



May 1, 2022
Third Sunday of Easter
Newsletter

Mass Times

Saturday-Sunday

Saturday Vigil: 4:30 p.m.

Sunday Masses:

6:30 am, 8:00 am, 9:30 am, 11:00 am,
12:30 pm, and 4:00 pm

Sunday Mass in Courtyard—

8:30 am 9:30 am and 10:30 am



Daily Mass: Mon-Fri—9:00 am

Mon-Thur — 6:30 pm.



Holy Days

7:00 am 9:00 am 12:noon and 7:00 pm



Confessions

First Saturday 9:30 am-10:30 am
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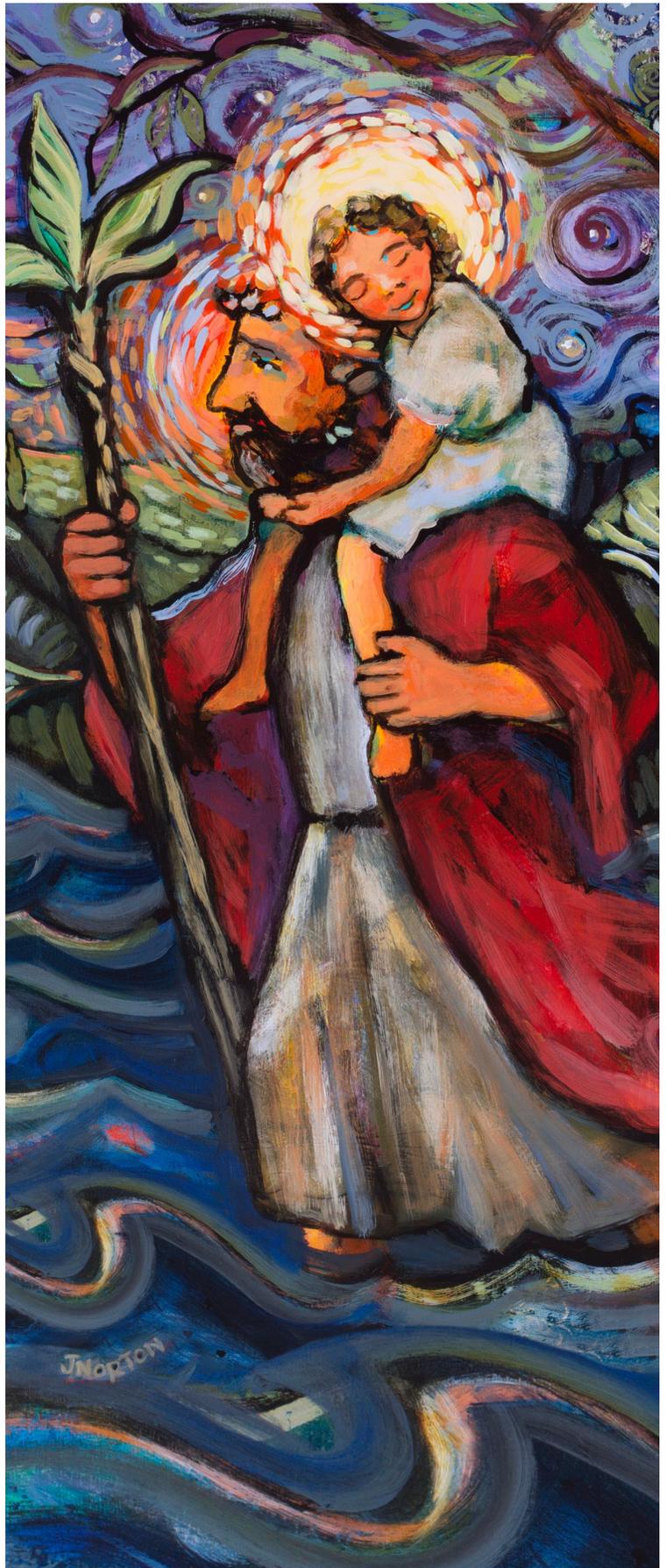
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Weddings

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408-269-2226 at least six months prior to
the proposed date of wedding.



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BISHOP'S EASTER MESSAGE



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Jesus Christ has called us to be His witnesses! As members of the Church we have moved together through the days of Lent, Holy Week, and Easter. In our parish communities we have accompanied our catechumens to the Easter Vigil and to the font of the Living Waters bubbling up with eternal life as we experienced anew the powerful Easter Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation.

At the very heart of our Christian spirituality and witness is the person of Jesus our Savior and the events associated with His life, death, and resurrection, which have become for us the means of our salvation and that of the whole world. His suffering and death culminated in His glorious resurrection and ascension into Heaven is the very center from which all the grace and hope of the Gospel message emanates.

In carrying the cross, Jesus carried all of the fears and pain that burden our hearts. By embracing death, Jesus took hold of that which holds humanity most helpless. By rising from the dead, He opens the door to a new kind of life for humanity: an immortal life, a life not subject to death; a divine life, a life of endless possibility and creative potential; a grace-filled life, a life that is immersed in the greatest power in the universe, the irresistible power of divine love.

Through the gift of baptism we, in some mysterious way, participate in the saving event of Christ. In baptism we die with Christ. In baptism we are raised with Christ to a new, eternal, and spiritual life. Because of our participation through baptism in the death of Christ we possess that sure and certain hope of resurrection in the world to come. "In dying Jesus destroyed our death. In rising He restores our life," that is, the divine life that was always intended by God to be ours.

Together, as Christian communities, we will renew and relive this great Paschal Mystery as we gather to proclaim the joyous news that Jesus has conquered death. Together we will celebrate the reality of our salvation through the blessing of fire, the lighting of the Paschal candle, the singing of the Exsultet and the blessing of the baptismal waters. Once again, we shall together partake of the blessed sacrament of Christ's body and blood in our Eucharistic meal which we continuously celebrate until He comes again in glory for the final redemption of the entire world.

May our Paschal journey bring peace, joy and happiness to all.

Most Reverend Oscar Cantú
Bishop of San José



The Great Easter Season

The Easter Season, also known as the Great Fifty Days, begins at sunset Easter Eve and continues through the Day of Pentecost. It is the most joyous and celebrative season of the Christian year. It focuses on Christ's resurrection and ascension and on the giving's of the Holy Spirit on the first Easter (John 20:22 –23) and the Day of Pentecost (Acts 2). Lessons from the Acts of the Apostles replace readings from the Old Testament because the early church, empowered by the Holy Spirit, is the best witness to the Resurrection.

The ancient Christian name for this festival is Pasch, derived from the Hebrew pesah ("deliverance" or "Passover"), thus connecting the Resurrection to the Exodus. The origin of the English word Easter is disputed but may come from the Anglo-Saxon spring goddess Easter and her festival. Pentecost comes from the Greek pentekoste, which means "fiftieth." It refers to the Jewish Feast of Weeks, which Greek-speaking Jews called the Day of Pentecost (Acts 2:1).

Early Christians also used the term Pentecost to refer to the Great Fifty Days as a season. In addition to the acts and services of worship on the following pages, see The Great Thanksgivings and the scripture readings for the Easter Season in the lectionary.

Our ancestors found great symbolic meaning in these 50 days of Easter. For example, 50 days is seven weeks — a week of weeks plus one day. That extra day was the Eighth Day, the same name they gave to Sunday — the day of resurrection, the day that symbolized eternity. It's not just the start of a new seven-day week but the beginning of a whole new creation. Fifty days is also just about one-seventh of the whole year, so these 50 days hold the same relationship to the year as Sunday does to the week. That's why the 50 days of Easter are known as the Great Sunday of the entire year.

And there's more. Easter, like Christmas, has an octave, and the eight days from Easter Sunday to Divine Mercy Sunday are celebrated as one great day, the Sunday (so to speak) of the Easter season. In the early Church the newly baptized wore their white baptismal garments throughout this week, and after Christians gained power, this whole week was a legal holiday in many parts of the Roman Empire.

While 50 days of unmitigated joy seems hard for us to sustain today, the season still has meaning. It's the time when we are meant to experience what it means when we say Christ is risen. It's the season when we hear and ponder the beginnings of our Church, the gifts of the Spirit, and the meaning and mission of discipleship, on what joining in the Eucharist commits us to be and do. For no matter how glorious this 50-day taste of the heavenly banquet is meant to be, God eventually calls us out of the celebration and reminds us to move on and live what we've celebrated in all the moments of our lives.



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PLEASE NOTE:

Our Sunday Morning Mass time has permanently changed from 7:00am to 6:30am



FAITH FORMATION

Online registration is now open for the 2022-2023 Faith Formation session. To register for classes, go to saintchris.com, click on Faith Formation and choose Grades 1-6 or Confirmation Year 1 and 2. Please call our office at 408-264-8764 if you have any questions.



Becoming A Catholic. (R.C.I.A.)

The RCIA is offered to those who have never been baptized in any Christian church but may also benefit those already baptized who desire to become Catholic. The non-baptized who are suitably prepared are joyfully received into the Catholic Church by the reception of the three Sacraments of Initiation, namely, Baptism, Confirmation and the Most Holy Eucharist. This takes place at the Easter Vigil in their local Catholic parish.

If you are interested in becoming Catholic or simply finding out more about the RCIA, you should contact our parish office and make an appointment to speak to one of our priests or our RCIA coordinator. We look forward to hearing from you.



40 Hours for the Lord Vigil for Vocations

From the opening Mass on Friday, May 6 (time to be provided) until the closing Mass on Sunday, May 8 with Bishop Oscar Cantú.

FRIDAY, MAY 6TH

5:30 PM OPENING MASS & EUCHARISTIC PROCESSION

SATURDAY, MAY 7TH

6:30 PM EVENING MASS

SUNDAY, MAY 8TH

1:00 PM CLOSING MASS WITH BISHOP OSCAR CANTÚ

WHERE: Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish



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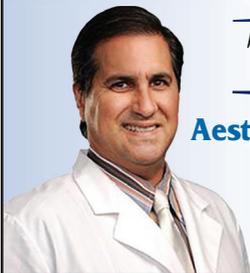
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St. Christopher's Annual Festival

June 10-12

Heads up, Everyone! Good news!

Mark your calendars for our parish Summer Festival on June 10-12th. We have come together as a family of faith, stronger than ever over the past two years and so let's come together to celebrate each other. Join us for an evening of food, entertainment, and lots of fun. It is a popular annual family event that offers an affordable, safe, and wholesome environment for adults and children of all ages.

Since the beginning we've appreciated the Community's continued support, and especially through these times that have been challenging for all of us. We hope to see you at this year's festival



Save the Date: Blood Drive

Ladies' Guild Memorial Blood Drive,
Sunday May 15th, 9am-3pm
in the St Christopher's Gym

Our blood drive honors St. Christopher School alumna, Kerry Michelle Hamilton, class of 1982. Kerry passed away December 26, 2020 after a courageous fight against ovarian cancer

Kerry loved assisting with fundraisers and donating her delicious baked goods to the Antique Show Pantry. She is greatly missed. We ask that you donate blood in honor of Kerry and help all patients in need.

More information may be found at
<https://www.stchrisladiesguild.org/blood-drive.html>



Extraordinary Ministry of the Eucharist

Being a Minister of Holy Communion is humbling and beautiful. Here is the opportunity to serve the deep hunger of people to find the presence of Christ. This is our ministry and our privilege. The presence of the risen Christ which you bring, both in the sacrament and in yourself, is a presence characterized by a deeply spiritual, realistic love – a love that seeks the good of others – a love that never ends.

Please consider becoming a Minister of the Eucharist. For more information please Contact: Loretta Pfaff at 1-408-269-2226 ext. 303
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Lector

The Lector Ministry makes a truly satisfying and meaningful contribution to Eucharistic celebrations at Saint Christopher Church. When one answers the call to be a minister of the word, one enters a deeper relationship with the word of God as revealed in sacred scriptures. The lector takes upon themselves the duty and privilege of bringing the printed word to life—making it flesh. The ministry as a lector gives voice to God's healing and challenging words as it goes forth irrevocably to the ends of the earth, achieving the purpose for which God sent it. In a very real sense, the lector becomes a prophet—one who speaks for God. Please consider becoming a Lector. For more information please Contact: Loretta Pfaff at 1-408-269-2226 ext. 303 or email Loretta.pfaff@stchrissj.org

Hospitality

People experience the presence of Jesus Christ in the world through the ministry of the Church. The first task of the parish community is to reach out to all people in Christian love and service. Christian hospitality draws people together, opens them to participation, and sets the tone for the liturgy. Hospitality is important because it is the first thing that people will hopefully experience when they walk through our church's doors. First impressions make a lasting impact, so we need to "Receive all guests as Christ." Please consider becoming a Hospitality Minister. For more information please Contact: Loretta Pfaff at 1-408-269-2226 ext. 303 or email Loretta.pfaff@stchrissj.org