



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-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 2, 2011

Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God.— *Philippians 4:6*

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The vineyard of the LORD is the house of Israel (Isaiah 5:1-7).

Psalm — The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel (Psalm 80).

Second Reading — God's peace will guard your hearts and minds (Philippians 4:6-9).

Gospel — The kingdom of God will be given to those who will produce its fruit (Matthew 21:33-43)

Mass Intentions

Saturday, October 1

4:30 Wayman Gus Banker, Vicente Martinez
Vito Fabrizio, Manuel Gutierrez,
Josephine Handel

Sunday, October 2

6:30 Helen Boshell, Pro Populo, Angelo Ferrero
8:00 Michael Giammona, Neill Miner, Elsie Filice
Carmen Borrelli
9:30 Frank Tricomo, Steve Keller, Jean Lobry
11:00 Joe Piazza, Nick Lagattuta, Leo Uy,
Jerry Cortese

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.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE™

Can you spend an hour a week to help save lives? 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 fall Campaign runs from Sept 28th to Nov 6th. We are forming a group at St Chris to help with this effort. If you are interested please contact Mary Ellen Genovese at Mary_Ellen_Genovese@yahoo.com or 408-242-1686.



Difficult Bible Passages: Is the Bible Anti-woman?

Presenter: Fr. Dave Mercer

Location: St. Christopher Church

Date/Time: Sunday, October 2, 7-8:30pm
(follows the 6pm mass)

Date/Time: Monday, October 3, 8:45-10:15am

We've heard those Bible passages about women needing to be submissive to their husbands and to be silent in church. Most of us feel uncomfortable when we hear them and wonder what St. Paul really meant. Fr. Dave will take a look at those and other passages about women. All are welcomed – invite a friend.

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.

Religious Education Office Hours:

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

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM: The 1st Eucharist Parent meeting will be this Tuesday Oct. 4th in church at 7 p.m. for all parents of children who will be receiving 1st Communion in May of 2012. This is a mandatory meeting - **AT LEAST ONE PARENT MUST ATTEND.** The 1st Eucharist Family Mass will on Oct. 16th at 9:30 a.m. in Healy Hall.

ECE Program: Begins this Sunday Oct. 2nd.
Pre-School Program: We are in great need of 4 parents to volunteer to provide this program for the children already registered and to continue new registrations for the 3's, 4's and 5's. 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.

ATTENTION REL. ED. PARENTS: If you missed the meeting on Sept. 29th, last Thursday, the next meeting is Thursday, Oct. 13th. This is a mandatory Parent Meeting (for parents of children in grades 1st to 8th - whether they attend the Tuesday, the Sunday OR the Jr. Hi. programs). The meeting will be in church from 7-8 p.m. The 1st part of the meeting will include information about our Religious Education and parental involvement; the next part will provide parents with information about the next phase of the Safe Environment program "Protecting God's Children" program mandated by the Diocese of San Jose, which will be presented to the children in January. **AT LEAST ONE PARENT MUST ATTEND ONLY ONE**

MEETING DATE.

NEW REGISTRATIONS FOR THE FALL OF 2011: NOW THAT SCHOOL HAS STARTED THE LAST DAY TO REGISTER WILL BE OCT. 5TH: We still have openings for all grades 1st through 6th for either the Tuesday or the Sunday programs (except Sunday 2nd grade) as well as the Rel. Ed. Jr. Hi. that meets two Sundays a month from 4:30 p.m.-5:45 p.m. and for those children who are beginning 1st grade and want to prepare for 1st Communion next year. NOW IS THE TIME TO ENROLL! We are open Monday-Thursday and closed from Noon-1:00 p.m.

PLEASE SEE OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE DETAILED INFORMATION CONCERNING THE ABOVE PROGRAMS.

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 WILL RESUME

OCT. 2nd: 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.

SOCIAL JUSTICE

There is no way to avoid the difficult, radical nonviolence of Christ. It is the center of his teachings. Until we embrace his nonviolence, we will continue to fall far short of his vision and follow the culture's false spirituality of war. But if the Church and all Christians adopt Christ's nonviolence, if we learn to love our enemies and resist our country's wars, we will not only find a new integrity and fidelity but may even stop the killing of children and the destruction of the planet itself. It is the job of all church leaders, pastors, ministers, and priests to speak publicly on behalf of the Gospel and the Christian community; denounce every war, bomb and execution; and call everyone back to the wisdom of Gospel nonviolence.

In the end, the communities of faith, including the churches, the synagogues, and the mosques, will play a critical role in leading humankind back from the brink of destruction. The religious communities remain among the few civic groups who can stand with our country's enemies, see the humanity in their eyes, love them, and defend them. They still have the potential to denounce injustice, chastise war-making governments and presidents, and encourage public opinion into action for justice and peace.

(As our parishes observe Respect Life Month, the legacy of St. Francis [St. Francis' Feast Day is October 4th] and the words of the St. Francis Pledge [catholicclimatecovenant.org] state our resolve to preserve creation with responsible energy use and consumption of resources, while protecting the earth from degradation for the unborn that will inherit the planet).

PFC Youth Ministry News
scyouth@yahoo.com or parish website
www.saintchris.com
Tim Melander 408-265-3230

YOUTH MINISTRY AND CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION

Our PFC Youth Ministry meets this Sun., Oct. 2nd from 4:30 – 5:45 p.m. in the Marian Room. We will be discussing our fall calendar of events, soliciting your ideas and suggestions for the new 2011-2012 year. All High School youth are welcome.

RCIA

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

Bible Study

Welcome to Bible Study

Oct 6th, 7pm Thursdays 7pm in in Msgr Allen Ctr. Patio entrance to Marion Room. Topic: Paul, Missionary to the Gentiles. Facilitor: Sr. Sharon, SND. Fee \$20. 10 weeks series end Nov 17. Bring your current questions about the church RSVP 408-292-7410

IS ALZHEIMER'S A SOCIAL JUSTICE ISSUE ?

Come and find out. Ruth Gay, the Director of Public Policy and Advocacy for the Alzheimer's Association of Northern California and Northern Nevada will address the issue in the context of Social Justice. She will give a brief overview of Alzheimer's Disease, discuss the current problem as it stands as a public health issue, and then lay out where it is hoped to go with this disease in the future.

This Deanery 5 Social Justice Enrichment Series eve3nt will be at Ascension Church, October 4, 2011 with the program commencing at 7:15 PM. Doors will open at 7:00 PM.

Join us at Ascension to help bring Alzheimer's Disease "out of the shadows" and join the discussion about why this is a Social Justice issue.

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, you can volunteer in the warehouse and make a difference. 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.

Over 50's

St. Christopher's Over 50's

The Over 50's Club will hold its next meeting October 14 at 11:00am in Walsh Hall. October 26 the club will be traveling to Cashe 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. We will hold our annual bake sale on Sunday October 23 in Healy Hall. There will be homemade passels. Biscotti, Halloween treats and many more. Remember we are the most experienced bakers in the parish. Come by to see what we have for you.

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. This fall the Men's Cursillo is Oct. 13-16th. 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.

8th Grade Poinsettia Fundraiser Begins October 4th!!

The annual 8th grade fundraiser begins this Tuesday, October 4th. The 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!



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

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!

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

Marie Ferrari



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

Tickets for the Benefit Auction are now on sale after masses.

Please visit: www.stcba.com

For more information email us at stchristopherbenefitauction@gmail.com



Music

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, October 2nd @ 9:30
Friday, Oct. 28th @ 3:30-4:30
Friday, Nov. 4th @ 3:30-4:30
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)

Friday, Jan. 20th @ 3:30-4:30
Friday, Jan. 27th @ 3:30-4:30
Sunday, January 29th @ 9:30
(Catholic Schools Week Mass)
Friday, Feb. 24th @ 3:30-4:30
Friday, Mar. 2nd @ 3:30-4:30
Sunday, March 4th @ 9:30
Monday, April 16th @ 3:30-4:30
Friday, April 20th @ 3:30-4:30
Sunday, April 22nd @ 9:30

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)



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

Mason Zeman, Phil Stowell, Carmen Filice, Sr. Carmel Silva, Marco Salsiccia, Dave Oliverio, Stella Zupanovich, Mary Fiamingo, Shannon McMahon, 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 Brunsman



What Pope John Paul II said in 2000 hold true today:



“In many regions of the world today people live in tragic situations of instability and uncertainty. It does not come as a surprise that in such contexts the poor and the destitute make plans to escape, to seek a new land that can offer them bread, dignity, and peace. This is the migration of the desperate.”

Catholic Charities of Santa Clara County resettles 250-300 refugees each year and has a donation station to receive gently used clothes and furniture to help establish refugee families in apartments. The donation station is at rear of the Catholic Charities building: 2625 Zanker Road, San Jose (corner of Zanker and Trimble, in North San Jose). It's open Tuesday – Saturday, 10am-2pm.

If you have a talent that can help refugees or if simply want to give your time, can contact Claire Collins at ccollins@catholiccharitiesscc.org, or call 408-325-5107. If you want to offer your time to our three Iraqi sisters, perhaps driving them to appointments, contact Fr. Dave at fr.dave@stchrissj.org.

—Pope John Paul II, Message for World Migration Day 2000

Attn: Minister's

Are You Called To Be A Eucharistic Minister, Lector, or Usher?

Each year, our faith community needs additional Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, and Ushers. These lay ministers serve our community in several ways. Eucharistic Ministers distribute Holy Communion to us. Lectors proclaim the Word to us and lead us in the Prayers of the Faithful. Ushers greet us, assist us, and take up the collection.

Are you called to be a Eucharistic Minister, Lector, or Usher? To serve in these vitally important ministries you must be a confirmed Catholic who is willing to serve our community, and attend a two-part training session.

Training for new lay ministers is scheduled for October 1, 2011:

Part 1 – Walk Through The Mass

From 9:30 to 11:30 AM in the Nano Nagle Center (*you only need to attend this session once if you've been trained in the Parish for another liturgical ministry*)

Lunch will be provided at 11:45 AM for participants of either or both sessions

Part 2 – Practical Training for new Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors

From 12:30 to 2:30 PM in the Church (Practical training for new Ushers will be arranged by the Head Usher)

For more information and/or to reserve your spot for training please send an email to stchris@pkmccarty.com or call Phil McCarty, at 408.893.4507

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 9, 13, 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.