



March 6, 2016
Fourth Sunday of Lent

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Saint Christopher Parish

1576 Curtner Avenue,
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www.saintchris.com

MASS TIMES

Mon-Fri: 6:30 & 8:00 a.m.

Saturdays: 8:00 a.m. & 4:30 p.m.

Sundays: 6:30, 8, 9:30 & 11 a.m.,
12:30 & 6 p.m.

1st Friday of the Month: Adoration & Noon Mass

Confessions: Saturdays 3:30-4:15 pm & by appt.

Safe Environment:

Nancy Jolliff Ext. 133

RCIA

To become Catholic: 269-2226 Ext. 137

Parish Records:

Pastoral Ministry:

Loretta Pfaff, 408-264-5114 Ext. 131

Youth/Young Adult Ministry:

Chris Miller - 408-395-7949

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Outreach Office: 269-2226 Ext. 132

Nancy Melander

Pantry Hours: 4:00-5:30pm Tuesday & Wednesday

Call for Saturday Hours

ST. CHRISTOPHER SCHOOL:
408-723-7223; www.stchris.us

Note from the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

The readings today are related to the readings of last Sunday in that they are also baptismal in context. There is no departure from last week's readings, rather, an intensity of revelation. Faith is to be further awakened, further developed. Blindness is common to us all. Yet far from being a situation of desolation, recognition of our blindness is the very experience through which Jesus gives sight. Where are the areas of blindness in our lives? Are we blinded by self-seeking, perhaps, inattentive to the signs of God's grace, sightless through distraction. Yet the wonder of Christ as the light of the world is that he penetrates the darkness, he illuminates the darkness.

All of us have blind spots: a prejudice, a bias, a fixed idea, a one-track mind, suspicion, distrust, hate. We look but we do not always see. We even say, "Love is blind." But love adds insight to sight. When lovers stop loving they wonder, "What did I ever see in her, in him?" When we get "The Big I," we do not have an eye for others. Then we are truly 20-20 blind. We can grow blind to God and forget the answer to that old catechism question, "Where is God?" Answer: "God is everywhere!" Have you seen God lately? We can grow blind to family, friends, and enemies when we overlook their deeds and their needs. We can grow blind to seeing ourselves. It would be good to see ourselves as others see us. Are we the light of Christ for one another? Does Jesus need to open my eyes to the Light?

In Liturgy Light plays an important part, especially the in the ceremony of light at the Easter Vigil. We light candles for most liturgical services a sign to us of the presence of the risen Christ, the light of the world, in all our public worship. As light of the world Jesus himself, opens our eyes, he scattering the darkness of ignorance and misunderstanding. Jesus is the light at the end of the road, like a distant light visible as we travel in the darkness towards it, knowing that there is where our journey leads. Jesus also makes us sharers in his light-giving and life-giving work. Jesus extends an invitation to become the light for others, so that the may walk the way of justice, truth and love. The story of the man born blind helps us to take a really good look at Jesus, and at the end of the day are our eyes really opened? Is Jesus is a sight for sore eyes!

Fr. Chris Bennett

PLEASE NOTICE THE TIME CHANGED FOR Confession Times

Every Saturday: 9:30am to 10:30am

And

Every Wednesday during lent: March 2,

March 9, March 16 and March 23

Confession Times will be 6:00pm to 8:00pm



St. Christopher's Good Friday "Soup Supper"

**Friday, March 25th
5:30-7:00PM in Healy Hall**

Come and enjoy a delicious simple soup dinner with friends, family and fellow parishioners. **Do to this being a religious event we politely ask you to not bring any Alcohol to this Event (ex. Beer, Wine, or any hard alcohol)** **We thank you for your cooperation.** Monetary donations are appreciated at the door. All proceeds go directly to St. Christopher's Community Outreach Program. Contact Kerry Murphy (408) 300-3185 with questions.

Triduum Schedule 2016

March 24, HOLY THURSDAY

No Morning Mass
11:00am—Passion Play
8:00pm—Mass of the Lord's Supper
After Mass: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until Midnight

March 25th—GOOD FRIDAY

No Morning Mass but Morning Prayer at 8:30am
12—Noon—Meditation
1:00pm—Stations of the Cross
2:00pm—Commemoration of the Lord's Passion
5:30-7:00pm—Soup Supper
7:00pm—Stations of the Cross

March 26th—HOLY SATURDAY

8:15pm Gathering
8:30pm EASTER VIGIL BEGINS

March 27th—EASTER SUNDAY

6:30, 8:00, 9:30, 11:00am and 12:30pm
Add'l Masses in Healy Hall 8:00, 9:30 and 11AM
NO 6:00pm Mass



SATURDAY, MARCH 5

- 4:30 Yvonne Pine, Lorraine Igoe, Delbert Knowlten
Charles & Ilena Ward, Fred Pope, Cuc Nguyen
Grace & Lena Gemo, Hoa Nguyen,
Quynh Nguyen, Thuan Do, Tuan Tran

SUNDAY, MARCH 6

- 6:30 Yvonne Pine, Helen Boshell
8:00 Yvonne Pine, Michael Giannoni,
Maria DelCarmen Duran
9:30 Yvonne Pine, Fadi Zikoor,
Fred Zinani
11:00 Yvonne Pine, Sandi Modeson,
Maria Mazzarone, Duilio Masini,
Gino & Menica Lencioni, Betty Palma
12:30 Yvonne Pine
6:00 Yvonne Pine

LENTEN SPIRITUAL OPPORTUNITIES

Ways to Renew your Spirit

Monday during Lent

6:30am, 8:00am, and 5:30pm Mass



Tuesday during Lent

6:30am, 8:00am Mass

7:00pm Evening of Reflection

March 8

Christian Meditation (Church)

Reflection on the year of Mercy
By Fr. Chris Bennett in (St. Joseph Room)
March 1, 8, 15

March 15 Social Justice Speaker

Jack Jezreel @ 7:00pm

March 22, Parish Reconciliation @ 7:00pm

Wednesday during Lent

6:30am, 8:00am, 12:00 Noon Mass

The Light is On

(Sacrament Reconciliation) 6:00pm-8:00pm
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
7:00-9:00pm

Thursday during Lent

6:30, 8:00am Mass

7:00pm Bible Study, March 3, 10, 17

Friday during Lent

6:30, 8:00am Mass

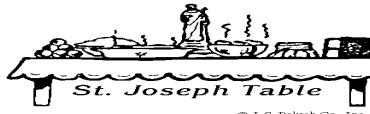
7:00pm to 9:00pm Stations of the Cross

ADA 2016

ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL

A big **Thank You** to the 591 families who have already replied to the 2016 ADA. We currently have \$204,730 pledged which puts us at 92% of the way to this year's goal of \$222,529. We are doing great, however, we need everyone's participation in order to be successful. If you have not had a chance to return your pledge form please do it soon (including gifts of prayer) so we can avoid having to do a second mailing. And remember, all funds over the \$222,529 goal will be rebated back to the parish. Please make your pledge today.

Packets were sent to all of our parishioners in January. Extra sets are available in the back of the church or contact the parish office to have another sent to you. God Bless.



The Feast of St. Joseph

On March 19 the church celebrates the Feast of St. Joseph. St. Joseph is the patron saint of our city and our diocese. Tradition tells us that Joseph had the great honor to have died in the presence of Our Lady and his Son, which fact makes him the patron of a holy death. Because during his life he was given the great responsibility of caring for and protecting the Virgin-who is the Mother of God and her Son, St. Joseph is considered the patron and protector of the entire church. St. Joseph is also known as the patron saint of unborn children, fathers, immigrants, workers, carpenters, realtors, and against doubt and hesitation.

Therefore, on Saturday, March 19th, following an age old Italian tradition, the St. Christopher's Ladies Guild and the St. Christopher's Over 50's Club will host a St. Joseph's Table in Healy Hall following the 4:30 p.m. mass. All members and friends of the parish are invited to attend. Wouldn't it be nice to celebrate mass and the tradition of the St. Joseph's Table as something your entire family does for Lent? We are adding some special extra dinner dishes such as mac and cheese and quiches as well as the traditional meatless entrees. We encourage everyone to bring something, a salad, dessert, meatless casserole or appetizers to share. There will be dishes for everyone. There is no cost for the dinner just make a reasonable donation. All donations go to our Outreach Program. Invite family and friends to participate in this wonderful tradition. Just think Moms a night you do not have to cook!!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

(408) 264-8764

Religious Education Office Hours:

Office hours- Mon.-Thurs.

9-a.m.-Noon and 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: Sunday Rel. Ed. will have a Holy Week Prayer Service on March 13th in Healy Hall at 8:40 a.m. Parents are invited.

LITURGY OF WORD FOR CHILDREN:

This program is open to all children in the parish in grades Kindergarten through 4th.

JUNIOR HIGH REL. ED.: The next Jr. Hi. meeting is **March 6th** from

4:30 p.m.-5:45 p.m. in Walsh Hall. Our next meeting is March 20th.

Social Justice

In this Year of Mercy, the parable of the Prodigal Son is truly relevant. Not only does it exemplify the breadth and beauty of the father's expression of mercy toward his wayward son, but also provides, through the lens of the elder son, the challenge for those who might question the righteousness, wisdom of the father having extending mercy.

One may well be able to empathize with the brother who has been loyal, dependable, focused in the family business. He is portrayed as feeling less than appreciated as well as somewhat resentful. Other than a profound biblical story, what might we discern as Christians in the 21st Century?

The status of the elder brother could well be perceived as representative of those "mainstream" members of society whose attitude toward those less fortunate remains self-righteously and critically judgmental. It is a reality that the plight of some of the marginalized, the poor, the disenfranchised are the result of their own self-centered choices. However, for most, life's path begins with the color of one's skin, one's gender and one's zip code of birth. We must acknowledge that, for whatever reason, we are equal members of Christ's body.

The chasm between the "haves" and the haves-not" need not be a reality to us Christians. We are one in Christ; the need to be a recipient of mercy is shared by all. Pope Francis teaches us in "The Name of God is Mercy": (pg. 93): "Jesus sends forth his disciples not as holders of power or as masters of a law. He sends them forth into the world asking them to live in the logic of love and selflessness. The Christian message is transmitted by embracing the outcast, the marginalized, and the sinner."; (pg. 41): "Every time I go through the gates of a prison to celebrate Mass or for a visit, I always think: Why them and not me? I should be here. I deserve to be here. Their fall could have been mine. I do not feel superior to the people who stand before me. And so I repeat and pray: Why him and not Me?"

What does it mean to me when I hear "there, but for the grace of God, go I."

Any Input or questions please direct them to:
Doug Harper socialjustice@stchrissj.org



Next Young Adult Session--Lenten Hike

WHEN: Sunday, March 20, 2016 from 1:45 until 4:00 pm

WHERE: Guadalupe River Trail

DETAILS: Please save the date of Sunday, March 20 for our first annual young adult Lenten Hike! More information will be sent out in the coming weeks.

Please note the March 6 young adult session has been canceled.

St. Christopher Young Adults are a group of parishioners ages 18 to 39, single and married, who are connected by our Catholic faith and who actively participate in the life of the Church. Our mission is to "continue lifelong learning in a Catholic environment through spiritual growth, reflection, and service as we strengthen our relation with God through each other, our faith, and our community." **The group strives to offer the following programmatic components on a rotating basis: faith sharing, social events, and service opportunities.** Participants are also encouraged to get involved with the liturgical ministries at the Parish.

Please join us on the following Sundays in Walsh Hall (unless noted otherwise) as we build community, break bread (lunch will be included), and deepen our faith and relationship with Jesus Christ:

Sunday, March 6---meeting canceled

Sunday, March 20 from 1:30 until 3 pm--Guadalupe River Trail

Sunday, April 3 from 1:30 until 3 pm

Sunday, April 17 from 1:30 until 3 pm

Sunday, May 15 from 1:30 until 3 pm

Please contact youth and young adult ministry coordinator Chris Miller at 408-395-7949 or cmiller@dsj.org

Youth Ministry News:

Chris Miller (408)-395-7949

cmiller@dsj.org or parish website

www.saintchris.com—Select youth link

Confirmation

Our next session for confirmation will be on Friday, April 15th 7:00pm until 8:30 pm. Saturday April 16th Retreat/Conference (TBD) Students are asked to bring their workbooks to each session. Please contact Chris Miller at cmiller@dsj.org or 408-395-7949 for additional information.

Youth Group

The next youth group sessions will be this Sunday, March 6th from 7-8:30pm in Walsh Hall. See www.saintchris.com for additional information, including the full schedule for the year.

Events



St. Christopher Golf Tournament presented by Holy Name Society.

Friday, April 15th
Cinnabar Hills Golf Club
11:30 Check In
12:30 Shotgun Start
\$195/person

Golf, Cart, Range, Lunch, Banquet Dinner, Prizes and on course beverages included.

For more information, contact Evan White:
evanwhite13@gmail.com

To Sign Up: <http://tinyurl.com/hnsGOLF>

The St. Christopher's Over 50's Club

Our next general meeting and luncheon will be held on Friday, March 11, 2016 in Walsh Hall at 11 a.m. Following the meeting we will have a pizza, salad and dessert luncheon and we will play Bingo for those who would like to play. Jack Vaccaro, a member, will be making homemade pizza for us. Jack owner pizza parlors in the San Jose area for many years so we are in for a special treat. The cost of the luncheon will be \$7.00 and please send your checks to Mary Jenecke at 1180 Dean Avenue, San Jose 95125 and not to Lore McCoy. Lore will be out of town. All checks must be in Mary's hands by March 8 or you will not have lunch. There will be no fun Friday in March because the 4th Friday of the month is Good Friday.

On March 30 the club will take its annual trip to Red Hawk Casino. We will leave the parking lot of St. Christopher's at 7 a.m. and will return between 5-6 p.m. We will spend 5 hours at Red Hawk and receive \$20.00 in slot play or match play at the tables. The cost is \$25.00 per person and is on a first come first served basis. You may mail your checks made out to the Over 50's to Ann DeMarlo at 1571 Hicks Ave, SJ 95125. There are no refunds if we can not sell your ticket. All members of the parish are welcomed to come along with us. We have a great time.



RCIA

Adult Confirmation

Tuesdays 7:15-9pm at 2278 Booksin in the Marian Room with Deacon Bruce

POPE FRANCIS AND THE 21ST CENTURY PARISH:
A CHURCH OF MISSIONARY DISCIPLES

ALL ARE WELCOME TO THIS FREE
PRESENTATION BY JUSTFAITH
FOUNDER, JACK JEZREEL

TUESDAY, MARCH 15TH * 7 TO 8:30 P.M.

ST. CHRISTOPHER CHURCH
1576 CURTNER AVE., SAN JOSE

COME AND HEAR SPEAKER JACK JEZREEL.
HE WILL ADDRESS THE VISION OF POPE
FRANCIS. THE GOSPEL CALL TO
COMPASSION, AND HOW CHURCHES CAN BE EF-
FECTIVELY RENEWED AND REINVIGORATED.

JACK JEZREEL IS THE FOUNDER OF JUST FAITH
MINISTRIES. HE IS A POPULAR AND WELL-
TRAVELED SPEAKER AND TEACHER, SOME-
TIMES CALLED THE "JOHNNY APPLESEED" OF
THE U.S. CHURCH'S SOCIAL MISSION. IN 2006, HE
RECEIVED THE PRESTIGIOUS HARRY A. FAGAN
AWARD FOR HIS UNIQUE CONTRIBUTION TO
THE CHURCH'S SOCIAL MISSION.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, CONTACT:
THOMAS WALSH
(408) 294-5970/ tlsculpt@sbcglobal.net

St. Christopher Vacation Bible Camp

June 27-July 1, 2016

9am-12pm m-f @ St. Christopher
School

Cave Quest VBC 2016



**REGISTRATION ENDS APRIL 29 -- registration
form available In School and Parish office**

**Embark on a VBS Adventure that will light
their way! Gear up for an over-the-top under-
ground adventure! Ground kids in the rock-
solid foundation of God's love**

**Don't miss this annual event.. join 150 campers
in song, games and more!**

MOMs Group Easter Party

Sunday, March 20th, 10:45 - 12:30
Location: Paul Moore Park, Hillsdale & Cherry
Egg hunt and bunny visit, kids snacks and coffee for
the parents Bring the entire family!

Catholic Charities Walk/Run Fundraiser

Saturday, April 16th, Sandisk Campus Join our
group for this fun event. Contact us for more details.

**Feel free to email us for more information or to
get involved. stchristophermomgroup@gmail.com**

Please Pray For Us



Pray for the ill in our Parish

Alec Giurlani
William & Irene Percy
Dee Mullen
Pat Lascola
Lee Reik
Paul Russo
Reggie Jose
Rick Lovoy
Alec Giurlani
Nina Ratulowski
Connie Himmelsbach
Lois Nemeth
Shannon Flynn
Vera Gutierrez
Dorothy Mariles
Roberta Enright,
Dave Paul,

Anthony Cardoza,
Lily Rabanal,
Virginia Dalziel,
Carol Whelan,
Valerie Shupp,
Michael Scullion,
Lenore Luedeman,
Marcus Espinoza,
Cornell Wade,
Marty Rattay,
Roy LeFevre,
Martha & Charles
Gregersen,
Dave Oliverio,
Margret Gaffaney,
Al & Jean Trznadel, and
Lena Iaconis



We continue to pray for all the men and women serving our country in this time of war:

Alex Ngo, Tim McCullough, Joey Bellomo, Nick Badagliacco, Matthew Ward, Angelo Totanes, Ciro LoBono, Tyler Hamerness, Branden Alwine, Greg Cook, Connor McDonald, Christian Dietz, Connor Quinn, Adam Christopher Madewell, Richard Stayskal, Larry Chartier, Andrew Morgan, Derek Carroll, Allen Ellerbee, Obadiah Petteway, Eric Gentrup, Michael Arnone, David Wells, Ryan Trapani, Rafi Miranda, Spencer Fishman, Ryan A. Johnson, David Ryan, Benjamin Owens-Filice, Christopher Healy, and Christine Doudell

LOVE RUMMAGE

AND

GARAGE SALES?

Looking for that favorite new item, or searching for a needed old one?

Come shop at the "**RUMMAGE SALE**"
at **Church of the Transfiguration**
(4325 Jarvis Ave., San Jose, 95118)
in **Tabor Hall (behind the Church)** on:

SATURDAY, MARCH 19, 2016

-8:00 a.m. -1:00 p.m.-

We look forward to seeing you!

Questions??

**Please contact our Parish Office at:
(408) 264-3600 or transfiguration@dsj.org**



IN REMEMBRANCE

Let us pray for all who have died, that they may rejoice with the Risen Lord, especially:

Grace & Leno Gemo, and Robert Gebhard

HELP STOCK OUR OUTREACH PANTRY

Join our Social Justice Committee in this quarterly Outreach Drive to fill shelves for

Winter/Spring needs. Outreach families are struggling to make ends meet. Our Outreach Program helps hundreds of families, elderly and disabled each year, but they depend on your generosity. Please remember them on Outreach Weekend, March 5th and 6th by bringing your Outreach envelope donation and/or canned goods to stock our depleted pantry.

URGENTLY NEEDED ITEMS ARE:

Tomato products (all kinds) Canned chili Canned pastas Canned meat and chicken Canned vegetables Cereal, Diapers

The *Christopher* Ministry provides meals to parishioners during times of temporary crisis or hardship. If you or a fellow parishioner needs the help of the *Christophers'*, please contact the Ministry Chairpersons. Also, please consider becoming a *Christopher* and helping provide this important and comforting service to members within the community. Thank you in advance for your support.

Caroline Begg
(408) 267-7820
fcgardhouse@yahoo.com karenvijil@yahoo.com

Did you know that we have an Online Giving program here at St. Christopher Parish? Our Online Giving program allows you to donate using your VISA, Mastercard, or bank account. Donations can be made for the Sunday Offering as well as most Second Collections and the Parish Renewal Fund.

Why use the Online Program? Because gifts are done electronically you will no longer need to worry about remembering to bring your envelopes to church. It also allows you to use VISA or Mastercard so you will be able to earn your miles or other awards on your credit cards.

You can access our secure site by using the link on our parish website at www.SaintChris.com. Thank you in advance for your support of our parish.