



Saint Christopher Parish

1576 Curtner Avenue,
San Jose, CA. 95125
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 9:30-10:30 am & by appt.

April 3, 2016
Second Sunday of Easter
Sunday of Divine Mercy

Parish Office Msgr. Allen Center
2278 Booksin Ave., San Jose, CA. 95125

Office Hours: Mon-Thurs, 8:30am—noon, 1:00-4:00pm
Fridays 8:30am-1:00pm

Main Office: 408-269-2226, (fax) 408-269-2784

Pastor: Rev. Christopher Bennett Ext. 135

Parochial Vicars:

Rev. Anthony Uytingco Ext. 130
And Rev. Chady Segovia Ext. 143

Deacon:

Deacon Bruce Zorio, Ext. 137

Parish Secretaries:

Gayle Blackford & Adrienne DiVittorio

Business & Facility Manager

Elaine Blocher, Ext. 136

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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Director: Sr. Felicia Gross, O.S.F. Ext. 128

Rel. Ed. Assistant: Diane Forst Ext. 127

Elementary Sacrament Coordinator: Gina Park Ext. 126

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

Principal: Mrs. Corrine Buich

Vice Principals: Sr. Kieran O'Connor, P.B.V.M.; Mrs. Jutta Brassill and Mrs. Kathy Carter

Business Manager: Mrs. Stephanie Houlihan

Finance Manager: Divina Orogo

Development Director: Teresa Behan

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SATURDAY, APRIL 2

4:30 Yvonne Pine, Lorraine Igoe, Joe & Ann Serio,
Rosaro, Anna & Salvatore Serio

SUNDAY, APRIL 3

6:30 Yvonne Pine, Helen Boshell
8:00 Yvonne Pine, Michael Giammona,
Frank, Marianna & Marietta Gatto,
Al Tognetti
9:30 Yvonne Pine, Fadi Zikoor,
Starr Henderson, Ann Konjuh
11:00 Yvonne Pine, Sandi Modeson,
Rocco Ruscigno, Antonette Cristina
12:30 Yvonne Pine, Kitty Menhennet,
Leno & Grace Gemo
6:00 Yvonne Pine, Marie Hibler, Ernesto Derro
Ronnie Gulleckson

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If you have donations posted to your credit card and you have been issued a new credit card by your bank for what ever reason, please be sure and log on to your Online Giving Profile and update your account information. You can access the Online Giving Site by using the link on our Parish Website, www.SaintChris.com. If you have any questions
Thank you for your continued support of our Parish.

"ALL CHRISTIANS AND PEOPLE OF GOODWILL ARE CALLED TODAY TO FIGHT NOT ONLY FOR THE ABOLITION OF THE DEATH PENALTY BE IT LEGAL OR ILLEGAL, IN ALL ITS FORMS, BUT ALSO FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF PRISON CONDITIONS IN THE RESPECT OF THE HUMAN DIGNITY OF THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN DEPRIVED OF FREEDOM."

Pope Francis

On the week-end of April 17 the Social Justice Committee will be soliciting signatures supporting a November ballot measure replacing the death penalty with "life imprisonment without the possibility of parole." Tables will be set up at the main entrances to the church at all masses on the 16th and 17th.

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS TO HELP MAN THE TABLES. PLEASE CALL DOUG HARPER (408.267-1085) IF YOU CAN HELP US IN THIS IMPORTANT WORK.

Altar Server Training

Boys and girls currently in 5th, 6th, or 7th grades who are interested in learning more about the ministry of Altar Serving are invited to attend one of two orientation meetings, with a parent, to help them to discern this ministry. At the orientation we will answer your questions about training, scheduling, and the practical aspects of serving our parish as an Altar Server.

To reserve your reservation for the upcoming training session, you MUST RSVP to da4ryans@yahoo.com. Prospective Altar Servers will be taken on a first-come-first-served basis.

Orientation Meeting Dates

Tuesday, April 5th, from 7:00 to 8:00 PM
in the St. Joseph Room

-or-

Thursday, April 7th, from 7:00 to 8:00 PM
in the St. Joseph Room

This Orientation is a prerequisite for Altar Server Training, and prospective Servers must attend 1 Orientation Meeting with a parent. Prospective Altar Servers must also complete the following 3-day training session:

Training Session Dates

Thursday, April 14th from 3:30 to 5:30 PM in the church

Friday, April 15th from 3:30 to 5:30 PM in the church

-and-

Saturday, April 16th from 7:45 to 9:45 AM in the church

Space is limited! You MUST RSVP to da4ryans@yahoo.com to confirm your reservation for this training session.



We're On The Web!

Check us out on our new and improved website at

www.saintchris.com

You will be able to look up Mass Times, Holiday Schedules, questions about Baptism, Marriages, and Church events, etc. Past bulletins are also available on our web site to look up past information.

Change in Parish Office Hours

Please Note: The parish office will close at 1pm on Friday afternoons.



IN REMEMBRANCE

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

Roberta Enright, Margaret LoBue,
And Don Brown



ADA2016

ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL

A big **Thank You** to the 709 families who have already replied to the 2016 ADA. With your support we have reached our goal of \$222,529 that was set by the Diocese. If you have not yet responded to ADA your participation is more important now than ever. Why? Because all money donated over and above our goal is 100% rebated back to the parish. Extra ADA envelopes can be found in the back of the Church as well as in the Parish Office. Or you can call the Parish Office at 269-2226 to have one mailed to you. Again, thank you all for your support and God Bless you and your family.

LEGION OF MARY ACIES

**WITH BISHOP PATRICK MCGRATH
SAN JOSE COMITIUM, KOREAN, SPANISH,
VIETNAMESE & CHINESE CURIA**



**"I AM ALL YOURS MY QUEEN
AND MY MOTHER
AND ALL THAT I HAVE IS YOURS"**

Saturday, April 16, 2016

OUR LADY OF PEACE CHURCH

2800 Mission College Blvd, Santa Clara, CA 95054

Consecration at 12:00 Noon

Holy Mass with Bishop McGrath at 1:00PM

Reception with light food in the Gym

SUPPORT GROUP FOR THE SICK

We'd like to invite those who are sick or family members caring for them to a sharing of experiences and challenges in a friendly and confidential support group setting, and prayers for moral and spiritual nourishment. The next meeting is on Thursday, April 7th, from 5:30- 7:00 pm at the Msgr. Allen Center. Please contact Edith Smith for further information at 408-839-1942.

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.

ATTENTION PARENTS: The following programs will be in session on April 3rd: Sunday Rel. Ed. and Liturgy of the Word for Children.

IMPORTANT MESSAGE FOR THE TUESDAY

REL. ED. STUDENTS: There will be class on April 5th; we will not be in session on April 12th. Class will resume on April 19th.

IMPORTANT MESSAGE FOR THE SUNDAY

REL. ED. STUDENTS: No class on April 10th; class will resume on April 17th.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMS: The final 1st Eucharist Parent Meeting will be on April 5th at 7:00 p.m. This is a mandatory meeting - AT LEAST ONE PARENT NEEDS TO ATTEND.

REL. ED. JUNIOR HIGH: The Jr. High program will meet Sunday, April 3rd from 4:30 p.m.-5:45 p.m. in the Msgr. Allen Center. The next meeting is April 17th.

LITURGY OF THE WORD FOR CHILDREN:

This program is available during the 9:30 a.m. Sunday Mass for all parish children in grades Kindergarten through 4th; no registration is necessary.

A Jubilee Year of Mercy Pilgrimage to Poland & the Czech Republic

Including: Warsaw, Czestochowa, Krakow, Wadowice, Auschwitz, Brno & Prague

13 Days: October 5th to 17th, 2016

Under the Spiritual Direction of:

Most Rev. Patrick J. McGrath

& Rev. Christopher Bennett

For more information Email:

revbennett@sbcglobal.net or pick up a flyer in the Parish office or the back of the church

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.

Social Justice

Today is the Sunday of Divine Mercy. The Gospel reading notes Jesus' initial words to his disciples - "Peace be with you". How fitting of a reminder that his basic message is grounded in love, inclusiveness, forgiveness and mercy. We Christians in the 21st Century are the "blessed are those who have not seen and have believed".

Love, forgiveness and mercy are uniquely linked with Capital Punishment. Some issues were noted in the column two weeks ago with regard to the evolution of the Church's position on the death penalty. As noted then, Pope Francis has called for its abolition.

In the Year of Mercy, also an election year, there is a movement to put this issue before the voters of California. (In 2012, the referendum was strongly supported in Santa Clara County and the Bay area, coming within 2% of winning state-wide.) No other Western nation has the death penalty. 19 of our fellow states have replaced the death penalty with life imprisonment without parole.

The existence of Capital Punishment is not a deterrent to crime, though some prosecutors use this as a bargaining tool with defendants. Those so sentenced are over represented by being people of color/poor. Persons who have subsequently been determined to be innocent have already been executed.

The emotions of anger, rage and a desire for revenge felt by family/friends of the victim are normal experiences. When the State kills the prisoner, the survivors and society at large, receive the overt/covert message that to seek actualization of "righteously felt vengeance" has been vindicated. For all, those who support/oppose the death penalty, might we reflect upon: how does State sanctioned killing reflect Jesus' greeting - "Peace be with you"; what impact might this have on the moral tone on us individually and our society; what logic is there in the rationale of killing one person who has killed another with the unfounded hope of preventing another killing (someone wisely once said "violence begets violence")?

In a couple of weeks there will be an opportunity, before/after Mass, to sign a petition to have a referendum on the November ballot to replace Capital Punishment with life imprisonment without the possibility of parole. Prayerfully reflect on your decision to sign/not sign.

Any comments or input please contact:
Doug Harper socailjustice@stchrissj.org



Young Adults: 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 in April from 1:30 until 3 pm as we build community, break bread (lunch will be included), and deepen our faith and relationship with Jesus Christ: April 3 and 17. Any questions contact: Chris Miller at cmiller@dsj.org or 408-395-7949

Youth Ministry News:

Chris Miller (408)-395-7949

cmiller@dsj.org or [parish website](http://parish.saintchris.com)
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 at Mitty High School from 10:30am until 6:00pm. Please contact Chris Miller at cmiller@dsj.org or 408-395-7949 for additional information.

Youth Group

Youth: All high school aged students are welcome to attend Sunday evening youth group sessions from 7 until 8:30 pm. As always, dinner will be provided, and topics are presented in an interesting and engaging way. The theme for the spring semester will be on social justice, and the principles of Catholic Social Teaching (CST) will be explored in greater detail. The April youth group sessions will focus on the dignity of work/ rights of workers, solidarity, and care for God's creation: April 3, 17 and 24.

Ladies' Guild



Ladies' Guild Executive Board
2016-2017

The Nominating committee has voted
and is pleased to announce

Vicki Marchant – President
Natalie Brunello – 1st Vice President
Michelle Martin – 2nd Vice President
Mila Camino – Treasurer
Courtney Budziak – Secretary
Lisa DeKay – Guild Coordinator
Meghann Paul – Guild Coordinator
Sherry Riordan – Parliamentarian

Please join the celebration at
Installation Mass

Look for details in the bulletin and newsletter

if you are interested in finding out more information
about Ladies' Guild and how you can help

Join the Ladies' Guild General Board! Be part of the St. Christopher Mission.

Our goal is to host community building events and to raise essential funds for our school, parish and community. In order to achieve this, we need energetic and passionate women willing to use their volunteer time to benefit our cause. The Ladies' Guild has multiple board positions available for next year and we need your help. These new positions are designed to accommodate working women with time constraints. We ask that you attend 6 of the 7 monthly board meetings. To view available positions, visit <http://stchris.ivolunteer.com/generalboard2016>. If you would like more information, contact Vicki Marchant at vixcancook@gmail.com or 650-222-2279.



Calling all Moms and Kids to the Dance Floor!

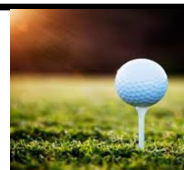
Come to the Mother/Child Dance on Wednesday, April 20th from 6pm-8:30pm. Enjoy dancing with DJ Chris from Cali Entertainment, and food, and spend the evening with friends.

Tickets are \$10 per person, which includes admission and food.

Tickets are available on the Ladies Guild Website at <https://www.stchrisladiesguild.org/mother--child-social.html>

Open to all moms and kids in grades K-8.
Questions, contact Rachel Delucchi at racheldelucchi@yahoo.com.

Holy Name



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>

Ladies' Guild Disbursements for 2015-2016

As the Ladies' Guild fundraising year comes to a close for 2015-2016, we are now preparing to disburse our funds. We are blessed to have had a year of successful events that will allow us to assist our St. Christopher Parish, School and Community.

At this time we welcome your requests and suggestions regarding distribution of our funds, keeping in mind: *Our mission is to actively support our parish, school and greater community by fostering spiritual growth, fundraising activities, and helping those in need.*

You may send any requests and suggestions directly to me, in writing or via email, at the address listed below by

Friday, April 29th, 2016

Please include as much detail and documentation as possible to allow us to make an informed decision when disbursing our funds. Following a review by Father Bennett and me, the compiled list of requests and suggestions will be presented to, and voted on, by the Ladies' Guild Board on May 11th, 2016

Thank you for your support of all our fundraising events this past year, including our Benefit Auction and Antique Show. We could not have succeeded without you! Please share in our joy as we give back!

Sherry Riordan
Ladies' Guild President
1486 Husted Ave
San Jose Ca 95125
president@ladiesguild.org

Over 50's

The Over 50's Club will hold its April Meeting on April 8, 2016, at **11:30 a.m. (Please note the time change)** in Walsh Hall. Following the meeting we will have a catered lunch by John's Golden Harvest. The cost is \$11:00; please mail your checks made out to the Over 50's to Lore McCoy at 1311 Viera Court San Jose 95125. All checks must be in Lore's hands by April 6, 2016. April Fun Friday will be held on April 22, 2016 at 1:30 in Walsh Hall. The game of the day is Bingo. All members of the parish are invited.



EASTER FLOWERS IN MEMORY OF LOVED ONES



Sr. Vivian Snow, Sarah Carolyn DeCarli, Donald L. DeCarli, Steven DeCarli, Mary Agnes Wallace, Bernice DeCarli, Helen Blackford, Danny Blackford, Eva Hazen, Eleanor Alexander, MaryAnn Wallace, Donald Wallace, Edward Wallace, Ernie & Esther Santos, Eva Moses, Josephine Emmite, Elwood & Josephine Lausten, Josephina Morano, , Rosa P. Morone, Jesus & Isabel Cordova, Mervin & Kathryn Troop, Stone & Jaeger Family, Levin & Harper Families, Nicole, Darian, Joe, Sukkinder, Norn, Jeen, Mark, Dominic, Kent Kasnic & Family, Hillstrom Family, Phillip A Sunseri Sr. Priscilla A. Lorenzo, Mickael Renault, Anita Roa, Daniel B. Healy, Patricia Dinapoli, Pedro Roa, Mobeck Family loved ones. Jake & Lena Kibler, Sam & Lucille Scaglione, Gabriel H. Cadena, Guadalupe "Ruby" Cadena, Nicholas Cadena, Dionicia Ornelas, Sotero Ornelas, Maria Jesus Herrera, Antonin Gregory Scalia, Joe & Ann Serio, Rosario, Anna & Salvator Serio, Mazie Carroll & Evelyn Coppadona, Allen Orland, Mr. & Mrs. F. W. Percy, Michael Hausler, Max Wainscott, Anthony Madelina, Ron Hovland, EV Twichell, Jeffrey Cannon, Rev. Deacon Salvador Alvarez and St. Christopher Parish



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 Hammerness, Branden Alwine, Greg Cook, Connor McDonald, Christian Dietz, Connor Quinn, Adam Christopher Madewell, Richard Stayskal, Larry Chartier, Andrew Morgan, Derek Carroll, Allen Ellerbee, Obadijah 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



Pray for the ill in our Parish

Gregoria Poole
Peri Caparelli
Jeanne Randazzo
Nancy Hunt
Alec Giurlani
William & Irene Percy
Dee Mullen
Pat Lascola
Lee Reik
Paul Russo
Reggie Jose
Rick Lovoy
Nina Ratulowski
Connie Himmelsbach
Shannon Flynn
Vera Gutierrez
Dorothy Mariles
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 laconis

MARRIED COUPLES: A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is like Spring-time. It's a weekend of fresh air, the rebirth of romance and new beginnings. If you'd like to make your marriage even more special than it already is – call now! The next Marriage Encounter Weekend is May 20-22, 2016 in Mountain View. For more information visit our website at: sanjosewwme.org or contact Ken & Claranne at applications@sanjosewwme.org or **408-782-1413.**

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 Karen Warford
(408) 267-7820 (408) 266-7441
fcgardhouse@yahoo.com karenvijil@yahoo.com

**INFORMATION FOR REPORTING COMPLAINTS OR ALLEGATIONS OF SEXUAL MISCONDUCT:
DIOCESE OF SAN JOSE
THE OFFICE FOR THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN AND VULNERABLE ADULTS**

**1150 North First Street, Suite 100
San Jose, CA 95112**

Complaints or allegations of Sexual misconduct may be reported via:

**PHONE: 408-983-0113
EMERGENCY HOTLINE: 408-983-0141
EMAIL: protection@djs.org
FAX: 408-983-0147**