



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. Khoa L. Mai

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Deacon Jesse Batacan

Deacon Andrew Cho

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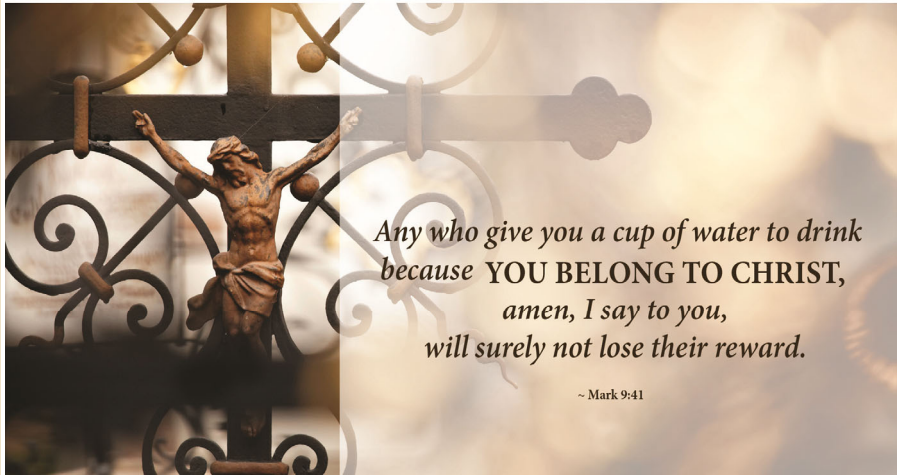
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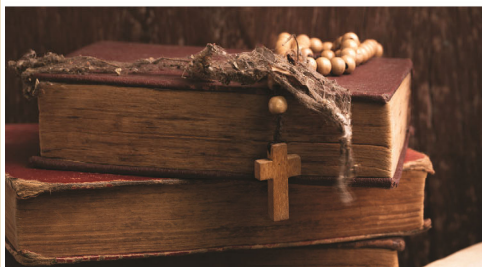
Elizabeth Hudson

SEPTEMBER 30, 2018 | TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



*Any who give you a cup of water to drink
because YOU BELONG TO CHRIST,
amen, I say to you,
will surely not lose their reward.*

~ Mark 9:41



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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.**



A reading from the Book of Numbers**Nm 11:25-29**

The LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to Moses. Taking some of the spirit that was on Moses, the LORD bestowed it on the seventy elders; and as the spirit came to rest on them, they prophesied. Now two men, one named Eldad and the other Medad, were not in the gathering but had been left in the camp. They too had been on the list, but had not gone out to the tent; yet the spirit came to rest on them also, and they prophesied in the camp. So, when a young man quickly told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp," Joshua, son of Nun, who from his youth had been Moses' aide, said, "Moses, my lord, stop them." But Moses answered him, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the people of the LORD were prophets! Would that the LORD might bestow his spirit on them all!"

The Word of the Lord.

Response: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm**Ps 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14(9a)**

R./ The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.

The law of the LORD is perfect,
refreshing the soul;
the decree of the LORD is trustworthy,
giving wisdom to the simple. **R./**

The fear of the LORD is pure,
enduring forever;
the ordinances of the LORD are true,
all of them just. **R./**

Though your servant is careful of them,
very diligent in keeping them,
yet who can detect failings?
Cleanse me from my unknown faults! **R./**

From wanton sin especially, restrain your servant;
let it not rule over me.
Then shall I be blameless and innocent
of serious sin. **R./**

A reading from the Letter of Saint James**Jas 5:1-6**

Come now, you rich, weep and wail over your impending miseries. Your wealth has rotted away, your clothes have become moth-eaten, your gold and silver have corroded, and that corrosion will be a testimony against you; it will devour your flesh like a fire. You have stored up treasure for the last days. Behold, the wages you withheld from the workers who harvested your fields are crying aloud; and the cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. You have lived on earth in luxury and pleasure; you have fattened your hearts for the day of slaughter. You have condemned; you have murdered the righteous one; he offers you no resistance.

The Word of the Lord.

Response: Thanks be to God.

Alleluia, Alleluia. Your word, O Lord, is truth; consecrate us in the truth.

Alleluia, Alleluia.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

At that time, John said to Jesus, "Teacher, we saw someone driving out demons in your name, and we tried to prevent him because he does not follow us." Jesus replied, "Do not prevent him. There is no one who performs a mighty deed in my name who can at the same time speak ill of me. For whoever is not against us is for us. Anyone who gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ, amen, I say to you, will surely not lose his reward. "Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him if a great millstone were put around his neck and he were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter into life maimed than with two hands to go into Gehenna, into the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter into life crippled than with two feet to be thrown into Gehenna. And if your eye causes you to sin, pluck it out. Better for you to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into Gehenna, where 'their worm does not die, and the fire is not quenched.'"

The Gospel of the Lord.

Response: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Your prayers are requested for the recovery of:

MaryAnn Mabeza, Felicitas Asistro, Alexander Asuncion, Ferdinand Asuncion, Carlos Gonzales, Jacqueline De Luna, Nestor Gonzales, Elizabeth Stephens, Teresita Mindaro, Deacon Leo Lacbain, Arturo Cazar, Mandy Nazareno, Isaac Padriga, Angie Maldonado, Enrique Urend, Ofelia Nava, Lito Balingit, Peter Nguyen, Raul Martinez, Mike & Ilse Andreas, Jack Arambula, Mynerva Balay, Adell Spears, Martin Crouch, Ricardo Vasquez, Maria G. Vasquez, Noel Tolentino, David Wells, Orlando Garcia, Graciela Lomeli, Tessie Aquino, Jessica Gonzalez, Lisa Ayala, Paul Yoon, Rodrigo Nava, Mariana Castillo, Ma. Teresa Najera, Al Lozano, Matthew Sarnecki, Marvin Campos, Dan Batacan, Elisea Bautista, Rosa Ruiz, Steven Barktold, Severina Villar, Marieta Diaz, Oscar Diaz, Gloria Esteban, Rosalinda Mayoral..

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.

If you wish to offer prayers for the recovery of your love ones, please contact the parish office at 626-960-1805

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St. Christopher Church**

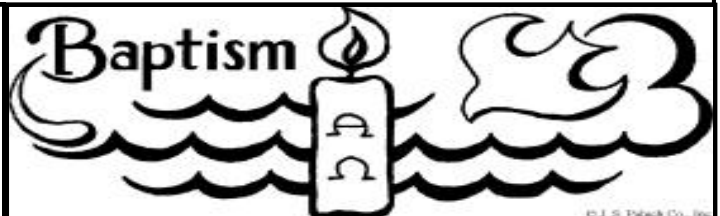
All around church maintenance.
Virtus Training and Fingerprinting required.
Submit work references.

Contact Soneeh Estep 714-904-7833

**VOLUNTEER NEEDED
FRONT OFFICE HELP
(St. Christopher Parish Center)**

Customer Service
Flexible hours - Anyday (Monday - Sunday)

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Welcome into the Family of God:

◆ Charlotte M. Liu

Statue of San Lorenzo Ruiz

We express our sincere thanks to
Trina and Remi de Pedro
for the donation of the Statue of
San Lorenzo Ruiz to St. Christopher Church.
May God bless them more abundantly.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, September 29

5:30 p.m. (D) Ronald Arrula †
 (D) Allison Joy De Leon †
 (D) Dante Mendoza †
 (D) Antonina Laxa †

Sunday, October 30

7:00 a.m. (D) Allison Joy De Leon †
 (D) Nestor C. Rebong Sr. †
 (D) Antonina Laxa †

8:30 a.m. (D) Hermogenes Balingit †
 (D) Hank Grey †
 (D) Teresa Estrada †
 — Pauline Dimaculangan

10:15 a.m. (D) Ludovico Castillo †
 (D) Norberto Lozano †
 (D) Efrenia Bonifacio †
 (D) Elmer Wilson †

12:00 p.m. — St. Christopher Church Parishioners

6:30 p.m. (D) Rosanna Maboloc †
 — Daniel Seeley
 — Alejandra Seeley
 — Lulu Joco

Monday, October 1

6:30 a.m. — Father Donald Kinney
 — Melissa Ramirez
 — Jennifer Vargas Gabrillo
 — Vanessa Vargas Ponce

8:30 a.m. (D) Esmenia Asuncion †
 (D) Sadie Sandoval †
 — Remigio De Pedro

Tuesday, October 2

6:30 a.m. — Aaron N. Rivera

8:30 a.m. (D) All Souls in Purgatory †
 (D) Voltaire Santos †
 — Nestor Gonzales

Wednesday, October 3

6:30 a.m. (D) Nenita Minguillan †

8:30 a.m. (D) Rosario S. Yambing †
 (D) Voltaire Santos †
 — Anna Lanzona

6:30 p.m. (D) Nestor C. Rebong Sr. †

Thursday, October 4

6:30 a.m. (D) Catalino Morales †

8:30 a.m. (D) Frank Bachman †
 (D) Terry Galzote †
 — Yasmin D. Juico

Friday, October 5

6:30 a.m. (D) Terry Galzote †

8:30 a.m. (D) Nestor C. Rebong Sr. †
 (D) Aida Barcega †

6:30 p.m. (D) Terry Galzote †

Saturday, October 6

8:30 a.m. — Elmer John Ramos
 — Raymond & Maie Lim
 (D) Kye-Woong Shim †
 (D) Angela Yi †



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SEPTEMBER 23, 2018

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

SUNDAY OFFERTORY ENVELOPE \$ 6,674.00

SUNDAY OFFERTORY PLATE \$ 4,681.99

TOTAL \$ 11,355.99

MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Jb 1:6-22
 Oct 1 Lk 9:46-50

Tuesday: Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23
 Oct 2 Mt 18:1-5, 10

Wednesday: Jb 9:1-12, 14-16
 Oct 3 Lk 9:57-62

Thursday: Jb 19:21-27
 Oct 4 Lk 10:1-12

Friday: Jb 38:1, 12-21;40:3-5
 Oct 5 Lk 10:13-16

Saturday: Jb 42:1-3,5-6, 12-17
 Oct 6 Lk 10:17-24

Sunday: Gn 2:18-24
 Oct 7 Heb 2:9-11
 Mk 10:2-16

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October 12 *That they might guard you in all your ways*

He has given his angels charge over you to guard you in all your ways. Let them thank the Lord for his mercy; his wonderful works are for the children of men. Let them give thanks and say among the nations, the Lord has done great things for them. O Lord, what is man that you have made yourself known to him, or why do you incline your heart to him? And you do incline your heart to him; you show him your care and your concern. Finally, you send your only Son and the grace of your Spirit, and promise him a vision of your countenance. And so, that nothing in heaven should be wanting in your concern for us, you send those blessed spirits to serve us, assigning them as our guardians and our teachers.

He has given his angels charge over you to guard you in all your ways. These words should fill you with respect, inspire devotion and instill confidence; respect for the presence of angels, devotion because of their loving service, and confidence because of their protection. And so the angels are here; they are at your side, they are with you, present on your behalf. They are here to protect you and to serve you. But even if it is God who has given them this charge, we must nonetheless be grateful to them for the great love with which they obey and come to help us in our great need.

So let us be devoted and grateful to such great protectors; let us return their love and honor them as much as we can and should. Yet all our love and honor must go to him, for it is from him that they receive all that makes them worthy of our love and respect.

We should then, my brothers, show our affection for the angels, for one day they will be our coheirs just as here below they are our guardians and trustees appointed and set over us by the Father. We are God's children although it does not seem so, because we are still but small children under guardians and trustees, and for the present little better than slaves.

Even though we are children and have a long, a very long and dangerous way to go, with such protectors what have we to fear? They who keep us in all our ways cannot be overpowered or led astray, much less lead us astray. They are loyal, prudent, powerful. Why then are we afraid? We have only to follow them. Stay close to them, and we shall dwell under the protection of God's heaven.

ALL THE PEOPLE OF THE LORD

When Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp, away from the other prophets, Joshua, Moses' beloved aide, urges Moses to stop them. Moses replies "Would that all the people of the LORD were prophets!" He proclaims that grace abounds for all and that the word of the Lord should be proclaimed by all the people. We see a similar situation in the Gospel of Mark. John tells Jesus that someone who does not follow him with them is driving out demons in Jesus' name. Jesus replies "Do not prevent him . . . For whoever is not against us is for us." In other words, Jesus is saying the same thing as Moses: Would that all the people prophesied in God's name!

THE DEVASTATION OF SIN

Jesus goes on to teach about sin and its consequences. "Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him if a great millstone were put around his neck and he were thrown into the sea." By "little ones," Jesus means the humble followers as well as innocent children who love him. Certainly those who have abused children have not caused the children "to sin," but have made them victims of the worst kind of abuse. These people are worthy of condemnation.

Jesus next points out something so strong in its condemnation of sin that it alarms us when we hear it, knowing that we all are sinners. But Jesus often speaks in metaphors and parables, and it is not necessary to take his teaching about cutting off hands and feet and gouging out eyes literally. It can be taken to mean that if we are guilty of sin, we should make an immediate break from our sinfulness and return to God. Better to cut sin out of our life than to enter into eternal darkness.

There is so much to learn from these readings that we have many things to ponder and to pray about. Take advantage of these wise teachings to become closer to Christ and to treat one another with love and care.

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Fight the good fight of faith

Whoever is in Christ is a new creation; the old has passed away. Now by the “new creation” Paul means the indwelling of the Holy Spirit in a heart that is pure and blameless, free of all malice, wickedness or shamefulness. For when a soul has come to hate sin and has delivered itself as far as it can to the power of virtue, it undergoes a transformation by receiving the grace of the Spirit. Then it is healed, restored and made wholly new. Indeed the two texts: *Purge out the old leaven that you may be a new one*, and: *Let us celebrate the festival, not with the old leaven but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth*, support those passages which speak about the new creation.

Yet the tempter spreads many a snare to trap the soul, and of itself human nature is too weak to defeat him. This is why the Apostle bids to arm ourselves with heavenly weapons, when he says: *Put on the breastplate of righteousness and have your feet shod with the gospel of peace and have truth around your waist as a belt*. Can you not see how many forms of salvation the Apostle indicates, all leading to the same path and the same goal? Following them to the heights of God's commandments, we easily complete the race of life. For elsewhere the Apostle says: *Let us run with fidelity the race that has been set before us, with our eyes on Jesus, the origin and the goal of our faith*.

So a man who openly despises the accolades of this world and rejects all earthly glory must also practice self-denial. Such self-denial means that you never seek your own will but God's, using God's will as a sure guide; it also means possessing nothing apart from what is held in common. In this way it will be easier for you to carry out your superior's commands promptly, in joy and in hope; this is required of Christ's servants who are redeemed for service to the brethren. For this is what the Lord wants when he says: *Whoever wishes to be first and great among you must be the last of all and a servant to all*.

Our service of mankind must be given freely. One who is in such a position must be subject to everyone and serve his brothers as if he were paying off a debt. Moreover, those who are in charge should work harder than the others and conduct themselves with greater submission than their own subjects. Their lives should serve as a visible example of what service means, and they should remember that those who are committed to their trust are held in trust from God.

Those, then, who are in a position of authority must look after their brothers as conscientious teachers look after the young children who have been handed over to them by their parents. If both disciples and masters have this loving relationship, then subjects will be happy to obey whatever is commanded, while superiors will be delighted to lead their brothers to perfection. If you try to outdo one another in showing respect, your life on earth will be like that of the angels. **-Saint Gregory of Nyssa.**

Thank You

To Our Dear Parishioners

I want to express my appreciation for your generosity in support of St. Christopher Church.

Your most generous contribution toward “The Building Maintenance Fund” compounded with the proceeds of the recent parish fiesta April 2018 was incredibly helpful in getting St. Christopher Church a new roof in the amount of \$68,500.

May God continue to bless and richly reward you a hundred fold.

Sincerely,
Rev. Joseph Dass, Pastor

PASTOR'S CORNER

- **Read your Bible: a chapter a day keep Satan away.**
- **Study the Bible to be Wise; Believe it to be Safe; Practice it to be Holy.**
- **We are like beasts when we kill;
We are like men when we judge;
We are like God when we forgive.**
- **People should not forget the mama whale's advice to the baby whale, “Remember, it's only when you spout that you get harpooned.”**
- **Martin Seligman, the psychologist writes: “We scientist have found that doing a kindness produces the single most reliable momentary increase in well-being of any exercise we have tested”.**