



St. Christopher Catholic Church

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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, 7:00 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: 9:00AM, 4:00PM, 7:30PM

Pastor
Rev. Joseph Dass
Associate Pastor
Rev. Huy Nhat Nguyen
Vietnamese Chaplain
Rev. Dominic John Vu, CSsR
Permanent Deacons
Deacon Douglas Moloney
Deacon Loc Nguyen
Deacon Jesse Batacan
Deacon Andrew Cho
School Principal
Olivia Carrillo
Business Manager
Pauline Dimaculangan

Director of Religious Formation
Elizabeth Hudson
Adult Faith Formation Coordinator
Judi Peña
Bookkeeper
Tuyet Romero

08 MARCH 2015

Jesus found in the temple area those who sold oxen, sheep, and doves, as well as the money changers seated there. He made a whip of cords and drove them all out.

John 2:14-15

THIRD SUNDAY OF Lent

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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.



LENTEN FASTING AND FEASTING

Fast from judging others; feast on the Christ dwelling in them.
 Fast from apparent darkness; feast on the reality of light.
 Fast from thoughts of illness; feast on the healing power of God.
 Fast from unrelenting pressures; feast on unceasing prayer.
 Fast from words that tear down; feast on phrases that build up.
 Fast from discontent; feast on gratitude.
 Fast from anger; feast on patience.
 Fast from passivism; feast on optimism.
 Fast from shadows of sorrow; feast on the sunlight of serenity.
 Fast from idle gossip; feast on purposeful silence.
 Fast from doing; feast on being.
 Fast from self-concern; feast on compassion for others.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

Your spouse is God's Gift to you. Find out how to make a good marriage better and a better marriage GREAT! Discover what a life-changing Marriage Encounter Weekend can do for your marital relationship.

March 20-22, 2015

Villa Santa Teresita

819 Buena Vista St., Duarte, CA 91010

For more information, please call Roger or Julie Villalva at 626-780-6221. www.memconline.org
memcweekend@gmail.com



THANK YOU to the many parishioners who bring each week items we can use in our gallon bags of non-perishable goods. Although we may not know who you are, we **DO** pray for you. The list of needed items is below. Thank you.

St. Vincent de Paul Bundle Sunday is **TODAY** in the parish parking lot from 8:00 AM to 1:30 PM. Many people in our parish and in our area need **YOUR** support! Please donate usable clothing, household goods, small appliances and miscellaneous items

Suggested items for the "Simple Lunch" Program:

bottled water - any healthy non-perishable snacks -
 -gummy bears/Chewable Fruit Snacks (individually packaged) -
 vienna sausage-canned - fruit cups - crackers - ziplock gallon or quart plastic bags - napkins - plastic knives, forks, and spoons

DID YOU KNOW?

It is safe to keep your child's personal information personal. If your children give out personal information over the Internet, not only is it easy to track, it is tough to completely remove. Emphasize to them how important it is that they keep personal information private. Make sure that they have a strong username and password that does not reveal anything personal. Encourage them not to give out their e-mail address, if they have one. If your children tell you that they have given out personal information online, contact your Internet Service Provider or the site where the information is posted to see what you can do to have it removed. For more information, visit: www.NetSmartz.org.

NEW PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Please be informed that **beginning April 6** (Monday after Easter), the office will open at 9 AM, Monday thru Saturday. We will continue to open at 8 AM on Sundays.

NEW OFFICE HOURS:

MONDAY - THURSDAY	9:00A.M. - 8:00P.M.
FRIDAY	9:00A.M. - 5:00P.M.
SATURDAY	9:00A.M. - 2:00P.M.
SUNDAY	8:00A.M. - 4:00P.M.

In the Footsteps of Jesus

(Holy Land plus Istanbul)

Make your dreams come true! Join our ten-day signature *Holy Land Plus Istanbul Tour* and experience the Land of the Bible with Fr. Joseph Dass. This tour departs from LAX on April 14 (Tuesday) and arrives on April 23 (Thursday). The affordable special group rate of \$3,250 per person includes airline, taxes, fuel, surcharges, and tips.

For more information and to reserve a space, please contact: Faye Campos (909) 569-9101 or Venus Rivera (626) 703-0825.



TODAY'S READINGS

Reading 1 EX 20:1-17

In those days, God delivered all these commandments: "I, the LORD, am your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, that place of slavery. You shall not have other gods besides me. You shall not carve idols for yourselves in the shape of anything in the sky above or on the earth below or in the waters beneath the earth; you shall not bow down before them or worship them. For I, the LORD, your God, am a jealous God, inflicting punishment for their fathers' wickedness on the children of those who hate me, down to the third and fourth generation; but bestowing mercy down to the thousandth generation on the children of those who love me and keep my commandments.

"You shall not take the name of the LORD, your God, in vain. For the LORD will not leave unpunished the one who takes his name in vain.

"Remember to keep holy the Sabbath day. Six days you may labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is the sabbath of the LORD, your God. No work may be done then either by you, or your son or daughter, or your male or female slave, or your beast, or by the alien who lives with you. In six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea and all that is in them; but on the seventh day he rested. That is why the LORD has blessed the sabbath day and made it holy.

"Honor your father and your mother, that you may have a long life in the land which the LORD, your God, is giving you. You shall not kill. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. You shall not covet your neighbor's house. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, nor his male or female slave, nor his ox or ass, nor anything else that belongs to him."

Responsorial Psalm Ps 19:8-11

R. Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

Reading 2 1 COR 1:22-25

Brothers and sisters: Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are called, Jews and Greeks alike, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength.

Verse Before the Gospel JN 3:16

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might have eternal life.

Gospel JN 2:13-25

Since the Passover of the Jews was near, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. He found in the temple area those who sold oxen, sheep, and doves, as well as the money changers seated there. He made a whip out of cords and drove them all out of the temple area, with the sheep and oxen, and spilled the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables, and to those who sold doves he said, "Take these out of here, and stop making my Father's house a marketplace." His disciples recalled the words of Scripture, *Zeal for your house will consume me*. At this the Jews answered and said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" Jesus answered and said to them, "Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and you will raise it up in three days?" But he was speaking about the temple of his body. Therefore, when he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they came to believe the Scripture and the word Jesus had spoken.

While he was in Jerusalem for the feast of Passover, many began to believe in his name when they saw the signs he was doing. But Jesus would not trust himself to them because he knew them all, and did not need anyone to testify about human nature. He himself understood it well.



SATURDAY, MARCH 7

- 5:30 P.M. (D) Renato Cruz †
- (D) Jack Wallace †

SUNDAY, MARCH 8

- 7:00 A.M. Parishioners of St. Christopher Church
- 8:30 A.M. Marc Riparip
- (D) Marilou Concepcion †
- 10:15 A.M. (D) Joshua Correa Marcelo †
- (D) Felimon & Efren Solinap †
- 12:00 P.M. Marc Riparip
- Richard Salinas
- Michelle Torres
- 6:30 P.M. (D) Romeo Sr. & Connie Guerrero †
- (D) Pauline & Danny Laag †

MONDAY, MARCH 9

- 6:30 A.M. Quica Rocha
- (D) Dante Gaetos †
- 8:30 A.M. (D) Benedicto T. Torrijos, Jr †
- (D) Martin De Mesa †

TUESDAY, MARCH 10

- 6:30 A.M. (D) Joyce Cira †
- (D) Armando Salita †
- 8:30 A.M. Elizabeth & Sherwin Mendoza
- (D) Benvenuto Halili, Sr. †

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11

- 6:30 A.M. Yazmin Camero
- (D) Juan Carlos Casillas †
- 8:30 A.M. Alicia Villa
- (D) Francisco C. de Pano II †

THURSDAY, MARCH 12

- 6:30 A.M. Felicidad Fernandez
- (D) James Samarin †
- 8:30 A.M. (D) Joshua Correa Marcelo †
- (D) Louise Koop †

FRIDAY, MARCH 13

- 6:30 A.M. Mnicolo Culata
- Rodrigo Nava
- 8:30 A.M. Benedict Angeles
- (D) Izolda Sarreto †

SATURDAY, MARCH 14

- 8:30 A.M. Benedict Angeles
- (D) Angelita David †



OFFICE OF RELIGIOUS FORMATION

626-338-2937

OFFICE HOURS:

MON 10:00A.M. - 6:00P.M. TUE & WED 9:00A.M. - 5:00P.M.
THU 1:00P.M. - 6:00P.M. SAT 9:00A.M. - 12:00P.M.

MARCH 2015 RELIGIOUS FORMATION CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 RCIA 11:30 am Church 2 nd Sunday of Lent	2 Jr. High Classes	3	4	5	6	7 ELEM CLASSES
8 RCIA 1 st scrutiny 11:30am Church 3 rd Sunday of Lent	9 Jr. High Classes	10 Parent/Student Prayer/ Reconciliation Svc 2 nd yr, School & Rms 3A&B Church 6:15pm	11 Parent/Student Prayer/ Reconciliation Svc 2 nd year Rms 4&5&6 ABC Church 6:15pm	12 Youth Day Anaheim	13	14 No ELEM Classes Teachers-In-Service Anaheim
15 RCIA 2 nd Scrutiny 11:30am Church 4 th Sunday of Lent	16 No Jr. High Classes	17 Saint Patrick	18	19 Feast of Saint Joseph	20	21 ELEM CLASSES
22 RCIA 3 rd Scrutiny 11:30am Church 5 th Sunday of Lent	23 Jr. High Classes	24	25	26	27 Stations of the Cross-Presented by Confirmation Students-Church 7:00pm	28 ELEM CLASSES Stations of the Cross Re-Registration Packet
29 PALM SUNDAY	30 No Jr. High Classes HOLY WEEK	31				

First Reconciliation SchedulePlease be in the Church by **6:15 P.M.****TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 2015**

For Parish School 2nd Grade

Religious Education Rooms 3: A&B,
Jr. High Room 6C

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11, 2015

For Religious Education

Rooms 4&5 : A&B,
Jr. High Room 6C



**KNIGHTS
OF COLUMBUS**
IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

Father Maguire Council 3851
invites all to join us at our
“LENTEN FISH FRY!”
All Fridays during Lent
5 P.M.–8 P.M. at the
Knights of Columbus Hall
4315 N. Vincent Ave., Covina



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In Memoriam

Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of:

Socorro Villasenor, Irene Gudino, Cheryl Arm Moore, Mark Jennings, Gloria Kastner, Angela Butac Lucena, Leonila Macasaet, Valentino Esteban, Jr., Ching Por-Lam, Angeles Causapin, Engracia Ona, Mary Louise Champlin, William Dantic, Joyce Cira, Lydia Limen, Eliseo Pano, Jr., Alice Greterman, Thelma Ricaforte, Carlos Casillas, Esperanza Curiel, Janée Coley, Deacon Severo “Jun” Santos, Isabel Cruz, Matt Garcia, Juliana Najera, Segundino Jaucian, Ofelia Camacho, Steve Megliorino, Patrick Castillo, Walter Nash, and Mike Viray.



Confirmation News

Please pray for our teens as
they continue their faith journey towards
Confirmation and full membership of our Church.

Year One: Youth Day, Thurs., March 12th. Please submit Permission Slips.
Saint Reports and Service Hours are due APRIL 19th.

Year Two: Completed Service Hour forms are DUE now.

Year Two Retreat dates. Sat., April 18th OR Sat., April 25th.

Please remit all outstanding balances by March 22nd.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE™

All are invited to come pray for the unborn on the sidewalk at 1135 S. Sunset Ave., West Covina (by Queen of the Valley Hospital). St. Christopher days are all Fridays during Lent. If you would like more information, especially if you would like to volunteer to help, contact Rita at (909) 229-3425, or by email at Carlson.Rita@gmail.com



Your prayers are requested for the recovery of:

Alex Mataverde, Calvin Roldan, Guille Rivas, Joe Glick, Humberto Hernandez, Rebecca Macias, Chickie Perez, Felipe S. Asuncion, Robert Goins, Faith Apellar, Christy Arrastia, Elaine Rockwell, Rosario Zuniga, Alejandro Ocampo, Rowena Batacan, Rosario Lara, Lydia España, Brigitte Sotnick, Judi Peña, Jack Mueller, Felicidad Fernandez, Martha Diaz, Juanita Laguitao, Deo Bragado, Doretha Lear, Elizabeth Stephens, Marilyn Futato, Larry Dumuont, Jack Saldana, George Dabao, Jr., Mary Rose Merten, and Toni Lenhart.



Prayer for Priests

Come and join us as we offer a special Rosary for Priests every Wednesday from 7:00 – 7:30 PM at St. Christopher’s Adoration Chapel.

“God our Father, please send us holy priests, all for the Sacred and Eucharistic Heart of Jesus, all for the Sorrowful and Immaculate Heart of Mary, all in union with St. Joseph.”



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: 7:30—8:00 P.M.



“Be Not Afraid” Cancer Ministry

Everyone whose life is touched by cancer is invited to come on Wednesday, March 18, 2015, 7:00 P.M. at the Parish Center Meeting Rooms D.

Our guest speaker is Tina Paul, BCND. She is a traditional American Naturopathic Board Certified, which means that she does not diagnose or use drugs to treat symptoms. She looks for the cause of ill health. Her practice uses diet and lifestyle changes along with nutritional therapy to help people get well and stay well. She is also certified in plant based nutrition.

Come and explore the benefits of proper nutrition through plant based diet.

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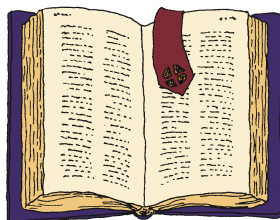
For more information, please call Lydia

at (626) 960-9110 or

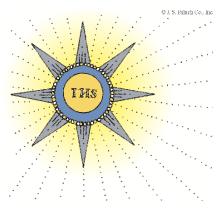
Julie at (626) 780-6221

DAYTIME BIBLE STUDY SERIES: *The Passion of Christ*

From February 25 through March 25, the Daytime Bible Study will offer a series on the Passion of Christ each Wednesday morning, 9:15 A.M. to 10:30 A.M. in Meeting Room D of the Parish Center. All adults are welcome to attend. Please bring your Bible. If you have any questions, please contact Sister Donna Storms at (626) 919-2934.



BIBLE STUDY



ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

All are invited to Adoration: adoring Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, which is exposed in our South Chapel. We have a unique opportunity here at St. Christopher’s to come and adore Him on a daily basis. Rain or shine, our chapel is open for all to come and spend time with our Lord.

For those who would like to make a one-hour commitment each week to come and spend time with Jesus, you would be welcome! Instead of “giving up” something for Lent, please consider “giving one hour” to spend with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

Our Adoration Chapel is open from 6:00 A.M. to 10:00 P.M. daily. To Sign-up please call Rita at (909) 229-3425.

HELP Jesus IN DISGUISE

NEXT WEEK, our parish will take up the Catholic Relief Services Collection. This Collection supports six Catholic agencies that touch more than 100 million lives around the world. The funds from this Collection provide food to the hungry, support to displaced refugees, and show Christ’s love and respect to all people. Next week, please give generously to the Catholic Relief Services Collection and help Jesus in disguise.

Come visit our
PARISH GIFT SHOP
40% off all Christmas items

Open on Sundays
from 8 AM to 1 :30 PM

Weekly Offering



1st Sunday of March

Sunday Collection: \$13,996.27

Last year’s: \$12,928.68

Thank you for your generosity!

ST. CHRISTOPHER PARISH SCHOOL

PAPER TRUCK

SCHEDULE:

April 3rd, 4th, 5th

May 8th, 9th, 10th

June 5th, 6th, 7th

July 10th, 11th, 12th

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Participating in Lent, we are engaging in patterns that have endured across the centuries. From very early times, we have the sense of accompanying the elect on their journey to the font. From as long ago as the fourth century, we receive Lent as forty days to shake the dust from our spirituality and reorder our conduct. Then, fasting was not seen as a strict duty, yet it seems it was widely observed. Think of the rules of politeness and courtesy that everyone agrees on. Fasting was also seen as a social duty, since food was in short supply as winter wore on, and the weak and the sick had the first claim on what remained on hand.

As a boost to the fasting of the body, the church developed a richer spiritual fare, including celebration of the Eucharist every day. This practice began in Rome by the sixth century. Weekday Mass was only at designated "stations." The pope would arrive on horseback at the stational church. In those days, although the catechumenate was already in eclipse, there were pre-baptismal activities at the stational Masses: the giving of the Lord's Prayer, prayers for the godparents, and constant references to baptism.

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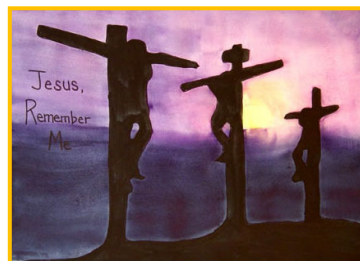
THE PATH TO FREEDOM

Most of us, if we were asked "Does the phrase 'the Ten Commandments' appear in the Bible?" would likely get it wrong, because the answer is "no." "The Ten Commandments" is a post-biblical, phrase that developed along with an image of God as police officer that is not found in today's passage from Exodus. The first phrase is the key: God is the one who brings us out of slavery; following God's law or commands is our path to freedom. The moneychangers whom Jesus drove from the temple were not explicitly breaking any of the commandments, but neither were they helping people to find God's path to freedom as they came to worship at the temple. This is an important Lenten lesson for us. We need to stop asking ourselves whether or not we are breaking specific rules or regulations and instead examine our lives to see if we are truly following a path to God's freedom through Christ.

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Penance Service

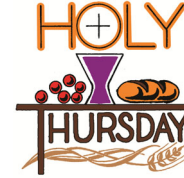
Our Lenten Penance Service
will be held on
Wednesday
March 18, 2015
At 7:30 P.M.



Stations of the Cross

All Fridays of Lent
at 7:00 PM

HOLY WEEK



April 2nd

8:30 AM Morning Prayers
7:00 PM Lord's Supper
11:45 PM Night Prayers

April 3rd

8:30 AM Morning Prayers
12:00 PM Stations of the Cross (Outside)
3:00 PM Liturgy (7 Last Words)
7:00 PM Liturgy (Veneration of the Cross)



April 4th

8:30 AM Morning Prayers



April 4th

6:30 PM
(Begins outside the Parish Hall)



April 5th

7:00 AM English
8:30 AM English
10:15 AM English
12:00 PM English
4:00 PM Vietnamese
6:30 PM English

EASTER FLOWER DONATIONS

We will be accepting flower donations beginning Monday, March 30th. You may drop it off at the Parish Center or the Church Vestibule. Thank you.