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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

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March 29, 2015

PALM SUNDAY

of the Passion of the Lord

When the
centurion who
stood facing
him saw how he
breathed his
last he said,

“Truly this
man was the
Son of God!”

Mark 15:39

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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.*



TODAY'S READINGS**Reading 1** **IS 50:4-7**

The Lord GOD has given me a well-trained tongue, that I might know how to speak to the weary a word that will rouse them. Morning after morning he opens my ear that I may hear; and I have not rebelled, have not turned back. I gave my back to those who beat me, my cheeks to those who plucked my beard; my face I did not shield from buffets and spitting.

The Lord GOD is my help, therefore I am not disgraced; I have set my face like flint, knowing that I shall not be put to shame.

Responsorial Psalm **PS 22:8-9, 17-20,**
23-24

R. (2a) **My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?**

Reading 2 **PHIL 2:6-11**

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped. Rather, he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness; and found human in appearance, he humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

Because of this, God greatly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Verse Before the Gospel **PHIL 2:8-9**

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Gospel **MK 14:1-15:47**

The Passover and the Feast of Unleavened Bread were to take place in two days' time. So the chief priests and the scribes were seeking a way to arrest him by treachery and put him to death. They said, "Not during the festival, for fear that there may be a riot among the people."

When he was in Bethany reclining at table in the house of Simon the leper, a woman came with an alabaster jar of perfumed oil, costly genuine spikenard. She broke the alabaster jar and poured it on his head. There were some who were indignant. "Why has there been this waste

of perfumed oil? It could have been sold for more than three hundred days' wages and the money given to the poor." They were infuriated with her. Jesus said, "Let her alone. Why do you make trouble for her? She has done a good thing for me. The poor you will always have with you, and whenever you wish you can do good to them, but you will not always have me. She has done what she could. She has anticipated anointing my body for burial. Amen, I say to you, wherever the gospel is proclaimed to the whole world, what she has done will be told in memory of her."

Then Judas Iscariot, one of the Twelve, went off to the chief priests to hand him over to them. When they heard him they were pleased and promised to pay him money. Then he looked for an opportunity to hand him over.

On the first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread, when they sacrificed the Passover lamb, his disciples said to him, "Where do you want us to go and prepare for you to eat the Passover?" He sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the city and a man will meet you, carrying a jar of water. Follow him. Wherever he enters, say to the master of the house, 'The Teacher says, "Where is my guest room where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?'" Then he will show you a large upper room furnished and ready. Make the preparations for us there." The disciples then went off, entered the city, and found it just as he had told them; and they prepared the Passover.

When it was evening, he came with the Twelve. And as they reclined at table and were eating, Jesus said, "Amen, I say to you, one of you will betray me, one who is eating with me." They began to be distressed and to say to him, one by one, "Surely it is not I?" He said to them, "One of the Twelve, the one who dips with me into the dish. For the Son of Man indeed goes, as it is written of him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed. It would be better for that man if he had never been born."

While they were eating, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them, and said, "Take it; this is my body." Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, and they all drank from it. He said to them, "This is my blood of the covenant, which will be shed for many. Amen, I say to you, I shall not drink again the fruit of the vine until the day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God." Then, after singing a hymn, they went out to the

Mount of Olives.

Then Jesus said to them, "All of you will have your faith shaken, for it is written: *I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be dispersed.* But after I have been raised up, I shall go before you to Galilee." Peter said to him, "Even though all should have their faith shaken, mine will not be." Then Jesus said to him, "Amen, I say to you, this very night before the cock crows twice you will deny me three times." But he vehemently replied, "Even though I should have to die with you, I will not deny you." And they all spoke similarly. Then they came to a place named Gethsemane, and he said to his disciples, "Sit here while I pray." He took with him Peter, James, and John, and began to be troubled and distressed. Then he said to them, "My soul is sorrowful even to death. Remain here and keep watch." He advanced a little and fell to the ground and prayed that if it were possible the hour might pass by him; he said, "Abba, Father, all things are possible to you. Take this cup away from me, but not what I will but what you will." When he returned he found them asleep. He said to Peter, "Simon, are you asleep? Could you not keep watch for one hour? Watch and pray that you may not undergo the test. The spirit is willing but the flesh is weak." Withdrawing again, he prayed, saying the same thing. Then he returned once more and found them asleep, for they could not keep their eyes open and did not know what to answer him. He returned a third time and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? It is enough. The hour has come. Behold, the Son of Man is to be handed over to sinners. Get up, let us go. See, my betrayer is at hand."

Then, while he was still speaking, Judas, one of the Twelve, arrived, accompanied by a crowd with swords and clubs who had come from the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders. His betrayer had arranged a signal with them, saying, "The man I shall kiss is the one; arrest him and lead him away securely." He came and immediately went over to him and said, "Rabbi." And he kissed him. At this they laid hands on him and arrested him. One of the bystanders drew his sword, struck the high priest's servant, and cut off his ear. Jesus said to them in reply, "Have you come out as against a robber, with swords and clubs, to seize me? Day after day I was with you teaching in the temple area, yet you did not arrest me; but that the Scriptures may be fulfilled." And they all left him and fled. Now a young man followed him wearing nothing but a linen

cloth about his body. They seized him, but he left the cloth behind and ran off naked. They led Jesus away to the high priest, and all the chief priests and the elders and the scribes came together. Peter followed him at a distance into the high priest's courtyard and was seated with the guards, warming himself at the fire. The chief priests and the entire Sanhedrin kept trying to obtain testimony against Jesus in order to put him to death, but they found none. Many gave false witness against him, but their testimony did not agree. Some took the stand and testified falsely against him, alleging, "We heard him say, 'I will destroy this temple made with hands and within three days I will build another not made with hands.'" Even so their testimony did not agree. The high priest rose before the assembly and questioned Jesus, saying, "Have you no answer? What are these men testifying against you?" But he was silent and answered nothing. Again the high priest asked him and said to him, "Are you the Christ, the son of the Blessed One?" Then Jesus answered, "I am; and 'you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of the Power and coming with the clouds of heaven.'" At that the high priest tore his garments and said, "What further need have we of witnesses? You have heard the blasphemy. What do you think?" They all condemned him as deserving to die. Some began to spit on him. They blindfolded him and struck him and said to him, "Prophesy!" And the guards greeted him with blows.

While Peter was below in the courtyard, one of the high priest's maids came along. Seeing Peter warming himself, she looked intently at him and said, "You too were with the Nazarene, Jesus." But he denied it saying, "I neither know nor understand what you are talking about." So he went out into the outer court. Then the cock crowed. The maid saw him and began again to say to the bystanders, "This man is one of them." Once again he denied it. A little later the bystanders said to Peter once more, "Surely you are one of them; for you too are a Galilean." He began to curse and to swear, "I do not know this man about whom you are talking." And immediately a cock crowed a second time. Then Peter remembered the word that Jesus had said to him, "Before the cock crows twice you will deny me three times." He broke down and wept.

As soon as morning came, the chief priests with the elders and the scribes, that is, the whole Sanhedrin held a council. They bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate. Pilate questioned him, "Are you the king of the Jews?" He said to

him in reply, "You say so." The chief priests accused him of many things. Again Pilate questioned him, "Have you no answer? See how many things they accuse you of." Jesus gave him no further answer, so that Pilate was amazed.

Now on the occasion of the feast he used to release to them one prisoner whom they requested. A man called Barabbas was then in prison along with the rebels who had committed murder in a rebellion. The crowd came forward and began to ask him to do for them as he was accustomed. Pilate answered, "Do you want me to release to you the king of the Jews?" For he knew that it was out of envy that the chief priests had handed him over. But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release Barabbas for them instead. Pilate again said to them in reply, "Then what do you want me to do with the man you call the king of the Jews?" They shouted again, "Crucify him." Pilate said to them, "Why? What evil has he done?" They only shouted the louder, "Crucify him." So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas to them and, after he had Jesus scourged, handed him over to be crucified. The soldiers led him away inside the palace, that is, the praetorium, and assembled the whole cohort. They clothed him in purple and, weaving a crown of thorns, placed it on him. They began to salute him with, "Hail, King of the Jews!" and kept striking his head with a reed and spitting upon him. They knelt before him in homage. And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the purple cloak, dressed him in his own clothes, and led him out to crucify him.

They pressed into service a passer-by, Simon, a Cyrenian, who was coming in from the country, the father of Alexander and Rufus, to carry his cross.

They brought him to the place of Golgotha – which is translated Place of the Skull – They gave him wine drugged with myrrh, but he did not take it. Then they crucified him and divided his garments by casting lots for them to see what each should take. It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified him. The inscription of the charge against him read, "The King of the Jews." With him they crucified two revolutionaries, one on his right and one on his left. Those passing by reviled him, shaking their heads and saying, "Aha! You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save yourself by coming down from the cross." Likewise the chief priests, with the scribes, mocked him among themselves and said, "He saved others; he cannot save himself. Let the

Christ, the King of Israel, come down now from the cross that we may see and believe." Those who were crucified with him also kept abusing him.

At noon darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. And at three o'clock Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" which is translated, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" Some of the bystanders who heard it said, "Look, he is calling Elijah." One of them ran, soaked a sponge with wine, put it on a reed and gave it to him to drink saying, "Wait, let us see if Elijah comes to take him down." Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last.

Here all kneel and pause for a short time.

The veil of the sanctuary was torn in two from top to bottom. When the centurion who stood facing him saw how he breathed his last he said, "Truly this man was the Son of God!" There were also women looking on from a distance. Among them were Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of the younger James and of Joseph, and Salome. These women had followed him when he was in Galilee and ministered to him. There were also many other women who had come up with him to Jerusalem.

When it was already evening, since it was the day of preparation, the day before the sabbath, Joseph of Arimathea, a distinguished member of the council, who was himself awaiting the kingdom of God, came and courageously went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Pilate was amazed that he was already dead. He summoned the centurion and asked him if Jesus had already died. And when he learned of it from the centurion, he gave the body to Joseph. Having bought a linen cloth, he took him down, wrapped him in the linen cloth, and laid him in a tomb that had been hewn out of the rock. Then he rolled a stone against the entrance to the tomb. Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joseph watched where he was laid.

Weekly Offering



4th Sunday of March

Sunday Collection: \$13,672.28

Last year's: \$12,880.04

Thank you for your generosity!

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!



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:

Luis Arvin Chua, Benjamin Zamoranos, Simon (C-Mon) De Anda, Patrick O'Connel, Johanna Sims, Francisco Aurelio, Donna McNeil, Eugenia Cacerer, Eva Cacerer, 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, and Gloria Kastner.



"Be Not Afraid"
Cancer Ministry

benotafraidcancerministry.org

Everyone whose life is touched by cancer is invited to come on **Wednesday, April 15, 2015, 7:00 P.M.** at the Parish Center Meeting Room D. Our guest speaker is Mildred Gonzales, MSN, RN, OCN, PhD candidate. We are blessed to have her as a member of our team. She will have a presentation on "Cancer Basics" something that we can all learn from. Come, listen and be more informed. For more information, please call Lydia at (626) 960-9110 or Julie at (626) 780-6221. Find us and like us on: www.facebook.com/benotafraidcancerministry

**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 Paliny at (626) 330-7250.

LEGION OF MARY AUXILIARY SOCIAL

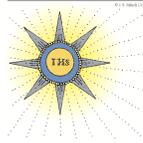
The Legion of Mary, Our Lady of Mount Carmel Praesidium, is proud to honor our Auxiliary Members with a Holy Mass on Sunday, April 19, 2015 at 8:30 A.M. at St. Christopher Catholic Church. A continental breakfast reception will follow in the Bramble Hall.

To our Auxiliary Members: please bring your families, and join us for food, fun, and games.



Your prayers are requested for the recovery of:

Anita Broderick, Nicole Hicks-Gonzalez, Rosario Dijamco Barrios, Richard Patrick, Sandra Leuvano, Joel Sabado, 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, Guille Rivas, Lydia España, Doretha Lear, George Dabao, Jr., Mary Rose Merten, Phyllis Hatch, Ferdinand Asuncion and Toni Lenhart.



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.



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

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.

THE STEWARDSHIP PRAYER

My parish is composed of people like me. I help make it what it is.

It will be friendly, if I am.
It will be holy, if I am.
Its pews will be filled, if I help fill them.
It will do great work, if I work.
It will make generous gifts to many causes, if I am a generous giver.

It will bring others into worship, if I invite and bring them.

It will be a parish of loyalty and love, of fearlessness and faith, of compassion, charity, and mercy, because I, who make it what it is am filled with these same things.

Therefore, with the help of God, I now dedicate myself to the task of being all the things that I want my parish to be.

AMEN.

THE 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)



SATURDAY, MARCH 28

- 5:30 P.M. (D) Gloria Leib †
- (D) Lilia Barcelona †

SUNDAY, MARCH 29

- 7:00 A.M. Parishioners of St. Christopher Church
- 8:30 A.M. (D) Esperanza Curiel †
- (D) Lam Ching-Por †
- 10:15 A.M. Armando & Mercedes Araujo and Family
- (D) Isabel Cruz †
- 12:00 P.M. (D) Joshua Correa Marcelo †
- (D) Cesar Laysico Domingo †
- 6:30 P.M. Eddie de Sagun
- (D) Teresa Estrada †

MONDAY, MARCH 30

- 6:30 A.M. (D) Teresita Manalastas †
- (D) Jesus Perez †
- 8:30 A.M. Jillian Cooke
- (D) Cesar Laysico Domingo †

TUESDAY, MARCH 31

- 6:30 A.M. (D) Magdalena & Deogracias Carrillo †
- (D) Virgilio Bucana †
- 8:30 A.M. Rosita Laxamana
- Katrina Damian Descaya

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1

- 6:30 A.M. (D) Edward Hervey †
- (D) Teresita Manalastas †
- 8:30 A.M. (D) All Souls †
- (D) Maria Rios †
- 7:00 P.M. Theodora Axalan
- Gabriel Templo
- (D) All Souls in Purgatory †

THURSDAY, APRIL 2 (HOLY THURSDAY)

- 8:30 A.M. Morning Prayers
- 7:00 P.M. Lord's Supper

FRIDAY, APRIL 3 (Good Friday)

- 8:30 A.M. Morning Prayers
- 12:00 P.M. Stations of the Cross
- 1:00 P.M. Seven Last Words
- 3:00 P.M. Good Friday Liturgy
- 7:00 P.M. Good Friday Liturgy

SATURDAY, APRIL 4

- 8:30 A.M. Morning Prayers



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PROPHETIC ANOINTING

The solemnity of today's readings invites us into silent contemplation of the mystery of our redemption. There are so many levels on which to understand the events of the Passion. The woman who anoints Jesus acts prophetically in a way that the other disciples do not yet grasp. Anointing is for priests, prophets, and kings, and also for the preparation of the dead. It is for healing and for holiness. Her action acknowledges the imminent events of the passion and death of the Lord, and points toward his resurrection and triumph over evil and death. He is priest and victim, prophet and God, King and Lord. All these things are acknowledged in her prophetic anointing.

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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.

Stations of the Cross

All Fridays of Lent
at 7:00 PM

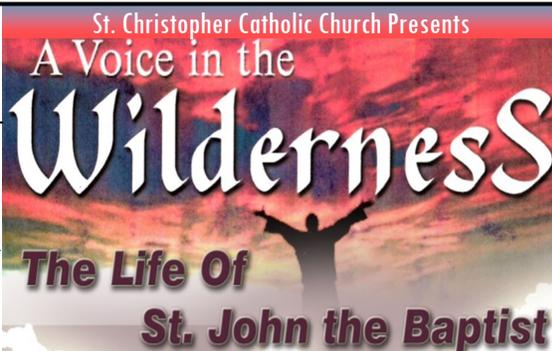
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JUN
28
2015

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

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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.