



**July 31, 2022**  
Eighteenth Sunday in  
Ordinary Time  
Newsletter

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**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



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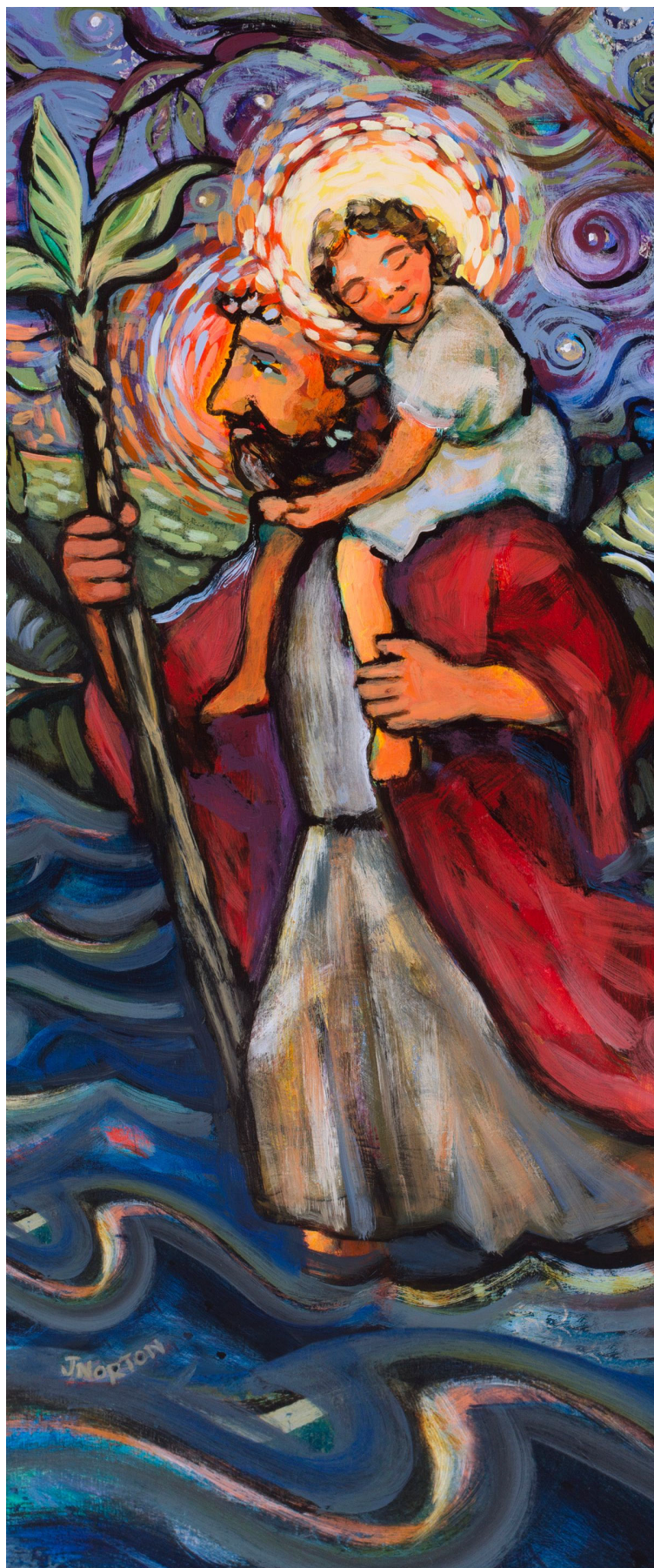
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# Liturgy and Life

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At its heart, the Eucharist is a sacrament of communion, bringing us closer to God and to our brothers and sisters in the Body of Christ. If we live the fruits of the Eucharist in our daily lives, we will fill our families and our communities with the life-giving qualities that the Liturgy brings: hospitality, concern for the poor and vulnerable, self-offering, and thanksgiving. An ancient saying in the Church reads “lex orandi, lex credendi,” meaning that the law of prayer is the law of faith. More loosely: as we pray, so we believe. To that we might add lex vivendi, meaning that as we pray, so we believe, and so we live. In the third edition of the Roman Missal, the bishops and translators took great care to ensure that the prayers accurately and fully reflect the mysteries of our faith. Thus, the words that we pray in each liturgical celebration help to form and strengthen our understanding of the faith. However, if the effects of the Liturgy stop at the doors of the church, we have not made our prayer and our faith part of our law of living. The Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC) teaches that the Eucharist helps us to grow in union with Christ, avoid sin, increase in charity, strengthen communion with our brothers and sisters, and recognize Christ in the poorest and most vulnerable members of society (see CCC, nos. 1391-1397). But what does that mean in daily life?

## Living a Life of Prayer

Our prayer lives should not be limited to a single hour on Sunday mornings. In fact, the richer our prayer lives are throughout the week, the more fully we will be able to enter into the Sunday celebration of the Eucharist. Here are some ways to make your daily life more prayerful:

- ✠ Try attending daily Mass at least once a week. Your parish may have an early morning Mass, or a church near your job may offer a lunchtime Mass.
- ✠ Stop in a church before or after work or on your lunch hour for fifteen minutes of quiet prayer before the Blessed Sacrament.
- ✠ Make it a practice to say grace before every meal— even if you are eating in the car.
- ✠ Schedule time for family prayer at least once a week. This prayer can be as simple as saying the Our Father or a decade of the Rosary together.
- ✠ Take time during the week to read or listen to the readings for the upcoming Sunday. The readings are available online (in print and audio) at [www.usccb.org/bible](http://www.usccb.org/bible).
- ✠ Begin your day with a brief prayer of thanksgiving to God, offering your day to him.
- ✠ End your day with an examination of conscience, looking at your successes and failures in what you have done or what you have failed to do. If you are aware of serious sin, receive the Sacrament of Penance before you receive Holy Communion again.

## Living a Life of Loving Service

Celebrating the eucharistic Liturgy and receiving Holy Communion should strengthen us to conform our lives more closely to the example of Christ. As Jesus knelt before his Apostles to wash their feet (see Jn 13), giving them an example of humble service, so must we who bear the name Christian live our lives in service to our brothers and sisters. To help us in this endeavor, Church Tradition has identified works of mercy. These fourteen practices demand great sacrifice and generosity, but they also draw us more deeply into conformity with the Lord. Focusing on one of these works each week may be a practical way to integrate them into our personal, family, and parish lives.



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## Corporal Works of Mercy

- ✠ Feeding the hungry   ✠ Sheltering the homeless   ✠ Clothing the naked
- ✠ Visiting the sick   ✠ Visiting the imprisoned   ✠ Giving drink to the thirsty
- ✠ Burying the dead

Our parishes and civil communities offer numerous opportunities to live out these works, from assisting with religious education classes or volunteering at a food bank to encouraging our legislators to put forward policies that protect the life and dignity of each person. As we grow in conformity to Christ, we see more clearly that all people are made in the image and likeness of God (see Gn 1:26) and so have an inherent value and dignity. By helping to build a more just and compassionate society, we act as Christ's Body in the world

## It All Comes Back to the Eucharist

Living the Christian life is not easy. "What material food produces in our bodily life, Holy Communion wonderfully achieves in our spiritual life. Communion with the flesh of the risen Christ preserves, increases, and renews the life of grace received at Baptism. This growth in Christian life needs the nourishment of Eucharistic Communion, the bread for our pilgrimage" (CCC, no. 1392). And so, each Sunday, we return to the eucharistic table, bringing all our efforts of the previous week, the good and the bad, the successes and the failures, the joys and the sorrows.

We gather with our brothers and sisters in the Lord and, together with our priest, we join these efforts to the perfect sacrifice of Christ, asking that God will receive what we offer back to him in humble thanksgiving. The Catechism explains it as follows: The Church which is the Body of Christ participates in the offering of her Head. With him, she herself is offered whole and entire. She unites herself to his intercession with the Father for all men. In the Eucharist the sacrifice of Christ becomes also the sacrifice of the members of his Body. The lives of the faithful, their praise, sufferings, prayer, and work, are united with those of Christ and with his total offering, and so acquire a new value. Christ's sacrifice present on the altar makes it possible for all generations of Christians to be united with his offering. (CCC, no. 1368) Then, strengthened by Holy Communion, we are once again sent forth into the world to glorify the Lord in our lives

### Diocesan Prayer for Eucharist Revival

Heavenly Father,  
In your loving mercy, You sent your Son, Jesus Christ,  
Anointed by the Spirit,  
To redeem the world through his Paschal Mystery.  
The disciples on the road to Emmaus  
Pleaded with the Lord, "stay with us,"  
Promising to remain with his church,  
And to nourish us as the Bread of Life and Cup of salvation,  
Jesus left us the Sacrament of Salvation in the Eucharist.  
Stir up in our hearts a lively faith  
In Jesus' real, loving, and saving presence, and  
may the Eucharist become the pattern of our lives..  
As a pilgrim church  
may we be nourished and strengthened at the Eucharist table  
and so "do unto others" in love as you have loved us.  
Through the intercession of St. Joseph and St. Clare  
may we remain in you love  
Through the Sacrament of you Love. Amen

# SAINT CHRISTOPHER PARISH AND SCHOOL

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### 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.



**EVER THOUGHT OF BEING A CATECHIST?** As we prepare to enter another year for our program in the Fall, we are in need of 2 co-catechists and 5 volunteer aides to serve our ministry on specific Sundays (TBD) once a month from 2pm to 4 pm running from September 2022 through the end of the academic year in May 2023. If you have any questions or feel that you are called to serve in our ministry, please reach out to Edward Dantes at [edward.dantes@stchrissj.org](mailto:edward.dantes@stchrissj.org) or call (408) 264-8764 (ext. 317).



### 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](mailto: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](mailto:Loretta.pfaff@stchrissj.org)

# ST. CHRISTOPHER CALENDAR

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## Legion of Mary Announcement Plenary Indulgence

Granted to the Faithful by Pope Francis in Recognition of the  
Legion of Mary's Centenary Anniversary

Pope Francis, through the Sacred Penitentiary has granted *all members of the faithful*, during the Centenary Celebrations of the Legion of Mary, a PLENARY INDULGENCE properly fulfilled under the usual conditions - performance of the prescribed act:

Visit a Church where the Legion of Mary officially exists (Saint Christopher)

*\*Note: During the visitation, the Lord's Prayer and the Creed must be recited devoutly.*

Sacramental Confession, Holy Communion, prayer for the intention of the Holy Pontiff and a firm amendment of a contrite heart and detachment from sin. Granted during the Centenary Anniversary of the Legion of Mary from September 7, 2021 - September 7, 2022.

Legion of Mary members from Saint Christopher will be available after the 8:00 through 12:30 Sunday masses on August 31 with additional information for all interested parishioners. Information will also be made available in the vestibule of the church.

### Save the Date Jubilarian Mass

August 7 at Holy Cross Parish. A Mass celebration to honor all the priests and religious celebrating their milestone anniversaries for their tireless dedication in serving the Lord through the Diocese of San José and the Catholic Church.



### FAITH FORMATION

Online registration is now open for the 2022-2023 Faith Formation session. To register for classes, go to [saintchris.com](http://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.



### Married Couples

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## WE NEED YOU!

### 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 [loretta.pfaff@stchrissj.org](mailto:loretta.pfaff@stchrissj.org)

### CALLING TO BECOME AN ALTAR SERVER

It's slowly and carefully, becoming the time to call upon our children to come back to church and to be engaged in the life of the parish by becoming an Altar Server. We would like to call upon boys and girls who have received already the 1st Holy Communion to register for this program. Parents, please, help your children to do so if they express such a desire to become an Altar Server. PLEASE, submit the names of your children to the Parish Office.





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