



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-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 9, 2011**

I can do all things in him who strengthens me. — *Philippians 4:13*

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — On this mountain the LORD will make for all peoples a feast of rich food and choice wines (Isaiah 25:6-10a).

Psalm — I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life (Psalm 23).

Second Reading — God will supply whatever you need (Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20).

Gospel — I have prepared my banquet, and everything is ready. Come to the feast! (Matthew 22:1-14 [1-10]).



Saturday, October 8

4:30 Vicente Martinez, Isabel Costa,
John LoBue, Mario LoBue, Marie Ferrari

Sunday, October 9

6:30 Helen Boshell, Pro Populo, Roger Dahl

8:00 Michael Giammona, Neill Miner,
Anthony Martucci, Luigi Guerra

9:30 Francis Welby, Tiffany Agnoletti
Ernest Bruni

11:00 Frank Tricomo, Marie Ferrari
Giuseppe Bondi

12:30 Larry Toole, John & Marie Tanner

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.

RCIA

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



Can you spend an hour a week to help save lives? Will you take a stand for life? One child every 24 seconds is killed by abortion. Let's come together in unity through prayer and turn hearts and minds from apathy and misunderstanding to awareness and respect for the profound value of every human life! 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 please contact Mary Ellen Genovese at Mary_Ellen_Genovese@yahoo.com or visit <http://www.40daysforlife.com/sanjose/> for more information.

**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 Family Mass will on Oct. 16th at 9:30 a.m. in Healy Hall.

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.

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 THE MEETING ON OCT. 13TH.

NEW REGISTRATIONS FOR ALL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAMS: THE LAST DAY TO REGISTER WAS OCT. 5TH.

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 RESUMED 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.

PFC Youth Ministry News:

Tim Melander (408)-265-3230

**seyouth@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. 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.

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.

Social Justice

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St. Paul tells us that he has the ability to live well fed or in hunger. In other words to "have" or "have not". In the parable of the king and the wedding feast, it seems as if the "haves" would have nothing to do with the open invitation. In an act of inclusiveness, all others were brought in to the social event. Even then, one guest rejected the offer of inclusion. May this remind us of the need to incorporate ourselves (i.e., with the wedding gown) into the message of Jesus to be participants of the feast of salvation?

As then, and now such is the message - "when you do to the least of my brethren---". The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, as discussed in their publication, "Communities of Salt and Light", speak very clearly to this social mission : to "overcome barriers of race, religion, ethnicity, gender, economic status, and nationality." This is Solidarity. The Bishops challenge us, if we are serious about our "social responsibilities" to deal with: "migration and refugee activities"; "

adversary on human rights, development and peace through legislative networks"; "to serve those in need and work for global justice and peace." They emphasize that it is the responsibility of those at the local level "to promote a revived sense of political responsibility calling Catholics to be informed and active citizens, participating in the debate over the values and vision that guide our communities and nation."

These are indeed challenging directives. Let us be

God, the Devil and You - October 10th

In our next discussion, Catholic Trek explores the eternal battle between God and the devil for your soul. The presentation starts at 7:30pm on Monday, October 10th, in the St. Nicholas Upper Room (473 Lincoln Ave, Los Altos). For more details see <http://adultcircle.shutterfly.com> or call (408) 554-5823. Catholic Trek is a group for Catholics, single and married, 30's to 40's.

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

Over 50's

St. Christopher's Over 50's

The October Meeting of the Over 50's will be held on Friday, October 14 at 11 am in Walsh Hall. There will be a guest speaker on Senior 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 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. We will hold our annual bake sale on Sunday October 23 in Healy Hall. There will be homemade pizzels. Biscottis, Halloween treats and many more. Remember we are the most experienced bakers in the parish. Come by to see what we have for you.

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.



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!



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.



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

stchristopherbenefitauktion@gmail.com



Check us out on the Web

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

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,

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

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



Husbands and wives spend immense amounts of time on their job, careers, children and leisure. How much time do you spend for just the two of you, as a couple? Learn how to make the most of your time and relationship by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next local Catholic Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is: Nov 18-20, 2011 (Mountain View). For more information or to register, please visit our website at: <http://sanjose.wwme12.org> or contact Thomas & Sandy Pavick, 408 262-4061 or Email: gr8marriages@sbcglobal.net.

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.

Refugee Resettlement

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.

Immediate needs: Catholic Charities/Refugee Resettlement needs people to volunteer as 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.

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.

