



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

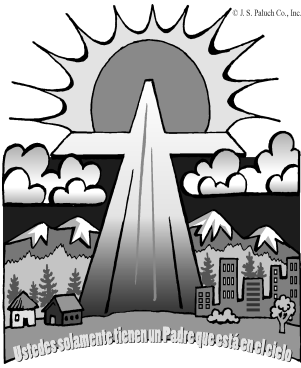
Principal: Mrs. Anne Ivie; **Vice Principals:** Sr. Kieran O'Connor, P.B.V.M. and Mrs. Jutta Brassill

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.



**Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 30, 2011**

The greatest among you must be your servant.— *Matthew 23:11*

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Do we not have one father? Did not the one God create us?
(Malachi 1:14b — 2:2b, 8-10).

Psalm — In you, Lord, I have found my peace (Psalm 131).

Second Reading — You have received not a human word but the word of God
(1 Thessalonians 2:7b-9, 13).

Gospel — Call no one your father on earth; you have but one Father, the one in heaven
(Matthew 23:1-12).

**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



**Remember to set your
clocks back one hour
next week-end, starts
on November 6th**

FEAST OF ALL SAINTS

November 1st, the feast of All Saints is a Holyday of obligation this year.

Mass times: Monday October 31st @ 5:00pm Vigil
@ Tuesday November 1st, Mass times are:
6:30am, 8:00am, 9:30am (school mass) & 7:00pm

**MASS INTENTIONS
Saturday, October 29**

4:30 Vicente Martinez, John LoBue, Marie Ferrari
Ava Critchfield, Cecile Driscoll, Joe Monaco
Phil Sunseri Sr.

Sunday, October 30

6:30 Helen Boshell, Pro Populo,
8:00 Michael Giammona, Neill Miner
Ray Humecke & Narog Family, Marie Ferrari
9:30 Anne Giacomelli, Michelle Daschbach Fast
Romeo Lopez
11:00 Maietta Family, Frank Tricomo
Romeo Lopez, Syd Romito
12:30 Sr. Kieran (sp int), Rafael Lacayo

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

ATTENTION PARENTS OF CHILDREN IN THE TUESDAY REL. ED. PROGRAM: No Class on Tuesday Nov. 1st classes will resume on Nov. 8th.

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.

JUNIOR HIGH PROGRAM: The Rel. Ed. Junior Program meets on Sun. Oct. 30th from 4:30 p.m.-5:45 p.m. Next meeting is Sun. Nov. 6th.

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. Please come and join in remembering our deceased loved ones.

Bishop McGrath Places the New Parish under the Patronage of Our Lady of Refuge

After broad consultation throughout the Diocese and, in particular, with the parishioners of the future parish, and having received more than 200 suggestions, Bishop McGrath has decided upon the name of the new parish that will be served by the church on Lucretia Avenue: **Our Lady of Refuge, Nuestra Señora del Refugio.**

Our Lady of Refuge is Patroness of the California's (Alta and Baja). Franciscan missionary, Francisco Diego Garcia y Moreno, was the first Bishop of the California's; it was he who proclaimed Nuestra Señora del Refugio, Patrona de las California's. The official proclamation was made on January 4, 1843, at Mission Santa Clara.

After citing the practice and spiritual benefits of naming patron saints, Bishop Garcia made this declaration: "We make known to you that we hereby name the great Mother of God in her most precious title, 'del Refugio,' the principal patroness of our diocese. If through the centuries this most worthy Mother of God has shown goodness and compassion to all peoples and nations... will she not do likewise for those peoples who bind themselves to her as their refuge and special patroness?"

The Feast of Our Lady of Refuge is observed each year on July 5.

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.

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



Richard Matthews

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 meeting and Halloween party is this Sun., Oct. 30th from 4:00 – 5:45 p.m. in the Marian Room. Please note the earlier start time. We will be discussing “What’s New About the Mass” as we prepare for upcoming changes to our liturgy. We will be providing pumpkins to carve during our Halloween party. Please bring a food item to share. As always, all High School youth are welcome.

+NOTE: Our originally scheduled meeting for Nov. 13th has been re-scheduled for next Sun., Nov. 6th, from 4:30 – 5:45 pm. We will be discussing Part II of “What’s New About the Mass.”

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. *Entertainment Books will be on sale after most masses next weekend Nov. 5-6th.*

Social Justice

Jesus sees into the hearts around him. He knows their allegiance lies not with God but with their strict observance of the law...which oppresses the poor. He understands the culture and the empire of his day and he challenges those laws that dehumanize people and legalize evil. For the religious officials standing in the synagogue that day, their answer to Jesus' question is clear: It is illegal to do good; it is illegal to save life! Their law forbids any kind of disruptive activity on the Sabbath...which means that any action that threatens their tight control over the populace is outlawed. Yet, they themselves will never dare put the matter so bluntly.

Jesus teaches that the purpose of the Sabbath...and all laws...should be to do good, to save life, to heal the sick, and to serve humanity. He wants us to widen our vision and our compassion so that the life of every human being might be improved. His social analysis pinpoints how the law's control over society prevents positive social change. He topples our idolatry of law. When we apply his challenge to our own times, we find it questions every aspect of our culture.

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.

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!



Outreach

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.

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 and early start!



40 DAYS FOR LIFE™

We are entering our last week of the prayer vigil. Please consider joining us this week in praying for an end of abortion.

Pro-lifers in Houston are blessed with a mobile clinic that can often be found parked outside the huge Planned Parenthood abortion center. Volunteers recently spoke to a man on the sidewalk, who told them his wife had gone into Planned Parenthood for an abortion. After a short discussion, he called his wife and asked her to come outside to the mobile clinic. She left Planned Parenthood, but seemed reluctant to enter the mobile clinic -- until she was offered a free ultrasound.

"We were able to show her on the ultrasound her unborn child with its heart just beating away," said one of the volunteers. "Her attitude immediately changed and she began to smile. She left our bus with proof of pregnancy, doctor referrals and a beautiful baby blanket."

If you are interested visit 40daysforlife.com/sanjose for more information or contact Mary Ellen at Mary_Ellen_Genovese@yahoo.com

Ways to get Involved



Refugee Update

Immediate needs: Catholic Charities/Refugee Resettlement has part-time paid position available: housing specialist, responsible for helping refugees find places to live. This is an excellent opportunity to be part of this meaningful service to refugees. 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, or call 408-325-5107.

Consider the words of **Pope John Paul II** (1997): "In the Old Testament, the Torah teaches that strangers and the homeless in general, inasmuch as they are exposed to all sorts of dangers, deserve special concern from the believer. Indeed, God clearly and repeatedly recommends hospitality and generosity toward the stranger . . . , reminding Israel of how precarious its own existence had once been."

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.

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

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

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, or 269-2226 x135.

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.



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.

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.

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!

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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

Friday, Nov. 4th @ 3:30-4:30
Sunday, November 6th @ 9:30
Monday, Nov. 21st @ 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)