



# St. Christopher Catholic Church

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## SCHEDULE OF MASSES

**SATURDAY:** 8:30 AM, 5:30 PM Vigil

**SUNDAY:** 7:00 AM, 8:30 AM,  
10:15 AM, 12 Noon,  
4:00 PM (Vietnamese), 6:30 PM

**WEEKDAY:** 6:30 AM, 8:30 AM

**FIRST WEDNESDAY:** 6:30 AM, 8:30 AM,  
6:30 PM

**FIRST FRIDAY:** 6:30 AM, 8:30 AM,  
6:30 PM, 8:00 PM (Vietnamese)

### **HOLY DAY:**

8:00 PM (Vietnamese/English) Vigil  
6:30 AM, 8:30 AM, 7:00 PM

### **SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

SAT: 4:00 PM - 5 :00 PM,  
6:30 PM - 7:00 PM, and by  
appointment

### **Pastor**

Rev. Joseph Dass

### **Associate Pastor/**

### **Vietnamese Community Chaplain**

Rev. Huy Nhat Nguyen

### **Permanent Deacons**

Deacon Douglas Moloney (Retired)

Deacon Loc Nguyen

Deacon Jesse Batacan

Deacon Andrew Cho

### **School Principal**

Lucia Saborio

### **Director of Religious Formation**

Judi Peña

### **Parish Secretary**

Elizabeth Hudson

# Welcome to St. Christopher Church

## FOURTH SUNDAY

# OF Advent

Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord.  
May it be done to me  
according to your word.

Luke 1:38



DECEMBER 24, 2017

## Fourth Sunday of Advent

### A reading from the Book of Samuel

2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16

When King David was settled in his palace, and the LORD had given him rest from his enemies on every side, he said to Nathan the prophet, "Here I am living in a house of cedar, while the ark of God dwells in a tent!" Nathan answered the king, "Go, do whatever you have in mind, for the LORD is with you." But that night the LORD spoke to Nathan and said: "Go, tell my servant David, 'Thus says the LORD: Should you build me a house to dwell in?' "It was I who took you from the pasture and from the care of the flock to be commander of my people Israel. I have been with you wherever you went, and I have destroyed all your enemies before you. And I will make you famous like the great ones of the earth. I will fix a place for my people Israel; I will plant them so that they may dwell in their place without further disturbance. Neither shall the wicked continue to afflict them as they did of old, since the time I first appointed judges over my people Israel. I will give you rest from all your enemies. The LORD also reveals to you that he will establish a house for you. And when your time comes and you rest with your ancestors, I will raise up your heir after you, sprung from your loins, and I will make his kingdom firm. I will be a father to him, and he shall be a son to me. Your house and your kingdom shall endure forever before me; your throne shall stand firm forever."

The Word of the Lord.

**Response:** Thanks be to God.

### Responsorial Psalm

Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29

**R./ For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.**

The promises of the LORD I will sing forever;  
through all generations my mouth shall proclaim your faithfulness.

For you have said, "My kindness is established forever";  
in heaven you have confirmed your faithfulness. **R./**

"I have made a covenant with my chosen one,  
I have sworn to David my servant:  
Forever will I confirm your posterity  
and establish your throne for all generations." **R./**

"He shall say of me, 'You are my father,  
my God, the Rock, my Savior.'  
Forever I will maintain my kindness toward him,  
and my covenant with him stands firm." **R./**

### A reading from the first Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

Rom 16:25-27

Brothers and sisters: To him who can strengthen you, according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery kept secret for long ages but now manifested through the prophetic writings and, according to the command of the eternal God, made known to all nations to bring about the obedience of faith, to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ be glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord.

**Response:** Thanks be to God.

**Alleluia, Alleluia.** Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word.  
**Alleluia, Alleluia.**

**A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke**

Lk 1:26-38

The angel Gabriel was sent from God to a town of Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the house of David, and the virgin's name was Mary. And coming to her, he said, "Hail, full of grace! The Lord is with you." But she was greatly troubled at what was said and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give him the throne of David his father, and he will rule over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."

But Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I have no relations with a man?" And the angel said to her in reply, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God. And behold, Elizabeth, your relative, has also conceived a son in her old age, and this is the sixth month for her who was called barren; for nothing will be impossible for God." Mary said, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Response:** Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

**Your prayers are requested for the recovery of:**

Bening Arias, Rudy Kohler, Mary Ann Rambeau, Phong Do, John & Theresa Paniagua, Mercedes Puhawan, Fanie Bernardo, Renee Willis, Angel Chavez, Manuel La Rosa, Rafaela Atterberry, Josefina Espitia, Maria L. Navarro, Xenia Aguinaldo, Jeanette Edpao, Dixie Davis, Mary Bachman, Rachelle Siy, Stephanie Garcia, Irene Gervacio, Joseph Lim, Lie Ntjhong, Les Onaka, Alexander Asuncion, Ferdinand Asuncion, Mary Helen Espinosa, Elpidio Salas, Arthur Salinas, Steven Lee, Malu Manuit, Oscar Diaz, David Wells, Vangie Malmis, Olga Gudino, Alfred Hernandez, Estelita De Leos, Romeo Guerrero, Rita Vengco, Rowena Batacan, Reyna Melendez, Alba Valbuena, Joseph Nguyen, Andrew Leone, Jim Reitzell, Irene Morales, Imelda Santos, Elisea Bautista, Esha Sachdev, Peping Gustilo, Nellie Rought, Sylvia Contreras, Ruben Mayoral, Marisa de Leon, Alicia Sebastian, Olga Blanthorne, William Padilla, Marianna Evangelista, Guillermina Rivas, Wilham Gomez, Kingston Reyes, Kevin Thornburgh, Mariano de Leon, Steven Berktoled, Chris Aguinaldo, Gilbert Morales, Myles Bradley Ventrillo, Gilda Madrid, Len Balino, Julie S. Ngor, Helen Concepcion, Anita Raygoza, Mateo Luna, Jenny Jones, Rodrigo Nava, Joseph Ochoa, Marlon Sloan, Milagros How, Alice Otsuka, Vicky Lozada, Noel Gustilo, Rachel Martinez, Jack Truang, Dan Batacan, Maria Vasquez, Lillian Marquez, Hilda Carrasco, Gina Priddy, Maria Trinh, Teresita Mindaro, Kena Saldana, Clayton Lemelle, Juan Carlos Tobar, Rigoberto Gonzalez, Jacqueline de Luna, Justin Juu, Virgie Torres, Sallie Vengua, Carmelita Rodriguez, Frank Lopez, Manuel Santamaria, Isaac Alvarez, Bertha Avelar, Baby Valencia, Ivy Santamaria

**Lord send down your healing presence upon them, and restore them to good health. Comfort them with the knowledge that we are praying for them, and give them peace with a sense of Your Presence, through the intercession of your Blessed Mother and all the Saints in heaven. Amen.**

**PARISH SACRIFICIAL GIVING  
DECEMBER 17, 2017**

<b>SUNDAY OFFERTORY ENVELOPE</b>	<b>\$ 9,547.70</b>
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<b>SUNDAY OFFERTORY PLATE</b>	<b>\$ <u>5,881.83</u></b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ <u>15,429.53</u></b>

**Mass Intentions**  **for the week**

**Saturday, December 23**

5:30 p.m. (D) Felipa Navarro †  
 (D) Pcita Soller †  
 — Lydia Reaso

**Sunday, December 24**

7:00 a.m. — Joanne Serrano  
 — Nicole Angeles  
 (D) Victor Santos †  
 8:30 a.m. — St. Christopher Church Parishioners  
 10:15 a.m. (D) Joshua Correa Marcelo †  
 (D) Epifanio Correa †  
 12:00 noon — Joanne Serrano  
 — Tessie Martinez Family  
 6:30 p.m. — Rebeca Gonzalez  
 — Belisario Gonzalez  
 (D) Fragido Canzana †

**Monday, December 25**

7:00 a.m. (D) Leodardo Frijas †  
 (D) Christopher Frijas  
 8:30 a.m. (D) Joshua Correa Marcelo †  
 (D) Epifanio Correa †  
 10:15 a.m. (D) Penny De Leon †  
 (D) Diep Nguyen †  
 12:00 p.m. — Mr. & Mrs. Jimmy Fagota  
 (D) Felix Lampa †  
 6:30 p.m. — Mr. & Mrs Mike Quilles  
 (D) Maria & Ramon Gonzalez

**Tuesday, December 26**

6:30 a.m. (D) Dulce Rolano †  
 (D) Frank Crouch Jr. †  
 8:30 a.m. (D) Joshua Correa Marcelo †  
 (D) Epifanio Correa †  
 (D) Lee Escalera

**Wednesday, December 27**

6:30 a.m. (D) Rebecca G. Urac †  
 (D) Aurora Chagollan †  
 8:30 a.m. — Belen A. Dungca  
 (D) Ignacio †  
 — Emelda Garcia

**Thursday, December 28**

6:30 a.m. — Mark Jeffrey Delgado  
 (D) Gabriel & Margarita Nava †  
 (D) Emy Santos †  
 8:30 a.m. — Monty & Beth Sowles  
 (D) Abet Audo †  
 (D) Lee Escalera †

**Friday, December 29**

6:30 a.m. (D) Lolita Cabral †  
 — Victor Hernandez  
 (D) Michael Joseph Mendoza †  
 8:30 a.m. (D) Teodocia Rocas †  
 (D) Deceased Members of Legion of Mary †  
 (D) Yolanda LaLusis

**Saturday, December 30**

8:30 a.m. (D) Mike Ramirez †  
 (D) Fe Mindaro †  
 — Wilson Chua

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday:** Is 62:1-5  
 Dec 25 Mt 1:1-25

**Tuesday:** Acts 6:8-10;7:54-59  
 Dec 26 Mt 10:17-22

**Wednesday:** 1 Jn 1:1-4  
 Dec 27 Jn 20:1a, 2-8

**Thursday:** 1Jn 1:5-2:2  
 Dec 28 Mt 2:13-18

**Friday:** 1 Jn 2:3-11  
 Dec 29 Lk 2:22-35

**Saturday:** 1 Jn 2:12-17  
 Dec 30 Lk 2:36-40

**Sunday:** Sir 3:2-6, 12-14  
 Dec 31 Lk 2:22-40

**Christmas Eve Masses  
(24 Dec. 2017)**

6:30 p.m. (English)  
 9:00 p.m. (Vietnamese)  
 12:00 Midnight Mass

**Christmas Day Masses  
(25 Dec. 2017)**

7:00 a.m.; 8:30 a.m.; 10:15 a.m.; 12:00 noon  
 4:00 p.m. (Vietnamese)  
 6:30 p.m.

**Holiday Office Hours**

December 25th - Office Closed  
 December 26th - Office Closed  
 January 1st - Office Closed  
 January 2nd - Office Closed

Christmas is an event which is renewed in every family, parish and community which receives the love of God made incarnate in Jesus Christ. Like Mary, the Church shows to everyone the "sign" of God: the Child whom she bore in her womb and to whom she gave birth, yet who is the Son of the Most High, since he "is of the Holy Spirit" (Mt 1:20).

Pope Francis, *Urbi et Orbi Message*, December 25, 2015

**Family Travel Safety Rules**

At Christmastime, families come together to spend this blessed season surrounded by their loved ones, and for many families, this involves some travel. Parents with young children who are hitting the roads or the airways should be practicing situational awareness to ensure their children's safety. Situational awareness means staying alert and knowing what is going on around you. Keep an eye out for suspicious activity, and know where your family members are at all times. Do not allow yourself to become distracted by your phone or other electronics-it only takes a minute for a child to disappear from your eyesight. For more holiday travel tips, visit <http://www.catholic.org/travel/story.php?>

**Feast Day of Santo Nino**

All Santo Nino devotees & family are invited to the Batangas Santo Nino Fiesta

on Saturday, January 13, 2018  
at Bramble Hall.

Holy Mass at 2:30 p.m  
Please come and participate in our 25th anniversary fiesta to honor the Santo Nino.

<b>East San Gabriel Valley Coalition for the Homeless Winter Shelter 2017-2018</b>	
<b>Dec. 1 – Dec. 15</b> Fri      Fri  Bus Schedule B	<b>Sacred Heart Church</b> 344 W. Workman St. Covina, CA 91723
<b>Dec. 16 – Jan. 1</b> Sat      Mon  Bus Schedule B	<b>St. Dorothy's Church</b> 241 S. Valley Center Dr. Glendora, CA 91741
<b>Jan. 2 – Jan. 16</b> Tues    Tues  Bus Schedule B	<b>Glenkirk Presbyterian Church</b> 1700 E. Palopinto Glendora, CA 91741
<b>Jan. 17 – Jan 31</b> Wed     Wed  Bus Schedule A	<b>St. John Vianney Church</b> 1345 Turnbull Canyon Rd. Hacienda Heights, CA 91745
<b>Feb 1 – Feb 15</b> Thurs   Thurs  Bus Schedule B	<b>Holy Name of Mary Church</b> 724 East Bonita Avenue San Dimas, CA 91773
<b>Feb 16 – Mar 1</b> Fri      Thurs  Bus Schedule A	<b>St. Elizabeth Ann Seton</b> 1835 Larkvane Road Rowland Hts., CA 91748

**Winter Shelter**  
Open Every Night 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 a.m.  
December 1, 2017 through March 1, 2018  
**Shelter Phone: (626) 252-9060**  
**INFO LINE: Call 211 or**  
**1-800-339-6993**

**Confirmation for Adults**

Registration is now open for any adult who wishes to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in May 2018. The preparation sessions will be held on Tuesday evenings starting February 6th from 7-9 p.m. in meeting room D in the Parish Center. All who register must provide a copy of their Baptism and First Communion Certificates. There is a onetime fee of \$40.00 to cover instructional materials, confirmation gown and a photo with the presiding Bishop. Registration forms are available in the Religious Education office and in the Parish Office. For information, please call the Religious Education Office @ 626-338-2937

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## Merry Christmas

Religion is fundamentally man's response to God's initiative, rather than the initiative on the part of man towards God. Out of His sheer, gratuitous love for man, God wished that man be lifted up so that he may live a higher form of life sharing the divine life of the Triune God of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Subsequently, there came forth, one day from the great white Throne of Light, an angel; and the angel came to Mary kneeling in prayer in Nazareth and asked if she could make herself a fitting abode for God to dwell in her womb. Speaking in the name of all humanity, Mary said "Yes— Be it done to me according to Thy word." The selfsame moment the Second Person of the Holy Trinity became Man and pitched his tent among us. *For love always seeks to be with the one loved.*

God so loved us that He became one among us, so that sharing His life we may be transformed like unto Him. This is one of the greatest mysteries of the Catholic doctrine, namely the *Mystery of Incarnation*, which we celebrate with great joy and gratitude on the 25th of December, a day arbitrarily chosen by Pope Julius 1 in the year 353 A.D.

What can I give Him,  
Poor as I am?  
If I were a shepherd,  
I would give Him a lamb;  
If I were a wise man,  
I would do my part,--  
But what can I give Him.  
Give my heart!



It has indeed been a great privilege to serve the faith community of St. Christopher. 2017 has been a year filled with God's bountiful blessings and graces, accompanied of course with a few challenges which are seen as shadows falling from His loving outstretched arms. Notwithstanding we ever remain grateful and appreciative of the all the magnanimity and the most generous contribution of the time, talent and treasure of our parishioners to help build this faith community of St. Christopher.

We therefore take this moment to extend to all our beloved parishioners the most Blessed Christmas and a New Year filled with happiness and success.

Pax!

The Priests, Deacons & Staff of St. Christopher