



St. Christopher Catholic Church

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SCHEDULE OF MASSES

SATURDAY: 7:00 AM (Vietnamese)
8:30 AM, 5:30 PM Vigil

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

WEEKDAY: 6:30 AM, 8:30 AM,
7:30 PM (Fri) (Vietnamese)

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 Vigil (Vietnamese/English)
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

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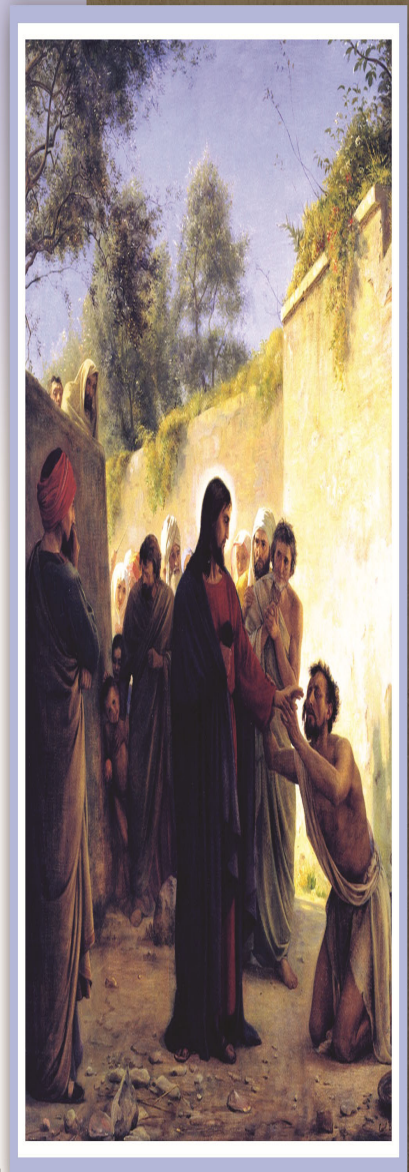


Sunday of Lent

March 22, 2020

Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment, so that those who do not see might see, and those who do see might become blind."

John 9:39



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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.



First Reading**1 Sm 16:1, 6-7, 10-13**

The LORD said to Samuel: "Fill your horn with oil, and be on your way. I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem, for I have chosen my king from among his sons." As Jesse and his sons came to the sacrifice, Samuel looked at Eliab and thought, "Surely the LORD's anointed is here before him." But the LORD said to Samuel: "Do not judge from his appearance or from his lofty stature, because I have rejected him. Not as man sees does God see, because man sees the appearance but the LORD looks into the heart." In the same way Jesse presented seven sons before Samuel, but Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen any one of these." Then Samuel asked Jesse, "Are these all the sons you have?" Jesse replied, "There is still the youngest, who is tending the sheep." Samuel said to Jesse, "Send for him; we will not begin the sacrificial banquet until he arrives here." Jesse sent and had the young man brought to them. He was ruddy, a youth handsome to behold and making a splendid appearance. The LORD said, "There—anoint him, for this is the one!" Then Samuel, with the horn of oil in hand, anointed David in the presence of his brothers; and from that day on, the spirit of the LORD rushed upon David.

Responsorial Psalm**Ps 23:1-6****R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. In verdant pastures he gives me repose;
Beside restful waters he leads me; he refreshes my soul.

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

He guides me in right paths for his name's sake. Even though I walk in the dark valley
I fear no evil; for you are at my side. With your rod and your staff that give me courage.

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

You spread the table before me in the sight of my foes; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Only goodness and kindness follow me all the days of my life;
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD for years to come.

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**Second Reading****Eph 5:8-14**

Brothers and sisters: You were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light, for light produces every kind of goodness and righteousness and truth. Try to learn what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the fruitless works of darkness; rather expose them, for it is shameful even to mention the things done by them in secret; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore, it says: "Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light."

Verse Before The Gospel**Jn 8:12**

I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will have the light of life.

Gospel**Jn 9:1-41**

As Jesus passed by he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "Neither he nor his parents sinned; it is so that the works of God might be made visible through him. We have to do the works of the one who sent me while it is day. Night is coming when no one can work. While I am in the world, I am the light of the world." When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva, and smeared the clay on his eyes, and said to him, "Go wash in the Pool of Siloam" —which means Sent—. So he went and washed, and came back able to see. His neighbors and those who had seen him earlier as a beggar said, "Isn't this the one who used to sit and beg?" Some said, "It is," but others said, "No, he just looks like him." He said, "I am." So they said to him, "How were your eyes opened?" He replied, "The man called Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes and told me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' So I went there and washed and was able to see." And they said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I don't know."

They brought the one who was once blind to the Pharisees. Now Jesus had made clay and opened his eyes on a sabbath. So then the Pharisees also asked him how he was able to see. He said to them, "He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and now I can see." So some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, because he does not keep the sabbath." But others said, "How can a sinful man do such signs?" And there was a division among them. So they said to the blind man again, "What do you have to say about him, since he opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet." Now the Jews did not believe that he had been blind and gained his sight until they summoned the parents of the one who had gained his sight. They asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How does he now see?" His parents answered and said, "We know that this is our son and that he was born blind. We do not know how he sees now, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him, he is of age; he can speak for himself." His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that if anyone acknowledged him as the Christ, he would be expelled from the synagogue. For this reason his parents said, "He is of age; question him." So a second time they called the man who had been blind and said to him, "Give God the praise! We know that this man is a sinner."

Gospel (continuation) Jn 9:1-41

He replied, "If he is a sinner, I do not know. One thing I do know is that I was blind and now I see." So they said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" He answered them, "I told you already and you did not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you want to become his disciples, too?" They ridiculed him and said, "You are that man's disciple; we are disciples of Moses! We know that God spoke to Moses, but we do not know where this one is from." The man answered and said to them, "This is what is so amazing, that you do not know where he is from, yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if one is devout and does his will, he listens to him. It is unheard of that anyone ever opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he would not be able to do anything." They answered and said to him, "You were born totally in sin, and are you trying to teach us?" Then they threw him out. When Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, he found him and said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered and said, "Who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?" Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, the one speaking with you is he." He said, "I do believe, Lord," and he worshiped him. Then Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment, so that those who do not see might see, and those who do see might become blind." Some of the Pharisees who were with him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not also blind, are we?" Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would have no sin; but now you are saying, 'We see,' so your sin remains.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**Saturday, March 21**

5:30 pm — Stefanie Paz
(D) Danny Espinosa †
(D) Julieta Felix †

Sunday, March 22

7:00 am — Luis & Lucy Cruz
8:30 am — St. Christopher's Parishioners
10:15 am (D) Dolores & Gloria Castillo †
(D) Maria Alvaez †
(D) Virginia Carrasco †
(D) Elisea Bautista †
12:00 Noon (D) Alicia C. Camacho †
(D) Fe Yumang †
4:00 pm VN (D) All Souls † (D) Micae †
(D) Thong Vo † (D) Anton †
(D) Maria-Guise †
6:30 pm (D) Javier Valdez †

Monday, March 23

6:30 am (D) Corazon Villadolid Trocino †
8:30 am — Fremie Flores (D) Magdalena Santos †
— Luz Gonzales (D) Herlinda Montes Lopez †

Tuesday, March 24

6:30 am (D) Estelita de Leos †
8:30 am (D) Dr. Victor C. Atienza †
(D) Predy Cruz †
(D) Erin Cruz †
(D) Gabriel Ramos †

Wednesday, March 25

6:30 am (D) Mark Sarnecki †
(D) Harold Sarnecki †
(D) Ma. Luisa Gutierrez †
(D) Adolfo Gabriel Martinez †
8:30 am — Abi Manuit
(D) James G. Delgado †
(D) Asuncion C. Rivera †
(D) Jose A. Hatud †

Thursday, March 26

6:30 am (D) Jose Maria Gustilo †
8:30 am (D) Aaron James Llarena †

Friday, March 27

6:30 am (D) Estelita de Leos †
8:30 am (D) Kenn Francis Ramos †
(D) Guillermo & Emma Cordova †
7:30 pm VN (D) Guise †
(D) All Souls †
(D) Nghi Tran †
(D) Teresa †
(D) Dieu Nguyen †
(D) Maria †

Saturday, March 28

7:00 am VN — Thanksgiving
(D) Tan Vu †
(D) Kim Thanh Le †
8:30 am — T. Martinez
(D) Holy Souls †

Request for Mass Intentions

Parishioners wishing to make an offering so that Mass can be celebrated for their intention or for their loved ones - both living and the dead, can have their request made known at the Parish Office of St. Christopher Church.

Did You Know? How Old Does a Child Need to Be in Order to Stay Alone? Don't assume that when your child understands what you're saying, he's ready to walk out the door by himself. Besides the fact that many states have laws against leaving children of certain ages alone (for example, younger than 12), experts say children shouldn't be left by themselves until they're capable of fighting off an abductor or handling a crisis situation. Experts also say children do not have the mental maturity to cross busy streets by themselves until they're about 10 or 12 years old. (Did you know that pedestrian injuries rank third in child fatalities, behind traffic accidents and drowning?) Finally, parents who are certain their young children would never walk away with a stranger will be shocked to learn that studies show they probably will. Stay alert and vigilant, even if you believe your child is aware of possible dangers from others.

Your prayers are requested for the recovery of:

Paul Hellwig, Lorena Towle, Pat McCabe, Janus Alejo, Peggy Van Den Baard, Emmy Cananea, John Gomez, Ofelia Nava, Carlos Nava, Matthew Allison, Elisea Bautista, David Ian-Buerta, Rosalie Gaitan, Esperanza Tabo, Hermie Ona, Margaret Weber, Ramon Quezada, Grace Pugh, Matthew Sarnecki, Jean Ford, Carlos Nava, Arthur Espinoza, Dominga del Rosario Quezada, Patrick Amador, Maria Garcia, Raul Gomez, Ali Garcia, Steven Berktold, Jose Adrian Aparicio, Matthew Brawders, Kenneth John Reyes, Guillermo Fuentes, Sr. Macrina Wiederkehr, Enrique Urena, Martin Dayoan, Mary Ann Rambeau, Dn. Jesse Batacan, Vanessa Lise, Louie Laguitao, Rosalinda Raquiza, Luis Chacon, Janet Billanes, Leticia Cruz, John Garcia, Karl Revin D. Taccad, Esperanza Medina, Rachel Duran, Rosemary Zamora, Marilyn Futato, Philip Blunthorne, Sean & Anita, Bernard Manuit, Gustavo Garcia, Olga Garcia, Lydia & Paul Yoon, Alfredo Balansay, Mickey Wong, Janet Billanes, Elizabeth Stephens, Manny Larosa, Liza Larosa, Maribel Pineda, Alexander Asuncion, Sonia Sotto, Florenio Peralta, Yvonne Sanchez, Sr. Donna Storms, Vanessa Chavez, Noah Martinez, Ning Aguinaldo, Becky Reymann, Rosemarie Honrado, Fielmia Cabasac, Ferdinand Asuncion, Yvonne Sanchez, Benie Young, Mary Ballesteros, Estrella Temat, Rosie Lavalan, Ida Nelson Bragado, Norberto Nelson Bragado, Virgie Torres, Aleli Nieves, Pilar Jose, Nenita Barata, Teresita Tanchoco, Jimson Magpantay, Isabella Eve Duong Reyes, Robert Reed, Mercy Reed, Emmanuel Reyes, Perna Castillo, Crisanta Castillo, Nita Derecho, Bong Genato, Leslie Espero, Gina Priddy, Rogelio Acevedo, Benjamin Acevedo, Irene Barrio, Gustavo Garcia, Olga Garcia & Family, Yvette Higgins, Leo Tate, Sam Alduenda, Eulogia Rosario.

May Jesus, the Divine Healer, send down His healing presence upon them and restore them to good health. Amen.

Sunday Offering

March 15, 2020

Sunday Envelope.....\$ 3,817.00
 Sunday Plate.....\$ 2,420.88
 Total \$ 6,237.88

Restricted Income:

Building Maintenance Fund..... \$ 85.00

MINISTRIES

Adult Confirmation	Judi Pena	626-806-9818
	Toni Lenhart	626-260-5508
Altar Server/Sacristan	Deacon Jesse	626-960-1805
Baptismal Class	Al Ramos	626-488-2469
	Tony Padriga	626-217-3486
Bereavement	Berty Jacobo	626-261-1800
Bible Class	Fr. Joseph Dass	626-960-1805
Confirmation Youth	Judi Peña	626-806-9818
Extraordinary Ministries	Mark Zeman	909-215-2006
Lectors	Berty Jacobo	626-261-1800
Legion of Mary	Mina Palina	626-230-5572
Ministers to the Sick	Priests / EM	626-960-1805
Music Ministry	Remi de Pedro	626-622-4260
Religious Formation	Judi Peña	626-806-9818
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RCIA	Toni Lenhart	626-338-2937
St. Vincent de Paul	Gary Brys	626-260-6709
Ushers/Hospitality	Byron Cisneros	626-824-0259

ORGANIZATIONS

Blood Drive	Victoria Lorenzo	626-222-4456
Cancer Ministry	Julie Villalva	626-780-6221
Catholic Men's Fellowship	Edgar Mendoza	626-319-8554
Daytime Bible Study	Mar Navarro	626-404-3677
Divine Mercy	Tammy Tran	626-384-6218
	Aida Asuncion	626-392-9274
El Shaddai	Maria Fe Felix	626-274-4456
Filipino Community	Maria Fe Felix	626-274-4456
Filipino Cursillo	Gilda Manalo	626-825-9478
Guadalupana	Alma Samaniego	626-674-1048
Handmaid of the Lord	Grace Irish	626-482-8653
Knights of Columbus	Andy Ruiz	626-862-1429
Korean Community	Christine Cho	626-833-7564
NAIM Group	Eloise Bienvenu	626-919-3735
Parent Teacher Group	Josie Gonzalez	626-960-3079
Parish Fiesta	Ernie Clark	626-824-4650
Senior Ministry	Isabel Ozarko	626-919-4688
Spanish Ministry	Rosa Mendoza	626-475-4682
Vietnamese Community	Joseph Vu	626-384-7613

Requirements for Baptism

- ◆ Complete Baptismal application at the parish office
- ◆ Mandatory Baptismal class for Parents & Godparents (schedule on 2nd & 4th Thursday of the month)
- ◆ Group Baptism (schedule on 2nd & 4th Sunday of the month)
- ◆ Private Baptism upon request

Requirements-Sacrament of Matrimony

- Required six months in advance preparation
 - Complete wedding registration at the parish office
 - Submit baptismal certificate
 - Meet with deacon to begin documentation process
 - Meet with a Priest to process the registration
- For Weddings, please call the Parish Office six months in advance at (626) 960-1805

**NO CELEBRATION OF MASSES
@ ST. CHRISTOPHER CHURCH
Starting 17 March (Tuesday) 2020
Until further Notice**

— Rev. Joseph Dass

The following is an excerpt from Los Angeles CBS news:

The Archdiocese of Los Angeles announced Monday (16 March 2020) that all public celebration of Masses are to be temporarily suspended in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles due to the threat of COVID-19.

Archbishop Jose H. Gomez said in a statement:

“I deeply regret that we are forced to temporarily suspend public celebration of the Mass in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. What we do in the Church, we do out of love for God and love for our brothers and sisters. We are taking this extraordinary step today out of love and concern for those in our families and communities who are most vulnerable to this deadly coronavirus. I ask your continued prayers for all those who are afflicted with this virus and those who are afraid and vulnerable. I also ask you to pray and reach out to help the many families who are facing difficulties as a result of this emergency. We also need to keep in our prayers all the doctors, nurses, caregivers, and public health and civil authorities working to contain the outbreak of this virus and treat those who are sick,” Archbishop Gomez said.

The [Archdiocese](#) said it would continue to provide a livestream of non-public Masses celebrated by the priests from the Cathedral of Our Lady of Angels daily and on Sunday [on Facebook \(https://www.Facebook.com/lacatholics/\)](#).

A livestream is available each Sunday from the [Cathedral of Our Lady of Angels \(https://lacatholics.org/cathedral/\)](#). Watch live on [YouTube \(https://www.youtube.com/user/olacathedral/\)](#) or on the [LA Catholics Facebook page](#). The English Mass is celebrated at 10:00 AM and the Spanish Mass is celebrated at 12:30 PM. Daily Mass will also be live-streamed at 12:00PM.

I ONCE WAS BLIND

*Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost but now I'm found
Was blind, but now I see.*

This plaintive Gospel spiritual is one of the most beloved hymns of all time, a staple in the hymnals of many Christian denominations. The author of the words was John Newton, the self-proclaimed wretch who once was lost but then was found, saved by amazing grace. John Newton was born in London, July 24, 1725. When John was eleven, he went to sea with his father and made six voyages with him. After his father's death in 1744, John got into service on a slave ship, which took him to the coast of Sierra Leone. He ultimately became captain of his own ship, one which plied the slave trade.

One day while on a homeward voyage the ship he was steering was caught in a violent storm when all seemed lost and the ship was on the brink of capsizing, he cried out, “Lord, have mercy on us”. He believed that God had addressed him through the storm and that grace had lifted him up from sinking beneath the waves. Later he was ordained a minister in the curacy of Olney, Buckinghamshire, where with the help of the poet William Cowper wrote the lyrics of the beautiful hymn, “Amazing Grace”.

In the midst of our Lenten journey, God doesn't see us as everyone else sees us. People around us may see us cool, successful, unattractive, popular, old, and so on. It doesn't matter much how others may see us. Our Lord, to our joy and to our sorrow, looks into our hearts and sees us as we really are. In Lent, that's a call for introspection: to confess that we have not loved the Lord with our whole hearts, nor loved our neighbors as ourselves. In Lent, it's especially important that we confess our sinfulness as specifically as we're able. In what ways have we failed God and ourselves? This Lent, let's examine ourselves, asking God to search our hearts. Let's turn back to Him with a humble and contrite heart and confess our sins so that His saving grace would safely lead us home.

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MESSAGE FROM ARCHBISHOP JOSE H. GOMEZ

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Please know of my prayers for you in these days of anxiety and uncertainty. It is true that with the worldwide outbreak of the coronavirus, we are facing a global health emergency that is like nothing we have seen in our lifetimes. But our hope is in the Lord and we know that he will give us his grace and mercy in our time of need. We need to approach this emergency with faith and confidence in God and also with prudence. As we know, the virus is spreading here in Los Angeles, throughout the United States, and in many other countries. Doctors, public health officials, and civil authorities are still trying to determine the scope of the emergency and come up with appropriate measures for treating the illness and containing the outbreak.

We also know that this virus is contagious and is spread person-to-person. It can be gravely dangerous for certain vulnerable members of our community, including the elderly and those with existing health issues. Already this illness has killed several thousand people worldwide.

Given the dangers and uncertainties, after prayer and reflection, and in consultation with my brother bishops and priests and lay advisors, I have authorized certain precautions and accommodations related to the celebration of the Eucharist in our parishes. These measures are intended to lessen the risk that we will endanger our people or spread this illness during our worship. I urge you to review these measures [here](#). We have also established a page on our website, lacatholics.org/emergency to provide resources and updates on the coronavirus as it relates to our parishes, schools, and ministries. To receive updates, you can register online at <https://archla.flocknote.com/ADLAUpdates>, or you can text “ADLA” to “84576.”

The celebration of the Eucharist is the source and summit of our Catholic faith. But it is important to remember that our obligation to participate in the Mass is dispensed for grave causes.

Therefore, in this grave and extraordinary moment, I am dispensing all the Catholic faithful of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles and all Catholics currently in the Archdiocese from the obligation of attending Sunday Mass for the weekends of March 14-15, March 21-22, and March 28-29.

I encourage those of you who cannot come to Mass, to stay home and read the Gospels, pray with your families, and to join yourself to the sacrifice of the Mass by making an act of spiritual communion. There are a number of prayers of spiritual communion that you can use, the one I like is simple: “I wish, my Lord, to receive you with the purity, humility, and devotion with which your most holy mother received you, with the spirit and fervor of the saints.”

I also encourage you to participate in the Holy Mass via the Internet. A livestream of the Mass is broadcast from the Cathedral of Our Lady of Angels each Sunday. You can watch live on the LA Catholics Facebook Page (facebook.com/lacatholics/) or visit lacatholics.org/emergency/. The English Mass is celebrated at 10 am and the Spanish Mass is celebrated at 12:30 pm. There are also several other parishes in the Archdiocese that provide livestreams of their Masses over the Internet or social media. You can find a listing of those and links to their livestreams at lacatholics.org/emergency/. We are also arranging to have daily Mass livestreamed, as well; please check our website for updates.

In addition, we have been advised by California public health authorities to limit our gatherings for the Sunday celebration of the Eucharist to not more than 250 people. I am asking parishes to begin making preparations to accommodate these state recommendations, including informing the Catholic faithful and, if necessary, adding more Mass times on Sundays.

This health emergency is developing rapidly, and it may be necessary to take more restrictive measures in the near future. Archdiocesan officials will continue to monitor and study the latest guidance that is being provided by the Centers for Disease Control, local public health officials, and our civic leaders.

For now, I urge your prayers and vigilance in doing whatever you can to protect the public health and to keep our families and neighbors safe from harm. Let us pray for those who are sick and those who have lost loved ones already to this virus. May God console them and grant them peace. Let us also pray for doctors, nurses, and caregivers, for public health officials and all civic leaders. May God grant them courage and prudence as they seek to respond to this emergency with compassion and in service to the common good.

In this time of trial, I entrust us all to the maternal care and intercession of Our Lady of Guadalupe. I invite you to join me in praying the prayer below, which is composed especially for this moment.

May God be gracious to us, and make his face shine upon us. And may he grant us peace,