



Saint Christopher Church

1576 Curtner Avenue, San Jose, CA

Parish Office: 269-2226 Fax: 269-2784

Web Site: 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

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. 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.



Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 16, 2011

"Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar, and to God what belongs to God."— *Matthew 22:21*

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The LORD said to Cyrus, his anointed, "I am the LORD, there is no other" (Isaiah 45:1, 4-6).

Psalm — Give the Lord glory and honor (Psalm 96).

Second Reading — Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy to the church of the Thessalonians: We thank God always for all of you (1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b).

Gospel — Give to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's (Matthew 22:15-21).



Saturday, October 15

4:30 Michael Thomas, Vicente Martinez
John LoBue, Manuel Guterrez

Sunday, October 16

6:30 Helen Boshell, Pro Populo, Angelo Ferrero

8:00 Michael Giammona, Neill Miner,
Lorraine V. Ciucci

9:30 Agatha Borst, Sr. Pascal (Sp Int),
Sr. Carmel (Sp Int), Sr. Kieran (Sp Int)

11:00 Benny Infantino, Frank Tricomo
Phil Volkman

12:30 James Holman, Sal R. Spano,
Josephine & Tom G. Spano

MASS IN LOVING REMEMBRANCE on FEAST OF ALL SOULS

A special Mass of Remembrance for all our loved ones who died through the month of September 2011, will be held on Wednesday, November 2 the Feast of All Souls, at 7:00pm. If your loved one passed away during this time, whether or not they were a parishioner of St. Christopher parish, you are invited to attend. If you would like them included in the slide presentation during Mass, please submit a photo of them. Include the name of the deceased and the name & address of the person the photo should be returned to. You may mail or drop off to Loretta Pfaff, Msgr Allen Center 2278 Booksin Ave., San Jose. 95125 or email loretta.pfaff@stchrissj.org Please submit your photo as soon as possible. All parishioners, family and friends are invited to join in this special commemoration. There will be a light reception following the Mass sponsored by St. Christopher Grief Ministry. Questions, call Loretta, 264-5114.



"At first, I felt like Jonah being fed to the whale, "Dennis said upon arriving for his first time to pray at the 40 Days for Life vigil site. After a few minutes of prayer, a woman got out of her car and went to join him. "It was good to have her company. "Some passersby offered honks of encouragement; a few others offered rude gestures. Shortly afterward, it started to rain. But Dennis continued to pray. "I was completely absorbed in the moment. "Said Dennis, "Not a bad day."

Have you had a chance to take part in a peaceful 40 Days for Life prayer vigil yet? 40 Days for Life is a focused peaceful pro-life campaign that has saved the lives of thousands of babies in hundreds of cities throughout the United States. The fall campaign runs from Sept 28th to Nov 6th. It is not too late to help with this effort. If you are interested visit www.40daysforlife.com for more information or contact Mary Ellen at Mary_Ellen_Genovese@yahoo.com

Youth and Family Rally for 40 Days for Life
St. Leo the Great Parish

88 Race St., San Jose 95126

Saturday, October 22 at 6:00 pm

Join us for music by Nelson & the Friends of Jesus,
food, fun and prayer! All are welcome.

Information: Pat Bradley, 408-353-8403

ALL SOULS REMEMBRANCE

Honor your loved ones who have died by placing their name in repose upon the main altar of our church throughout the month of November. Beginning with the feast of All Souls on November 2nd, your deceased will be remembered in a special way at all Eucharist celebrations here at St. Christopher's. Special envelopes which will enable your participation, may be found at the entrances to the Church or in your monthly envelope packet.

Religious Education Office Hours:
Mon.-Thurs: 8:30am-Noon and 1:00pm-4:00pm

ECE Program: Began last Sunday, Oct. 2nd. We are in great need of 4 parents to volunteer to provide this program for the children already registered. When you volunteer you will be trained to be a catechist. If you are a parent who can help, please call Sr. Felicia for more information.

JUNIOR HIGH PROGRAM: The Rel. Ed. Junior Program meets on Sun. Oct. 16th from 4:30 pm-5:45 p.m. Next meeting is Sun. Oct. 30th.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMS: There will be a 1st Reconciliation Parent Meeting on Tuesday Nov. 8th 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.**

LITURGY OF THE WORD PROGRAM: The Liturgy of the Word for children is open to all children of the parish, who are in grades 1st through 4th. 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 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.

CATHOLICISM: on TV



Local public television has picked up a new series called "Catholicism," scheduled to run on KCSM (Comcast channel 17 and 717), at 10pm, on October 16, 20, 23, 27. If 10pm seems late, I recommend that you record it for later viewing.

I received an early copy of the series, and it is superb. "Catholicism" features Fr. Robert Barron, professor of theology at Mundelein Seminary near Chicago. With a camera crew, he traveled to sites around the world to tell the story of Catholicism using art, architecture, literature, music and all the riches of the Catholic tradition. This is a compelling presentation of the heart of a Catholic view of God, Jesus Christ, and life. Check out the series' website: www.catholicismseries.com.

RCIA

Adult Confirmation, drop in on Wednesdays 7:15pm in the Msgr. Allen Center
2278 Booksin Ave.
Refresh your Spirituality

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

YOUTH MINISTRY

Our PFC Youth Ministry meets Sun., Oct. 16th from 4:30 – 5:45 p.m. in the Marian Room. 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.

CURSILLO RETREAT OPPORTUNITY

The Cursillo (pronounced KER SEE O) is a three-day learning and sharing experience of living in a Christian Community. During the three days of a Cursillo weekend, a person not only hears what it really means to be a Catholic Christian, but experiences the joy of building and being part of a genuine Christian community. The women's Cursillo is Nov. 3-6th. Weekends are at Presentation Center and begin on Thursday evening, ending on Sunday afternoon. Contact Tim Melander at the parish office for more information. Cursillo brochures are available in the vestibule.

Social Justice

Jesus didn't carry any Roman coins. He did not practice idolatry. So why did he ask the religious authorities for a coin? Because when they showed him a Roman coin, their hypocrisy and idolatry were exposed. Any first-century Jewish reader would know that faithful Jews were not allowed to carry Roman coins. Those coins portrayed an image of Caesar. Because Caesar claimed to be God, carrying a Roman coin violated Mosaic law. It was idolatrous. When he asked them whose image and name were on the coin, he forced them to name Caesar, the false god, and to recognize their complicity with this systemic idolatry. Everyone in the crowd saw their violation of the Mosaic law.

For two thousand years we have presumed that Jesus supported the payment of taxes. "Give to Caesar what is Caesar's." What if we posit a different position? Once you give to God what belongs to God there's nothing left for Caesar. Everything belongs to God.

Jesus' declaration is more than a poetic play on words. However seemingly untenable and "impossible"...it is a biblical commandment with profound social, economic, and political implications. He introduces God into the equation, knowing that everything belongs to God, including our lives, our bodies, Caesar, the entire world. He wants us to surrender everything to God, to give to God what belongs to God. That means we give one hundred percent of our allegiance to God, not to Caesar, or the flag or the Pentagon. God gets all our devotion, attention, energy, and resources.

St Christopher's Cub Scout Pack 204 will be selling Christmas Wreaths in front of all mass' this weekend 10/16. Envelopes will be available to order now and mail in payment. Wreaths will be delivered to your door the first week of December. For more information contact Cubmaster Scott Edson 408 807-5110

OUTREACH

There will be a second collection for our Outreach Pantry the week end of Oct. 29th and 30th. 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.



Mission
Sunday

This Sunday October 16th, we will have a Second Collection for World Mission Sunday.

Over 50's

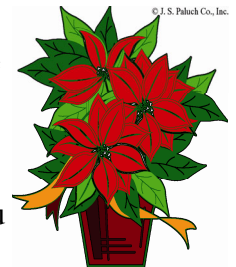
The October Meeting of the Over 50's will be held on Friday, October 14 at 11 a.m in Walsh Hall. There will be a guest speaker from the District Attorney's Office who will speak on protecting oneself from fraud and then lunch will be served. The lunch is Chinese chicken salad, rolls and butter and dessert. The cost is \$5.00. All are welcome to attend. On October 28 at 1:30 p.m. in Walsh Hall we will hold our monthly Fun Friday and on October 26 the club will be traveling to Cache Creek for a day of gambling. The bus will leave the VTA parking lot on the corner of Curtner and Canoas Gardens at 7 a.m. and return between 5 and 6 p.m. The cost is \$25.00 per person. NO REFUNDS. To reserve your seat, you may send your check with your name and telephone number to Ann DeMarlo at 1571 Hicks Ave. San Jose Ca 95125. First come, first served so make your reservation soon.

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.

8th Grade Poinsettia Fundraiser

The annual 8th grade fundraiser helps defray the costs of graduation activities. Two sizes available. (6.5" pots in red, white, jingle bell, and marble for \$10. Or 8" pots in red or white for \$18) Contact an 8th grader now to order and they will deliver! Otherwise, order forms will be available in the parish office on October 18th. **Anything ordered through the Parish Office you will have to picked up in the gym on Friday, December 2nd by you.** No orders will be accepted after Friday, November 4th. Thank you for supporting our 8th graders!



St. Christopher's MOMS Group Halloween Party! Friday, Oct. 28. Please see the evite for more information.

Mom's Night Out to Dinner.

Please see the evite for more information.

Membership: Contact Arlene Vaccaro tarlenecahill@yahoo.com.



CHILDREN'S PLAY DATE

Activities



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

Friday, Oct. 28th @ 3:30-4:30

Friday, Nov. 4th @ 3:30-4:30

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 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)



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

St. Christopher Endowment Fund is a wonderful way to pay tribute to someone special on his or her graduation, anniversary, birthday, retirement or any important occasion. It is also a lovely way to remember the passing of a loved one with a gift made in their memory. 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 the following categories a plaque is placed on our donor wall in the school lobby.

Contributor: \$500-\$999

Fellow: \$1000-\$2,499

Sponsor: \$2,500-\$4,499

Patron \$5000-\$9,999

Benefactor: \$10,000 +

Donation envelopes are available in the back of the church, the school lobby and the Parish Office.

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 25th. Call Loretta at 264-5114 with questions or just come that day.



6th Annual St. Christopher
Benefit Auction
October 22, 2011
6:00 p.m.
Club Auto Sport

Today is your last day to purchase tickets
after masses.

Please visit: www.stcba.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

Sr. Kieran O'Connor, Sr. Rosemary Phil Stowell, Carmen Filice, Sr. Carmel Silva, Marco Salsiccia, Dave Oliverio, Stella Zupanovich, Mary Fiamingo, Shannon McMahan, Fr. Bill Leininger, James Steigerwald, William Wilkes, Kathy Fiato, Ceasar Romano, Kathleen Folan, Margret Gaffaney, Christopher McCluskey, Louise Re, Mary O'Toole, Charles & Rachel Pori, Ann Monaco, Marcus Espinoza, Al & Jean Trznadel, and Janet Brunsmann



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

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!

Sacred Heart Community Service Needs Volunteers! Serve your neighbor in need by sorting clothes or filling food bags. At Sacred Heart, at the corner of 1st St. and Alma, Individual volunteers and groups are welcome. The first step is to attend an orientation given Tuesdays at 4pm and Fridays at 10am. For more info, contact Carol at 408-775-4642 or carols@sacredheartcs.org.

Miscellaneous

2 Opportunities from Fr. Dave

Two parish ministries invite your participation:

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.

Newcomer Ministry: a new ministry aims to extend a warm welcome to new parishioners, helping them connect with others and to find their place at St. Christopher. We know of God's presence largely through the relationships we form. Join us in helping newcomers begin their relationship with our parish community.

Fr. Dave asks you to contact him to learn more: fr.dave@stchrissj.org, or 269-2226 x135.

Website: Check It Out

Looking for an interesting Catholic website? Check out www.wordonfire.org, the website for Catholic theologian Robert Barron's *Word on Fire* evangelization ministry. He regularly posts video commentaries on movies, moral and ethical issues, and events in the news. Although he is plainspoken, he remains insightful and uncanny in his observations. From the home page, go to WOF TV > VIDEOS. The site also maintains an 11-year archive of his radio sermons that address the Sunday readings. From the home page, go to WOF RADIO > SERMONS. You can even download them to listen to on your iPod, or to burn them to CDs.



BAKE SALE

St. Christopher's Over 50's Bake Sale

Sunday, October 23 starting after the 8:00 a.m. mass in Healy Hall. There will be home-made baked goodies including cakes, pies, brownies, Halloween treats, passels, biscotti's and other cookies. Remember we are the most experienced cooks in the parish. We will also be selling doughnuts, coffee, and juice. Doughnuts are a \$1.00. Doughnuts and Coffee \$1:50 and Doughnuts and juice \$1.50. Come by and see what we have to offer.