



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 FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY



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 Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

A reading from the Book of Sirach

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14

God sets a father in honor over his children; a mother's authority he confirms over her sons. Whoever honors his father atones for sins, and preserves himself from them. When he prays, he is heard; he stores up riches who reveres his mother. Whoever honors his father is gladdened by children, and, when he prays, is heard. Whoever reveres his father will live a long life; he who obeys his father brings comfort to his mother.

My son, take care of your father when he is old; grieve him not as long as he lives. Even if his mind fail, be considerate of him; revile him not all the days of his life; kindness to a father will not be forgotten, firmly planted against the debt of your sins – a house raised in justice to you.

The Word of the Lord.

Response: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 128:1-5

R./ Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.

Blessed is everyone who fears the LORD,
who walks in his ways!
For you shall eat the fruit of your handiwork;
blessed shall you be, and favored. R./

Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine
in the recesses of your home;
your children like olive plants
around your table. R./

Behold, thus is the man blessed
who fears the LORD.
The LORD bless you from Zion:
may you see the prosperity of Jerusalem
all the days of your life. R./

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Colossians

Col 3:12-21

Brothers and sisters: Put on, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another, if one has a grievance against another; as the Lord has forgiven you, so must you also do. And over all these put on love, that is, the bond of perfection. And let the peace of Christ control your hearts, the peace into which you were also called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, as in all wisdom you teach and admonish one another, singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or in deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Wives, be subordinate to your husbands, as is proper in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives, and avoid any bitterness toward them. Children, obey your parents in everything, for this is pleasing to the Lord. Fathers, do not provoke your children, so they may not become discouraged.

The Word of the Lord.

Response: Thanks be to God.

Alleluia, Alleluia. Let the peace of Christ control your hearts; let the word of Christ dwell in you richly.
Alleluia, Alleluia.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke

Lk 2:22-40

When the days were completed for their purification according to the law of Moses, they took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord, just as it is written in the law of the Lord, *Every male that opens the womb shall be consecrated to the Lord*, and to offer the sacrifice of *a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons*, in accordance with the dictate in the law of the Lord. Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon. This man was righteous and devout, awaiting the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he should not see death before he had seen the Christ of the Lord. He came in the Spirit into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to perform the custom of the law in regard to him, He took him into his arms and blessed God, saying: "Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in sight of all the peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel." The child's father and mother were amazed at what was said about him; and Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, "Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be contradicted—and you yourself a sword will pierce—so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed." There was also a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived seven years with her husband after her marriage, and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple, but worshiped night and day with fasting and prayer. And coming forward at that very time, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were awaiting the redemption of Jerusalem. When they had fulfilled all the prescriptions of the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Response: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Your prayers are requested for the recovery of:

Juanita Laguitao, Gloria Esteban, 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 Berktold, 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 24, 2017**

SUNDAY OFFERTORY ENVELOPE \$ 11,663.50

SUNDAY OFFERTORY PLATE \$ 6,223.11

TOTAL \$ 17,886.61



Saturday, December 30

5:30 p.m. (D) Maria †
(D) Lucie †

Sunday, December 31

7:00 a.m. (D) John McDermott †
(D) Maria Tran ThiHien †
8:30 a.m. (D) Joshua Correa Marcelo †
(D) Epifanio Correa †
10:15 a.m. (D) Jaime Angeles Calderon Sr. †
(D) Pablo Padua †
12:00 p.m. — Ben Concepcion
(D) Gaudencio Pena †
6:30 p.m. (D) John McDermott †
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Monday, January 1

8:30 a.m. (D) Ramon & Maria Gonzales †
(D) Eredina Torrez †
(D) Diep Nguyen †

Tuesday, January 2

6:30 a.m. (D) Gwen Pe †
(D) Dominigga Aguirre †
— Tom Brady
8:30 a.m. (D) Patrick Nagle †
(D) Lorna G. Chee †
(D) Wilson Chua †
— Rev. Malcolm Ambrose

Wednesday, January 3

6:30 a.m. (D) Roger Damian †
(D) Mariella Ann Mendoza †
8:30 a.m. (D) Roger Damian †
(D) Jesus Carreon †
(D) Rudy Sapanghila †
6:30 p.m. (D) Crisanto M. Villarosa †
— Anita Santos

Thursday, January 4

6:30 a.m. — Rev. Joseph Dass
(D) Lourdes Prescilla †
(D) Connie Bragado †
(D) Jack Saldana †
8:30 a.m. — Rev. Joseph Dass
(D) Dexter Flores †

Friday, January 5

6:30 a.m. (D) Maria Teresa Saribay †
— Tito Villacorta
(D) Rosario Abejero †
8:30 a.m. (D) Josefa P. Roldan †
(D) Jay'r Arquiza †
(D) Emily Maldonado †
6:30 p.m. (D) Jose Jr. & Emma Jota †
(D) Domen & Angeles Villamayor †
— Benedict Paz
— Francisca Rabanal

Saturday, January 6

8:30 a.m. (D) Teodulo Mendoza †
(D) Kathleen Thompson †

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Nm 6:22-27
Jan 1 Gal 4:4-7
Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:22-28
Jan 2 Mt 23:8-12
Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:29-3:6
Jan 3 Jn 1:29-34
Thursday: 1 Jn 3:7-10
Jan 4 Jn 1:35-42
Friday: 1 Jn 3:11-21
Jan 5 Jn 1:43-51
Saturday: 1 Jn 5:5-13
Jan 6 Mk 1:7-11
Sunday: Is 60:1-6
Jan 7 Eph 3:2-3a

The Most Holy Family

“The Lord sets a father in honor over his children; A mother’s authority he confirms over her sons. He who honors his father atones for sins; He stores up riches who reveres his mother.”

Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14

Jesus was walking Through the streets, and noticed a group of people throwing stones at an adulteress. He stopped and said to the crowd, “Let the one who is without sin cast the first stone.” All of a sudden, a big stone came out of the crowd and hit the women right on the head. Jesus stopped, taken aback, then looked up and said, “Mom...!”

Holiday Office Hours

January 1st - Office Closed
 January 2nd - Office Closed

New Year's Day Mass
 8:30 a.m. only

**East San Gabriel Valley Coalition
 for the Homeless
 Winter Shelter
 2017-2018**

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

A protestant clergyman was visiting an orphanage, and the children were each reciting their prayers for him to hear. One little boy who had previously been to a Catholic School, after finishing the Our Father began the Hail Mary.

“No, no!” said the clergyman. “We don’t want to hear about her - go on to the Creed.”

The little boy did so, but stopped suddenly when he came to “born of the ---” and said: “Here she comes again - what shall I do now, sir?”

Indeed we can not have Jesus without Mary.

Many Americans no longer celebrate the arrival of the New Year - they celebrate the survival of the old year.

New Year’s Eve is when you take your wife out, and she takes you back home.

May all your troubles in the coming New Year be as short-lived as your New Year’s resolutions.

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.

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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Mary, Mother of God



Devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary is an integral part of Christian worship. Contemplation of the mystery of the Savior's birth has led Christians from the most ancient times to invoke the Blessed Virgin, not only as the Mother of Jesus, but also to recognize her as Mother of God, a title solemnly proclaimed at the Council of Ephesus in 431 A.D.

This very special devotion to Mary differs essentially from the adoration which is given to the Incarnate Word and equally to God the Father and the Holy Spirit.

Catholicism differentiates between "veneration" and "worship." Here the use of the three Greek technical terms seems helpful. They are *Latria*, *Dulia* and *Hyperdulia*.

Latria, which means adoration is reserved exclusively for the Triune God alone.

Dulia which means veneration or homage, is rendered to saints and holy people. However, a special veneration, known as *Hyperdulia* is accorded to the Blessed Virgin Mary because of her unique role in the mystery of Redemption, her exceptional gifts of grace from God and her pre-eminence among all the saints in heaven.