morgan, Andes, Ike & Louise, Miranda Aduddell, Joseph Walter, Tony Jones, Carmen Filice, Sr. Carmel Silva, Marco Salsiccia, Dave Oliverio, Kathy Fiato, Kathleen Folan, Margaret Gaffaney, Louise Re, Mary O'Toole, Charles & Rachel Pori, Ann Monaco, Marcus Espinoza, Al & Jean Trznadel, and Janet Brunsmann



### **St. Christopher School Alumni**

Alumni we are updating our records so that we may keep our St. Christopher community past and present informed. Please take a few minutes to share with us what has been happening in your family so we can publish them in the upcoming issue of The Traveler (next issue, Spring 2012).

Tbehan@stchris.us. Make sure you include year graduated and maiden name if appropriate.

#### **Reunion Class of 2008-Save the Date May 9 2012**

A donation to the St. Christopher School Endowment fund is wonderful gift in remembrance or tribute to someone during the holidays. The Endowment Fund is critical for the future of our school and also minimizing any increases in tuition. It will help insure that our school will be around for many generations to come. A gift of any amount is appreciated. For a donation \$500+ a plaque is placed on our donor wall in the school lobby. Envelopes are available at the back of the Church or in the parish and school offices.



**Due to a direct cost increase from our venter our candles cost is increasing. As of July 1st the cost of votive candles will increase to \$2.50**

## Events

### **ST. CHRISTOPHER SCHOOL AND PARISH CHILDREN'S MUSIC GROUP (Grades 3-8)**

The children of St. Christopher School and Parish (Grades 3-8) are invited to join a music group that will sing and play musical instruments once a month at the 9:30am Sunday Mass. The commitment would be two afternoon practices before each scheduled Mass and the Mass itself. The dates are listed below:  
Practice Mass

Sunday, January 29th @ 9:30  
(Catholic Schools Week Mass)

Friday, Feb. 24th @ 3:30-4:30

If your child(ren) plays an instrument or is interested in singing with the choir please contact me by email: [dcarey@stchris.us](mailto:dcarey@stchris.us) with their name/grade level and contact information or call me at 723-7223 x 208  
Thank You!

Debbie Carey (St. Christopher School/Music Teacher/Children's Liturgist)

#### **2012 Vacation Bible Camp**

Sister Parish Event: St. Christopher & St. Leo  
June 25-29, 2012

Imagine kids trusting God forever...the sky's the limit! Every kid wishes they could fly...At Sky VBC, kids discover that by trusting God, everything is possible.

Don't miss this annual event...join 150 campers in song, games, skits and more!

Registration opens Friday, Feb. 3. Applications will be available for download at [www.saintchris.com](http://www.saintchris.com) and can either be submitted at the St. Chris Antique Show that weekend or mailed in, per the instructions on-line.

Parent Volunteers and Jr. Camp Counselors needed!  
JrCC applications available on-line, too!

#### **St. Christopher School's Annual E-Cycling Event**

Saturday, February 25, 2012  
9:00 am – 3:00 pm

(in church parking lot)

Collect up and bring your unwanted electronic recyclables

(TVs, stereos, small appliances, computers, phones, satellite TV Boxes, etc).

Home and Business Equipment Welcome!

This is a FREE e-cycling event

Small cash donations GLADLY accepted for the school!

Proceeds benefit St. Christopher School

Sponsored by St. Christopher Advisory Council

Questions, please contact:

Brendan Ryan at [da4ryans@yahoo.com](mailto:da4ryans@yahoo.com)/408-223-5743 or

Maureen Wheatley at

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