SCHEDULE OF MASSES

SATURDAY: 8:30 AM, 5:30 PM VIGIL
SUNDAY: 7:00 AM, 8:30AM, 10:15AM, 12 Noon, 4:00PM (Vietnamese), 6:30PM
WEEKDAY: 6:30 AM, 8:30 AM
FIRST WEDNESDAY: 6:30 AM, 8:30 AM, 6:30 PM
FIRST FRIDAY: 6:30AM, 8:30 AM, 6:30 PM
8:00 PM (Vietnamese)
HOLY DAY: 8:00 PM (Vietnamese/English) VIGIL 6:30AM, 8:30AM, 7:00 PM
SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
SAT: 4:00 PM - 5 :00 PM, 6:30 PM - 7:00 PM, and by appointment

St. Christopher Catholic Church

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St. Christopher Church is a faith-community of diverse people who gather to joyfully celebrate life, faith and love in Jesus Christ through serving others.
THE PLEASURE OF YOUR COMPANY

Today's Gospel relates the story of a rich Pharisee who has invited Jesus to his home for a banquet. Jesus teaches him and his guests a lesson in humility.

Take the lowest place and do not exalt yourself. "Then you will enjoy the esteem of your companions at the table."

We see in the papers stories about lavish banquets, "fundraisers" for good causes. Some of these are little more than the social life of the rich, raising a small percentage of their cost for the poor and needy, and giving glory to their organizers.

People pay hundreds of dollars per person to attend these functions, tens of thousands on gowns and clothing of every kind.

Often they include auctions of donated, extravagant trips, the use of yachts and private planes that go for donations of tens of thousands of dollars.

These events often raise fifty to one hundred thousand dollars for the cause, while costing a million dollars to stage and attend.

To this, Jesus might say, "When you hold a lunch or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or your wealthy neighbors, in case they may invite you back and you have repayment."

SENIOR MINISTRY ANNUAL PICNIC

September 8, 2016
Thursday at 11:00 am
Location:
Cameron Park,
West Covina
Please bring your own lunch.
We will have a 50-50 drawing and play bingo.
Come for friendship and fun.
New members are welcome.

The Jubilee Year of Mercy 2016
2nd Inter Regional
DIVINE MERCY CONGRESS

Mercy:
The Heart of the Gospel in the
New Evangelization,
COME, EXPERIENCE AND WITNESS!

Theme:
Deepening our understanding of the
Divine Mercy in the
21st Century.

Guest speaker:
Father Chris M. Alar MIC
Executive Director, Marian Helper, a spiritual
benefit society of the Marian Fathers of the
Immaculate Conception of the BLVM.

Saturday, October 1st, 2016
8:00 AM–6:00 PM
St. Christopher Church

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Weekly Offering

Sunday Collection
4th Sunday of August
$12,235.81
Last year 2015 - $12,508.74

Your prayers are requested for the recovery of:
Jaime Eckowitz, Joanna Carmela Calleja, Gloria Castillo, Irene Panaligan, Ned Pascua, Len Balino, Gus Reyes, Guillermo Fuentes, Irma Guison, Christopher George Apostol, Maria Elena Vasquez, Denise Aceves, Baby Jace Nevin, Briana (no last name given), Maria Navarro, Ann Grivich, Leo Romero, Jr., Connie Bragado, Elizabeth Stephens, Anita Clare, Juanita Laguitao, Josie Ramirez, Blas A. Reyes, Jr., Karen Marie Ledesma, Jesus Payan, Bob Loya, Celery Almanza, Jaime Tiongson, Romeo Canzana, Virgie Franco, Eleanor Martinez, Anna Calderon, Francine Porter, Lucia Sandoval, Christopher G. Apostol, Rudy Geronimo, Kay Chesterfield, Lionel Barrow, Adele Faucett, Irene Umali, Raymond Romero, Felix Lampa, Emy De Guzman, Mary Rose Merten, Mercedes Gomez, Anthony Trozzi, Guille Rivas, Lydia España, and Doretha Leer.

In Memoriam

Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of:
TODAY’S READINGS

Reading 1
SIR 3:17-18, 20, 28-29

My child, conduct your affairs with humility, and you will be loved more than a giver of gifts. Humble yourself the more, the greater you are, and you will find favor with God. What is too sublime for you, seek not; into things beyond your strength search not. The mind of a sage appreciates proverbs, and an attentive ear is the joy of the wise. Water quenches a flaming fire, and alms atone for sins.

Responsorial Psalm
PS 68:4-5, 6-7, 10-11

R/. (cf. 11b) God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.

The just rejoice and exult before God; they are glad and rejoice. Sing to God, chant praise to his name; whose name is the LORD. R./

The father of orphans and the defender of widows is God in his holy dwelling. God gives a home to the forsaken; he leads forth prisoners to prosperity. R./

A bountiful rain you showered down, O God, upon your inheritance; you restored the land when it languished; your flock settled in it; in your goodness, O God, you provided it for the needy. R./

Reading 2
HEB 12:18-19, 22-24A

Brothers and sisters: You have not approached that which could be touched and a blazing fire and gloomy darkness and storm and a trumpet blast and a voice speaking words such that those who heard begged that no message be further addressed to them. No, you have approached Mount Zion and the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and countless angels in festal gathering, and the assembly of the firstborn enrolled in heaven, and God the judge of all, and the spirits of the just made perfect, and Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and the sprinkled blood that speaks more eloquently than that of Abel.

Alleluia
MT 11:29AB

R/ Alleluia, alleluia.

Take my yoke upon you, says the Lord, and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart. R./ Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel
LK 14:1, 7-14

On a sabbath Jesus went to dine at the home of one of the leading Pharisees, and the people there were observing him carefully. He told a parable to those who had been invited, noticing how they were choosing the places of honor at the table.

“When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not recline at table in the place of honor. A more distinguished guest than you may have been invited by him, and the host who invited both of you may approach you and say, ‘Give your place to this man,’ and then you would proceed with embarrassment to take the lowest place.

Rather, when you are invited, go and take the lowest place so that when the host comes to you he may say, ‘My friend, move up to a higher position.’ Then you will enjoy the esteem of your companions at the table. For every one who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted.”

Then he said to the host who invited him, “When you hold a lunch or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or your wealthy neighbors, in case they may invite you back and you have repayment. Rather, when you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”

Our Mother of Perpetual Help Novena

Everyone is cordially invited to the devotion of Our Mother of Perpetual Help novena every Wednesday, followed by Benediction. Every 1st Wednesday there will be Mass, Novena, and Benediction.

Place: Adoration Chapel
Time: 6:30—7:30 P.M.
TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Perhaps the most familiar traditional symbol that identifies bishops is the crosier that they carry. We see the shepherd's staff and immediately rich images from scripture come to mind, as well as the recollection that the first to respond to Christ's presence in our world were the shepherds. The staff is more than a walking stick; its crooked top is useful in snaring errant sheep but also in keeping the flock united. Bishops carry the curve outward, indicating their ministry to the wider flock, while abbots (and some abbesses, too) carry the crosier with the curve pointing in, indicating that their ministry is to the monastery alone. The crosier was once also carried by the pope, but was phased out centuries ago. You may recall that in pre-"popemobile" days, the pope was often carried around on a portable throne called a sedia gestatoria. Since he didn't do much walking, the need for a crosier was minimal. Pope Paul VI introduced the innovation of a walking staff in the 1960s, and everyone remembers Pope John Paul II's walking staff, not a crook, but a delicately sculptured crucifix. Thus, the pope carries a "pastoral staff" rather than a crosier. Precisely because the pope's ministry is universal, to the whole world, popes will likely leave crosiers in the hands of the bishops they commission for care of specific flocks.

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Humility

Humility is a virtue we don't see much in our times. It seems that bragging, swaggering, and arrogance dominate our fashion for everything and our Internet conversations. Who hasn't been irritated by the "trolls" who try (usually with bad grammar and poor spelling) to start an online fight with those whose opinions do not align with theirs? Our stores, catalogs, and online shopping sites are full of useless items geared in use and price to the very rich, as ordinary, useful things seem to fade off the sales scene. As the rich get richer, the poor get poorer and the middle class is fading away. What is the antidote to this? Humility is a good place to start. Devotion to God is worth more than riches. "The father of orphans and the defender of widows is God in his holy dwelling. God gives a home to the forsaken; [God] leads forth prisoners to prosperity."

Jubilee Year of Mercy

"Alms atone for sins" (Sirach 2:29). Alms are mercy translated into hands-on compassion. Jesus confirms Sirach's wisdom, "Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy" (Matthew 5:7). "Conduct your affairs with humility" (Sirach 3:17). Humility: we're all alike and special, for we're children of God. Jesus confirms that wisdom, too: "Do not recline at table in the place of honor. Take the lowest place" (Luke 14:8, 10). In fact, "When you hold a lunch or a dinner, do not invite friends, relatives, wealthy neighbors. Invite the poor, crippled, lame, blind," physically or figuratively, society's most vulnerable and marginalized, "who cannot repay you" (see 14:12-14). Jesus seems to be telling us to prepare for eternity with God's chosen by becoming their friend here and now. Mercy is measured not by our delight in welcoming those we like most or who can repay us best, but by sincerely embracing those we like least, who cannot repay us at all. Utter humility inspires pure mercy; pure mercy leads to eternal joy.
ALTAR FLOWERS

Honor a Loved One or a Special Occasion

We invite parishioners or parish ministries to consider a gift to the parish in the form of Monetary Flower Donations for the Altar in thanksgiving, in memory, or in celebration of a loved one or special event. These intentions will be recognized in the parish bulletin. For more information or to sign-up for a particular weekend, please go to the parish office.

Minimum cost for altar arrangements:
Two for $150 or Three from $200 to $300.

SCRC Catholic Renewal Convention
September 2-4, 2016
Anaheim Convention Center & Arena

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FAVOR DE VESTIRSE CON MODESTIA

PROPER DRESS

IMPROPER DRESS

Mass Intentions for the week

SATURDAY, AUG 27
5:30 P.M. (D) Esmenia Asuncion †
(D) Edgardo Ocampo †
SUNDAY, AUG 28
7:00 A.M. (D) Eulalia Lanzarin †
(D) Augustia A. Ramos †
8:30 A.M. (D) Juana C. Antonio †
(D) Amparo Del Valle †
10:15 A.M. (D) Esmenia Asuncion †
(D) Milagros Abesamis †
12:00 P.M. (D) Antonia Oroz †
(D) Art Oroz †
6:30 P.M. St Christopher Church Parishioners
MONDAY, AUG 29
6:30 A.M. (D) Horace A. Bird †
(D) Alphonso Zhao He Chu †
8:30 A.M. (D) Esmenia Asuncion †
(D) Lorenzo C. Calleja †
TUESDAY, AUG 30
6:30 A.M. Mary Rose Cruz
(D) Esmenia Asuncion †
8:30 A.M. (D) Rogelio Villalva Sr. †
(D) Francisco L. De Pano III †
WEDNESDAY, AUG 31
6:30 A.M. Leonor Nunez
(D) Nick Antone †
8:30 A.M. (D) Tam Vu †
(D) Esmenia Asuncion †
THURSDAY, SEP 1
6:30 A.M. Socrates Sison II
(D) Elbe Contreras †
8:30 A.M. Mr & Mrs Junlu Nagales
Ruby Bernadette Buenaluz
FRIDAY, SEP 2
6:30 A.M. Zara Ailana Riparip
Lara Riparip
8:30 A.M. (D) Angelino Biasbas †
(D) Liwayway Riparip †
6:30 PM Catherine C. Floro
(D) Cristeto Ramos †
SATURDAY, AUG 27
8:30 A.M. (D) Betty Gotia †
(D) Paul Robinson †
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FALL FESTIVAL
2016
November 18, 19, 20