



# 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.



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### Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 6, 2011

Stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour. — *Matthew 25:13*

#### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — Wisdom is easily discerned by those who love her (Wisdom 6:12-16).

**Psalm** — My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God (Psalm 63).

**Second Reading** — Since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 [13-14]).

**Gospel** — Stay awake! You know neither the day nor the hour (Matthew 25:1-13).

### WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP BUDGET REPORT AS OF OCTOBER 21, 2011

**GOAL: \$21,682.08 PER WEEK**

**FISCAL Y.T.D. AVG. \$18,195.73**

Under the current economic conditions those of you that have contributed to our weekly offertory, I thank you. We are however falling short of meeting our weekly expenses, and as you are aware of the extra burden being placed on us by substantial increases in Health Insurance, Workers' Comp, Commercial Package Insurance, etc.

A review of each Sunday's offertory since the beginning of this fiscal year shows we have fallen short by over \$3,486.35 per week. At the end of the last fiscal year (6-30-11) we reported to you a deficiency of \$26,703.00

If we all work together to increase our weekly offertory by \$3-5 dollars, we should have no difficulty meeting our budgeted weekly goal.

And again, I thank those that have increased your weekly offertory and for your continued support

God Bless,

Msgr. Wilfredo S. Manrique



**IN REMEMBRANCE** *Let us pray for all who have died, that they may rejoice with the Risen Lord, especially:*

Richard Matthews, Peggy Cargile, Lorraine Jones, and Michael Cogliandro



#### Saturday, November 5

**4:30** Wayman Gus Banker,  
Vicente Martinez  
Manuel Gutierrez, Cecile Driscoll,  
Marie Ferrari, Richard Matthews  
Salud Torres Mamalo

#### Sunday, November 6

**6:30** Helen Boshell, Pro Populo,  
Angelo Ferrero  
**8:00** Michael Giammona, Neill Miner,  
Angelina, Tony & Val Filice  
Joan Kasnic (sp int)  
**9:30**  
**11:00** Joe Piazza, Marie Ferrari,  
Kathleen Reilly  
**12:30** Hector Villalta

### THANKSGIVING DAY LITURGY

Thursday November 24th mass is at 9:30am and Friday November 25th Mass is at 8:00am.

**Your donation of Canned food will be collected at the Thanksgiving Day Services to benefit our Outreach Pantry. Monetary donations are also appreciated.**



**VETERANS DAY**

Parish office will be closed Friday, November 11th in observance of Veteran Day Holiday, and will re-open on Monday, November 14th. There will be no 6:30am Mass on Friday Nov 11th. Have a safe Holiday.

**Religious Education Office Hours:**

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

**SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMS:** There will be a 1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation Parent Meeting this Tuesday Nov. 8<sup>th</sup> in the church from 7:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. This meeting is for parents whose children will be receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation in March 2012. At least ONE parent needs to attend the meeting.

**First Eucharist Family Mass is Sunday Nov. 20<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m. in Healy Hall.**

**JUNIOR HIGH PROGRAM:** The Rel. Ed. Junior Program meets on Sun. Nov. 6<sup>th</sup> from 4:30 p.m.-5:45 p.m. Next meeting is Sun. Nov. 20<sup>th</sup>.

**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.

**COOP BABYSITTING DURING THE 9:30 A.M.**

**MASS:** This service is for children 3 years old (too young for the ECE program) and younger. Tiffany

Harridine-Sinn is the Coordinator for this service. If you are interested in your child/ren participating and are willing to be a COOP parent, please email Tiffany at [tiffanysinn@yahoo.com](mailto:tiffanysinn@yahoo.com) or call Tiffany at (408) 265-7273. Diocesan regulations require that you be finger printed before you can work or volunteer to be with children. Please contact Sr. Felicia 264-8764 for further information on requirements for volunteers.

***The Diocese of San Jose is hosting the upcoming Faith Formation Conference at the Santa Clara Convention Center on Nov. 18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup>. This conference is for catholic school teachers, Rel. Ed. catechists, liturgical ministers and anyone interested in renewing your faith. You can register online at [www.faithformationconference.com](http://www.faithformationconference.com)***

**St. Christopher's Over 50's**

The St. Christopher's Over 50's Club would like to thank all of its members and the members of the parish who supported our Bake Sale. Because your work and support, we had a successful bake sale. The November meeting will be held on November 11 in Walsh Hall at 11 a.m.. This is our soup luncheon so everyone is to bring one can of soup ( please no fish or cream soups) for the lunch and a can good for Outreach Program. Fun Friday for November will be on November 18 at 1:30 p.m. in Walsh Hall. Fun Friday is earlier this month because of Thanksgiving. Remember to call Lore McCoy at 267-9077 to reserve your ticket for our Christmas Luncheon to be held at Three Flames Restaurant on December 16. The cost is \$25.00 per person. You have a choice of steak, chicken or fish.

**Help Build our New Parish Together in Christ—Our Lady of Refuge**

Please join all of our 53 parishes and missions who are supporting Our Lady of Refuge appeal collection this weekend. You can make a difference with your gift today or your prayer pledge for the success of the appeal. Please give generously!

If you wish to make a gift online, please go to [www.dsj.org/ourladyofrefuge](http://www.dsj.org/ourladyofrefuge) and click on the Donate Today button. To learn more about our newest parish please visit [www.dsj.org/ourladyofrefuge](http://www.dsj.org/ourladyofrefuge)

Final appeal collection will take place at all Masses next weekend.

**PFC Youth Ministry News:**

**Tim Melander (408)-265-3230**  
**[scyouth@yahoo.com](mailto:scyouth@yahoo.com) or parish website**  
**[www.saintchris.com](http://www.saintchris.com)—Select youth link**

**YOUTH MINISTRY**

Our PFC Youth Ministry meeting and Halloween party is this Sun., Nov. 6th, from 4:30 – 5:45 pm. We will be discussing Part II of “What’s New About the Mass.” As always, all High School youth are welcome.

**ENTERTAINMENT BOOK FUNDRAISER**

Our PFC Youth Ministry is selling Entertainment Books to raise money for special youth events during the year. Save 50% on dining, travel, dry cleaning, movie tickets and more! Books sell for only \$30. You’ll save that amount by just trying a few of the fine dining choices. Stop by the parish office to purchase a book. Thanks in advance for your support of our fundraiser.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS** for our St. Christopher Youth Retreat, Jan 6-8th at YMCA Camp Campbell. This retreat is open to all High School Youth and youth preparing for Confirmation.

## Social Justice

Today's Gospel would seem to suggest we view the parable in the social context of Jesus' world. The expectation is that the virgins would assume their role in the wedding ceremony in a responsible manner. Five did and five did not. Those who unwisely had planned poorly, wanted to be rescued from the consequences of their behavior. Such did not occur. As a consequence they were totally excluded from the festivities, being told "I do not know you"; further admonishment - "stay awake - -". In other words, be prepared, be aware.

How could this possibly relate to us? One message might be: we are accountable for the consequences of our behavior. If we couple this with the message from the first reading, as to the importance of wisdom, we may well be reminded of the importance of informed discernment in the process of making decisions in our lives. One of the areas where we, as Christians, seem ill-prepared is with regard to Social Justice. This is acknowledged by the U.S. Bishops in their publication "Communities of Salt and Light"; "We are called to share our social teaching more effectively in our parishes than we have--. It is a remarkable spiritual, intellectual, and pastoral resource that has been too little known or appreciated even in our own community." As Pope Benedict tells us in Caritas in Veritate (7), "To desire the common good and strive toward it is a requirement of Justice and Charity."

Might we pray for the Spirit as a guide to an awareness of the implications for us as individuals and a community if we choose to strive for the common good.



### Check us out on the Web

You can always refer to our web site any time at:

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

**Our Parish Financial report is now on-line**

**Under: Parish Administration**

here you can view our latest Annual report

Also answer questions about Baptisms, Marriages, Religious Education, Church events, etc.

All available at your finger tips

### Calling All Knitters

The Layette Program is in need of your talents! We have a great need for baby blankets (and other knit items) for newborns. Please consider making a blanket in baby colors for those in need. Your efforts will be greatly appreciated!

For more information or questions, please contact:  
Karen Morgan 679-0351, Mila Martinez 332-6554,  
Natalie Brunello 307-7012, Amy Corbett 440-1442

## Outreach

### **OUTREACH FOOD PANTRY**

Due to the increase in people needing food this year, the Food Pantry is getting an early start in their collection of items for our Thanksgiving and Christmas Baskets.

The items needed are: turkeys, hams, canned vegetables and fruit, mash potatoes, pasta, pasta sauce, home made cookies, chili, tuna, macaroni and cheese, and soup. Scrip for grocery store is also appreciated, Donations may be brought to Msgr Allen Center during office hours. For information email [nancy\\_melander@yahoo.com](mailto:nancy_melander@yahoo.com)

### **ADOPT A FAMILY**

Names for Adopt A Family will be handed out after the 8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 masses on November 6th and November 20th. We have a 50% increase in children needing help, so we are getting an early start!



# 40 DAYS FOR LIFE™

This Sunday will mark the end of our 40 day fall campaign. As of day 34, 417 babies have been saved as a direct result of this worldwide campaign, and these are just the ones we know about! Please continue to pray for all pregnant women, their unborn children, those who work at the abortion centers, as well as an end to abortion and our culture of death. Pray cards are available in the vestibule and side entrances.

Ernie from Pensacola, Florida reported that a former worker at the abortion facility has now found a new job as a medical assistant. "Thank you for all your prayers for her," he said. "We were with her last evening and she expressed how seeing our peaceful, prayerful presence made all the difference in her life. It is truly beautiful how God uses this simple act to draw hearts and minds to him."

Please consider joining us for our next campaign during lent. With your peaceful presence and prayer you enable God to change hearts, mothers and babies are saved from abortion, and many are converted.

## Ways to get Involved

### 8 Reasons To Go To Mass: It's More than Hocus Pocus

Presenter: Fr. Dave Mercer

Location: St. Christopher Church

Date/Time: Sunday, November 6, 7-8:30pm (follows the 6pm mass)

Date/Time: Monday, November 7, 8:45-10:15am



Sunday to Sunday, we gather in the church to pray, to sing, and to be in Communion with God and each other. Although we're very familiar with Mass, it's easy to lose track of its deeper meanings. Fr. Dave will take a fresh look at what Sunday Mass is all about and why we say it's worth our while. The talk will be great for those who have been away for a while, for those who are new to the Catholic faith, for those who serve in the various ministries at Mass, and for anyone who simply wants to refresh their understanding of Mass. All are welcomed – invite a friend.

### ILL OR HOMEBOUND?

Would you or someone you know like to have Eucharist brought to their home because they are ill or homebound and unable to get to Church? We have Eucharistic Ministers to the Sick who are ready to bring Eucharist to anyone in the Parish who is unable to attend Church, whether for a short period of time or on a permanent basis. Please call Loretta Pfaff at in the Office of Pastoral Care at 264-5114.

### GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

If you have lost a loved one, one of the best ways to heal is to share your grief with those who are going through the same experience. St. Christopher's Grief Ministry is offering a grief support group in the Marian Rm. of the Msgr. Allen Center. The group will run from 1pm -2pm on Tuesdays beginning October 25<sup>th</sup>. Call Loretta at 264-5114 with questions or just come that day.

## RCIA

### Want To Become Catholic?

Join us on Tuesdays 7:15pm in Walsh Hall next to our gym. Christians from other denominations are welcomed by Sister Sharon, RCIA Director.

### Adult Confirmation

Classes are on Wednesday 7:15pm in Msgr Allen Center drop in and join Michele & Matthew.



**Immediate need:** Catholic Charities - Refugee Resettlement has an immediate need for a double baby stroller.

Also needed are volunteer ESL teachers, drivers, and resume writers. If you can help refugees with these tasks, even if for only 2 hours a week, you'll play an important role in helping them become self-sufficient. Contact Claire Collins at [ccollins@catholiccharitiesscc.org](mailto:ccollins@catholiccharitiesscc.org), or call 408-325-5107.

**Also:** more parishioners are needed to help with a variety of tasks with the 3 Iraqi sisters our parish sponsors. The opportunities are primarily for daytime help with rides to appointments and other needs. Ham, Sam, and Haifaa are delightful and very appreciative of St. Chris parishioners. This is an excellent opportunity to be part of this meaningful service to refugees. If you can offer a couple hours a week, please contact Fr. Dave at [fr.dave@stchrissj.org](mailto:fr.dave@stchrissj.org).

### Would you like to be part of the Baptism Preparation team? see Fr. Dave

**Baptism Preparation:** meet with parents who are preparing for their child's baptism. You'll be part of a team of other parishioners who help parents reflect on how to begin sharing our faith with their children. Training included.

**Fr. Dave** asks you to contact him to learn more: [fr.dave@stchrissj.org](mailto:fr.dave@stchrissj.org), or 269-2226 x135.

### Mark your calendars!

Join Ladies of Charity as we  
Celebrate 80 years  
of service to St. Elizabeth's Day Home.  
Fall Luncheon, Bake Sale and Raffle  
When: Friday, 11/10/2011  
Time: 11:30 a.m.

Place: St. Elizabeth's Day Home  
950 St. Elizabeth Drive, San Jose  
Cost: \$40.00 per person  
Please contact Nona McHale @  
(408) 268-8410 for tickets

## 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

Joseph Walter, Tony Jones, Sr. Kieran O'Connor, Sr. Rosemary, Carmen Filice, Sr. Carmel Silva, Marco Salsiccia, Dave Oliverio, Fr. Bill Leininger, Kathy Fiato, Kathleen Folan, Margret Gaffaney, Louise Re, Mary O'Toole, Charles & Rachel Pori, Ann Monaco, Marcus Espinoza, Al & Jean Trznadel, and Janet Brunsmann



Fresh & Easy supports local schools. By submitting receipts that are dated September 15, 2011 through December 31, 2011 Fresh & Easy will give St. Christopher School one dollar for every \$20 spent. Please drop off your receipts at the parish office attn: Development or mail to St. Christopher School 2278 Booksin Ave SJ CA 95125 attn Development. Thank you for your support

The Church of the Transfiguration is hosting an Advent afternoon of Prayer on Monday: Dec. 5th from 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. "Advent: A Time of Awe and Wonder" presented by Sr. Rebecca Shinas, OP who is a composer, prayer leader, storyteller and singer. Please get registration form at St. Christopher Parish Office. Deadline is Nov. 23rd.



**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**

## Miscellaneous



### The Layette Program

The Layette Program, run through the Diocese of San Jose, is starting their annual collection drive now. The Diocese carefully identifies and supplies NEW layettes for mothers who do not have the resources to provide basic clothing needs for their newborns. We are currently collecting the following items:

NEW Clothing and Blankets, Size 0-6 Months  
Cribs, Bouncers, Bassinettes are also accepted (gently used, but with all parts included please)

Monetary donations are also welcome and should be made payable to: Diocese of San Jose Layette Fund (Donations are Tax Deductible)

COLLECTION BAGS ARE LOCATED IN THE MSGR. ALLEN CENTER (parish office), MARY'S CHAPEL IN THE CHURCH, and at GRANDMA MILLIE'S DESK IN THE SCHOOL.

St. Christopher will be hosting the Annual Layette Tea on December 4th at 2:00 PM. All Welcome!

For more information or questions, please contact: Karen Morgan 679-0351, Mila Martinez 332-6554, Natalie Brunello 307-7012, Amy Corbett 440-1442

### **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, November 6th @ 9:30

Monday, Nov. 21st @ 3:30-4:30

Friday, Dec. 2nd @ 3:30-4:30

Sunday, December 4th @ 9:30

Friday, Dec. 16th @ 3:30-4:30

Thursday, Dec. 22nd @ 3:30-4:30

Saturday, December 24th @ 4:00

(Children's Christmas Eve Mass/Healy Hall)

More dates to follow

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)