



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

22 MARCH 2015

Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit.

John 12:24

FIFTH SUNDAY OF

Lent

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Pastor

Rev. Joseph Dass

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Rev. Huy Nhat Nguyen

Vietnamese Chaplain

Rev. Dominic John Vu, CSsR

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Deacon Loc Nguyen

Deacon Jesse Batacan

Deacon Andrew Cho

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Olivia Carrillo

Business Manager

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Director of Religious Formation

Elizabeth Hudson

Adult Faith Formation Coordinator

Judi Peña

Bookkeeper

Tuyet Romero

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 pessimism; 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.

ATTENTION: ALL CATHOLIC WOMEN

The Central San Gabriel District of the Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women would like to invite you all to a luncheon and talk by a very enthusiastic speaker, Mr. Mark Hassellock regarding "Spirited Warfare" on Monday, April 20, 2015 at St. Christopher Church Parish Center Rooms A & B.

The day begins at 9:30 A.M. and includes a speaker, Mass at 11:00 A.M., followed by a sumptuous lunch and concludes at 1:30 P.M. the prepaid charge is \$12.00 per person. For reservations, please make check payable to Julie Villalva and mail to 1424 E. McWood Street, West Covina, CA 91791 before Tuesday, April 14. For information, please call Julie at (626) 780-6221.

TAKE ACTION NOW!

URGE A "NO" VOTE ON SB 128

SB 128 would legalize physician-assisted suicide in CA. Pope Francis reminds us, "The biblical commandment to honor our parents reminds us in a broader sense of our duty to honor all elderly people." Take action now to protect the elderly and those with disabilities. Visit: archla.org/sb128 to learn more, contact your legislator, and get involved.

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.

St. Christopher Church
DIVINE MERCY MINISTRY

Invites you to...

1) 9-Days Divine Mercy Novena

April 3	Good Friday	8:30AM
April 4	Holy Saturday	8:30AM
April 5	Easter Sunday	7:30PM
April 6	Monday	7:00PM
April 7	Tuesday	7:00PM
April 8	Wednesday	7:00PM
April 9	Thursday	7:00PM
April 10	Friday	7:00PM
April 11	Saturday	6:30PM

2) Feast of Divine Mercy on April 12, 2015

- 6:00PM Benediction
- 6:30PM Sunday Mass

7:30PM Procession to Bramble Hall followed by a Reception
(You may bring religious items to be blessed)

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 JER 31:31-34

The days are coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant I made with their fathers the day I took them by the hand to lead them forth from the land of Egypt; for they broke my covenant, and I had to show myself their master, says the LORD. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD. I will place my law within them and write it upon their hearts; I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer will they have need to teach their friends and relatives how to know the LORD. All, from least to greatest, shall know me, says the LORD, for I will forgive their evildoing and remember their sin no more.

Responsorial Psalm PS 51:3-4, 12-15

R. (12a) Create a clean heart in me, O God.

Have mercy on me, O God, in your goodness; in the greatness of your compassion wipe out my offense. Thoroughly wash me from my guilt and of my sin cleanse me.

A clean heart create for me, O God, and a steadfast spirit renew within me. Cast me not out from your presence, and your Holy Spirit take not from me.

Give me back the joy of your salvation, and a willing spirit sustain in me. I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners shall return to you.

Reading 2 HEB 5:7-9

In the days when Christ Jesus was in the flesh, he offered prayers and supplications with loud cries and tears to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence. Son though he was, he learned obedience from what he suffered; and when he was made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him.

Verse Before the Gospel JN 12:26

Whoever serves me must follow me, says the Lord; and where I am, there will my servant be.

Gospel JN 12:20-33

Some Greeks who had come to worship at the Passover Feast came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, "Sir, we would like to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit. Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will preserve it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there also will my servant be. The Father will honor whoever serves me.

"I am troubled now. Yet what should I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? But it was for this purpose that I came to this hour. Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it and will glorify it again." The crowd there heard it and said it was thunder; but others said, "An angel has spoken to him." Jesus answered and said, "This voice did not come for my sake but for yours. Now is the time of judgment on this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And when I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself." He said this indicating the kind of death he would die.

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SATURDAY, MARCH 21

5:30 P.M. Ben & Medy Carnero
(D) Violet Gutierrez †

SUNDAY, MARCH 22

7:00 A.M. (D) Florinda Empainado †
(D) Emmanuel Victorino †
8:30 A.M. Edmundo Alcalde & Family
(D) Robert Branham †
10:15 A.M. St. Christopher Church
Parishioners
12:00 P.M. Luis & Lucy Cruz
(D) Joshua Correa Marcelo †
6:30 P.M. Rodel Rivera
(D) Juan Francisco Franco †

MONDAY, MARCH 23

6:30 A.M. (D) Marlene Rivas
(D) Nonie Morta Arciaga †
8:30 A.M. (D) Diosdado Maximina †
(D) Mark Jennings †

TUESDAY, MARCH 24

6:30 A.M. Christopher Leon Frijas
(D) Elena Vidaurre †
8:30 A.M. Consuelo Arambula
(D) Predy Cruz †

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25

6:30 A.M. Aaron Garcia
(D) Alfredo Urguyo †
8:30 A.M. Rebecca Manansala
& Family
Emelita Recana

THURSDAY, MARCH 26

6:30 A.M. (D) Lolita Cabral †
(D) Aurelio Pineda †
8:30 A.M. Florentino Arinducque
(D) Carl James Christiano †

FRIDAY, MARCH 27

6:30 A.M. Alba Yaneth Valbuena
Franco
(D) Rosauro Nones †
8:30 A.M. Aileen Macatula
(D) Aurora Pryde R. Rodriguez †

SATURDAY, MARCH 28

8:30 A.M. Ryan Joseph Cioco
(D) Zosimo Fama †



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.

**SAVE THE DATE!**

June 15-19, 2015

"Playing for God's Team"

We are hosting a Summer Vacation Catholic Bible School for children in kindergarten through sixth grade. Parents are encouraged to register their children for five fun-filled days of exciting lessons, cool crafts, fun games, upbeat music, hands on activities and delicious Ball Park snacks!



**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

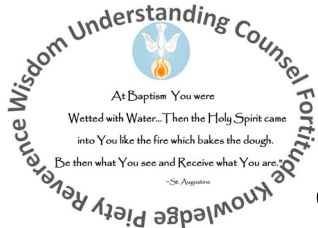


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In Memoriam

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

Thi Quy Nguyen, Maria Ambulo, Patricia Degala, Felicia Milnes, Jean Castello, Pedro Gutierrez, Jaime Castro, Rustico Campos, Elaine Rockwell, Maria Gonzalez, Gavina Campos, Arthur Mendosa, Lambert Acebedo, Maria Rios, Marjorie Cecchino, Jose Ybarra, Amelia Baker, Teresita Manalastas, Tony Perez, Carl James Christiano, Emelita Recaña, Concepcion Claudio Campos, Aurelio Pineda, Tony Valverde, Emmanuel Dizon, Socorro Villasenor, Irene Gudino, Cheryl Arm Moore, Mark Jennings, and Gloria Kastner.



Confirmation News

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

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

**LEGION OF MARY RECRUITMENT**

Thrive in the hands of Mary. The Legion of Mary, Our Lady of Mount Carmel Praesidium, is eager to welcome new active members, male and female, 18 years or older, ready to serve the Lord through His Mother.

Our Blessed Mother greatly delights in leading Her army. Be proud to be one of Her soldiers! We serve Her through our involvement in several Parish ministries.

The Praesidium meetings are held every Thursday from 6:00 P.M. to 7:30 P.M. in the Parish Center, Room C. For more information, please call Connie Rainwater at (626) 961-7045 or Mina Palinay at (626) 330-7250.



Your prayers are requested for the recovery of:

Romero Velasco, Maria Luisa Manuit, Jean Yngiguez, Christopher Leon Frijas, Cesar Singdon, Eddie Desagun, Matthew Blanthorne, Philip Blanthorne, Gloria Rodriguez, Judi Peña, Virginia Franco, Julia Romero, Armen Cosio, Edward Cosio, Ace Batacan, Rose Helen Perez, Faith Apellar, John-John Landig, Christy Arrastia, Alex Mataverde, Calvin Roldan, Guille Rivas, Lydia España, Doretha Lear, George Dabao, Jr., Mary Rose Merten, Phyllis Hatch, Ferdinand Asuncion 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.

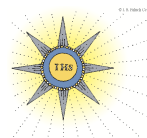
“God our Father, please send us holy priests, all for the Sacred and Eucharistic Heart of Jesus, all for the Sorrowful and Immaculate Heart of Mary, all in union with St. Joseph.”



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.



ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

All are invited to Adoration: adoring Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, which is exposed in our South Chapel. 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.

DID YOU KNOW?

Signs your child may be a victim of cyberbullying

- Avoids the computer, cell phone, and other technological devices, or appears stressed when receiving email, instant message, or text.
- Withdraws from family and friends or acts reluctant to attend school and social events.
- Avoids conversations about computer use.
- Exhibits signs of low self-esteem, including depression and/or fear.
- Has declining grades.
- Has poor eating or sleeping habits

For more information, please visit <http://www.netsmartz.org/Cyberbullying>.



The San Gabriel Valley Chapter of NAIM, an organization for Catholic widows and widowers, will meet on Monday, March 23, 2015 at 12 Noon in Room C of the Parish Center at St. Christopher Church, 629 S. Glendora Ave., West Covina. Refreshments will be served. Visitors are welcome. NAIM is under the direction of the Archdiocesan Office of Family Life. For further information, please call Eloise at 626-919-3735.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

As we approach Holy Week, the creative juices of the ancient church of Jerusalem begin to shape our journey. In old Jerusalem at this season of the year, the attempt was made to recall the events leading up to Christ’s passion. Those attempts were based not only on time, with celebrations of events as close to the day and hour as possible, but also on people’s best guesses as to the actual place of these events. Vast numbers of pilgrims flooded the city during the forty days of Lent, many of them catechumens in their last stages of preparation for initiation. The fourth-century Spanish nun Egeria wrote a delightfully detailed diary of her experience of this lively and aerobic liturgy, which involved hearty singing, strong preaching, and nimble processions across vast and arduous terrain.

Much of this energy was lost over the centuries, with the procession of palms a noteworthy exception. Northern climates had to reinterpret this Jerusalem liturgy, using forsythia, willow, or olive branches, but to this day the entry into Holy Week by a community on the move accompanied by joyful song hearkens back to a venerable tradition. Egeria’s letters were rediscovered a little more than a hundred years ago, but they reveal a pattern of prayer: full, conscious, active participation, to which we have a right and a duty.

--Rev. James Field, Copyright (c) J. S. Paluch Co.



3rd Sunday of March

Sunday Collection: \$13,783.36

Last year’s: \$12,608.81

Thank you for your generosity!

ST. CHRISTOPHER PARISH SCHOOL

PAPER TRUCK

SCHEDULE:

April 3rd, 4th, 5th
May 8th, 9th, 10th

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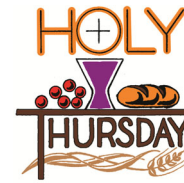
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THE NEW COVENANT

When the prophet Jeremiah coined the term "new covenant" he was actually doing something quite radical. For the Jewish people, there was only one covenant, the one made between the Lord God and Israel through Moses at Mount Sinai. For Jeremiah to suggest that God would somehow supersede the covenant with a new one would have sounded audacious to Jewish ears. But in this way he is a predecessor of Jesus who, in the Gospel of John, is continually portrayed as superseding the past, establishing the reign of God in a new way. And in today's Gospel passage, Jesus the "new covenant" speaks the language of his "new commandment" of love when he tells of the dying grain of wheat, and of our own need to die to self in order to be raised with Christ. As Lent ends and we prepare to enter into Holy Week, the dying grain of wheat serves as an excellent symbol of the kind of dying and self-sacrifice to which disciples are called, a symbol of that new covenant written deep within our hearts.

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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)
1:00 PM Seven Last Words
3 & 7 PM Liturgy
(Veneration of the Cross)



April 4th

8:30 AM Morning Prayers



April 4th

6:30 PM
(Begins outside the Parish Hall)



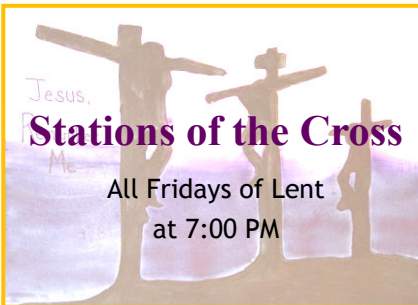
April 5th

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



READING OF THE PASSION OF CHRIST (PABASA)

The El Shaddai Charismatic Prayer Group of St. Christopher Church invites everyone to an overnight Reading of the PASSION OF CHRIST in songs, on Holy Thursday, April 2nd, 8:00PM until Good Friday, April 3rd, noon, with reflections and sharing. Please come and join us relive, in union with Mary, the joyful, sorrowful and glorious mysteries of Jesus. For more information, please call Maria 213-385-8667 or Nieva 626-257-6714 or Elisa 626-297-6851.



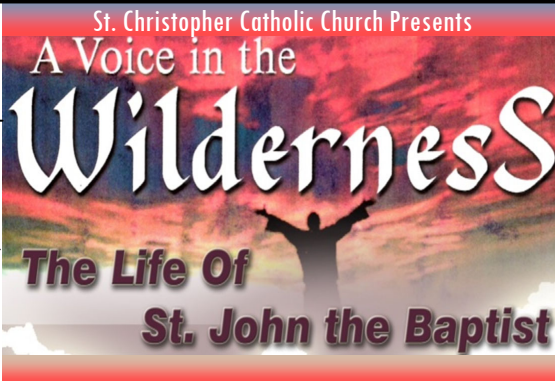
Please support our Parish Summer Fundraiser

JUN 28 2015

SUNDAY 6:00 P.M.
Doors open 5:30 P.M.

Haugh Performing Arts Center

Citrus College
1000 W. Foothill Blvd.
Glendora, CA 91741



GENERAL ADMISSION
Adults: \$25 (Presale: \$20)
Children 12 & below: \$15

PREMIER ADMISSION
\$50

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.