



**October 29, 2023**  
30th 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



Daily Mass: Mon-Fri—6:30 am and 9:00 am



**1st Saturday of the Month**

9:00am Mass with the anointing of the sick



**Holy Days**

6:30 am 9:00 am 12:noon and 7:00 pm



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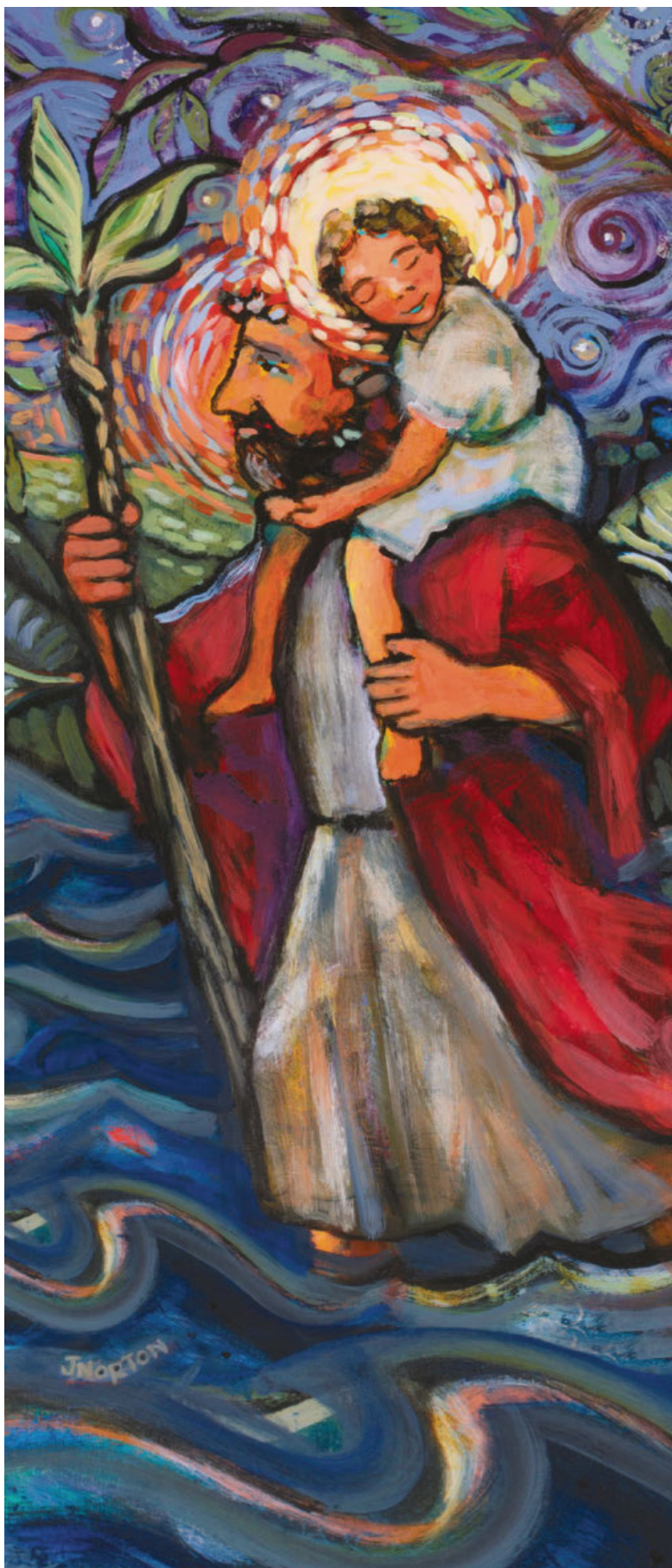
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## Feast of All Saints' and All Souls'

There is little known evidence that allows us to trace the origins of the celebration of All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day; however, when Christianity was finally legalized in 313 A.D. during the reign of Constantine, it was then that the commemoration of the saints, and particularly the martyrs, became a common practice.

In the East, both St. Ephrem (d. 373) and St. John Chrysostom (d. 407) have been recorded as mentioning this feast in their preaching. In the West, this celebration became an annual feast on the first Sunday after Pentecost. The primary reason for later establishing a regular feast day was due mainly to the desire to honor the great number of martyrs who gave their lives for the faith during the persecution of Emperor Diocletian (284–305 A.D.), which is recorded as the worst persecution of Christians in history. As regards to the exact date of the feast, it wasn't until the papacy of Gregory IV (1073-85) that the date of November 1 was designated as the official liturgical feast and later began appearing in the ninth and tenth century sacramentary (the books used by priests containing the prayers of the Mass).

Many today have come to believe there to be a pagan connection to the feast of All Saints', and though there may be some truth to that claim, the feast was established independently of any pagan influence. Along with the feast of All Saints' the celebration of All Souls' Day was established. The church has always encouraged the offering of prayers and Mass for the faithful departed in Purgatory, and has seen it as an opportunity to employ the prayers of the faithful on Earth to help usher these souls to their eternal reward – the Beatific Vision, the glorious vision of God.

Throughout the ages, other customs have developed surrounding the feast of All Souls', including in countries like Mexico where the relatives of the departed make garland wreaths and place paper flowers on the grave of the deceased on the morning of All Souls'. Families typically spend the entire day at the cemetery, where Mass is offered and special prayers and blessings are said over the graves of loved ones. This day is known as "Día de los Muertos", or Day of the Dead, and has been upheld as part of Mexico's sacred tradition.

The month of November is dedicated to faithfully departed souls, and this is a very important month for Catholics to remember all our deceased loved one. We invite you to bring to bring a picture of your loved one to be displayed on the Table of the Dead in the church for the month of November, please bring the pictures to the parish office. Please remember to put your name and phone number on the back of each picture so it can be returned at the end of the month

Mass Schedule for the feast of All Saints November 1,  
is as follows: 6:30am, 9:00pm, 12:Noon and 7:00pm.

Mass Schedule for the feast of All Souls November 2,  
is as follows: 6:30am, 9:00pm and 7:00pm.



## POPE FRANCI “LAUDATE DEUM”

The Global Climate Crisis 5. Despite all attempts to deny, conceal, gloss over or relativize the issue, the signs of climate change are here and increasingly evident. No one can ignore the fact that in recent years we have witnessed extreme weather phenomena, frequent periods of unusual heat, drought and other cries of protest on the part of the earth that are only a few palpable expressions of a silent disease that affects everyone. Admittedly, not every concrete catastrophe ought to be attributed to global climate change. Nonetheless, it is verifiable that specific climate changes provoked by humanity are notably heightening the probability of extreme phenomena that are increasingly frequent and intense.

For this reason, we know that every time the global temperature increases by 0.5° C, the intensity and frequency of great rains and floods increase in some areas and severe droughts in others, extreme heat waves in some places and heavy snowfall in others. [4] If up to now we could have heat waves several times a year, what will happen if the global temperature increases by 1.5° C, which we are approaching? Those heat waves will be much more frequent and with greater intensity. If it should rise above 2 degrees, the icecaps of Greenland and a large part of Antarctica [5] will melt completely, with immensely grave consequences for everyone.

Resistance and confusion 6. In recent years, some have chosen to deride these facts. They bring up allegedly solid scientific data, like the fact that the planet has always had, and will have, periods of cooling and warming. They forget to mention another relevant datum: that what we are presently experiencing is an unusual acceleration of warming, at such a speed that it will take only one generation – not centuries or millennia – in order to verify it. The rise in the sea level and the melting of glaciers can be easily perceived by an individual in his or her lifetime, and probably in a few years many populations will have to move their homes because of these facts.

7. In order to ridicule those who speak of global warming, it is pointed out that intermittent periods of extreme cold regularly occur. One fails to mention that this and other extraordinary symptoms are nothing but diverse alternative expressions of the same cause: the global imbalance that is 2 provoking the warming of the planet. Droughts and floods, the dried-up lakes, communities swept away by seaquakes and flooding ultimately have the same origin. At the same time, if we speak of a global phenomenon, we cannot confuse this with sporadic events explained in good part by local factors.

8. Lack of information leads to confusion between large-scale climate projections that involve long periods of time – we are talking about decades at least – with weather forecasts that at most can cover a few weeks. When we speak of climate change, we are referring to a global reality – and constant local variations – that persists for several decades. 9. In an attempt to simplify reality, there are those who would place responsibility on the poor, since they have many children, and even attempt to resolve the problem by mutilating women in less developed countries. As usual, it would seem that everything is the fault of the poor. Yet the reality is that a low, richer percentage of the planet contaminates more than the poorest 50% of the total world population, and that per capita emissions of the richer countries are much greater than those of the poorer ones. [6] How can we forget that Africa, home to more than half of the world's poorest people, is responsible for a minimal portion of historic emissions?

10. It is often heard also that efforts to mitigate climate change by reducing the use of fossil fuels and developing cleaner energy sources will lead to a reduction in the number of jobs. What is happening is that millions of people are losing their jobs due to different effects of climate change: rising sea levels, droughts and other phenomena affecting the planet have left many people adrift. Conversely, the transition to renewable forms of energy, properly managed, as well as efforts to adapt to the damage caused by climate change, are capable of generating countless jobs in different sectors. This demands that politicians and business leaders should even now be concerning themselves with it. (to be continued)



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Jim Messano



Kathryn Campanella



Maria de Jesus Cantu'



Sergio Fontana



Ciro DiVittorio

### Feast of All Saints

Wednesday, November 1<sup>st</sup>

Feast of All Saints is a Holyday of Obligation.

Masses are at 6:30am, 9:00am, 12:00noon and 7pm

### All Souls Day Mass November 2

Mass Schedule for the feast of All Souls November 2,  
is as follows: 6:30am, 9:00pm and 7:00pm.

To commemorate our loved ones we have lost.

If you would like to bring a picture of your loved one to be displayed in the church for the month of November, please bring the pictures to the parish office. **Please remember to put your name and phone number on the back of each picture so it can be returned at the end of the month.**

### ALL SOULS REMEMBRANCE

Honor your loved ones who have died by placing their name in repose upon the main altar of our church throughout the month of November. Beginning with the feast of All Souls on November 2nd, your deceased will be remembered in a special way at all Eucharist celebrations here at St. Christopher's. Special envelopes which will enable your participation, may be found at the entrances to the Church or in your monthly envelope packet.



ST. CHRISTOPHER LADIES' GUILD

2023-24 CALENDAR



#### LG MONTHLY MEETINGS

6:00PM - 8:00PM

9/6 • 10/11 • 11/8 • 1/10 • 2/7 • 3/13 • 4/10

May meeting and Installation mass TBD

#### BOOK CLUB

3rd Thursday of the month

Check the website to find out  
what we're reading!



#### LOBSTER FEED



Wednesday, September 13th

St. Christopher's parking lot

Ladies Only!

#### PUMPKIN PALOOZA & TRUNK OR TREAT

Friday, October 20th

St. Christopher's parking lot

All parish and school families welcome!



#### FIT FOR A KING

Monday, October 23rd

St. Christopher's Gym

Ladies' Guild cooks and serves dinner to HNS

#### CASINO NIGHT



Saturday, November 11th

St. Chris Gym

A beloved St. Chris tradition is back!



#### CHRISTMAS UNDER THE STARS

Wednesday, December 6th

St. Chris Gym

Ladies Only!



#### ST. JOSEPH'S TABLE

Tuesday, March 19th

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#### SOUP SUPPER



Wednesday, March 27th

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#### LADIES' GARDEN BRUNCH

Saturday, April 27

St. Chris Gym



FOR MORE INFO VISIT [STCHRISLADIESGUILD.ORG](http://STCHRISLADIESGUILD.ORG)

## WE NEED YOU!



Save the date for the return of **Casino Night!!**

Saturday, November 11th

5:00 pm - 10:00 pm

More info coming soon!



**We're On The Web!**

Check us out on our website at [www.saintchris.com](http://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.

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](http://www.SaintChris.com). Thank you in advance for your support of our parish.



## FOOD PANTRY

### THE OUTREACH FOOD PANTRY NEEDS YOUR HELP!

Our Outreach Ministry which assists people in need is asking for your help. The shelves of food are nearly empty. We cannot begin to prepare for the holiday season while we are in this situation. We are asking for gift cards to Target, Walmart, and any grocery chain. We need regular sized canned goods, (pasta Sauce, canned pasta soup, chili, corn, fruit, tomato products, tuna canned meat, refried beans) . We also need pasta, rice, and macaroni and cheese. Food maybe brought to the church office between 8:30 am and 3:30 pm, Monday through Thursday. This food and gift card drive will continue all through October and November.

I appreciate any help you can give.

Nancy Melander  
Outreach Director

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### NOVEMBER 1-30, we are collecting:

- New clothing (sizes 0-6 months)
- New sleep sacks, onesies
- Newborn & size 1 diapers

### Drop-off locations:

MSGR. ALLEN CENTER (Parish Office)  
ST. CHRISTOPHER SCHOOL OFFICE (Interior Entrance)

Monetary donations are also gratefully accepted:

Checks can be made to "Diocese of San Jose Layette Fund" and delivered to the Parish Office (2278 Booksin Ave, SJ, 95125).

Online donations can be made by visiting [stchrisladiesguild.org/layette](http://stchrisladiesguild.org/layette) or scanning the QR code:



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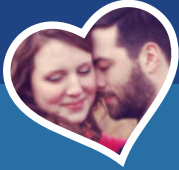


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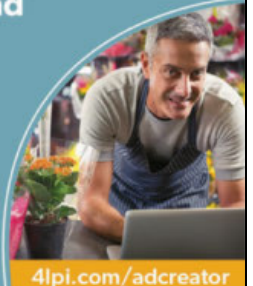
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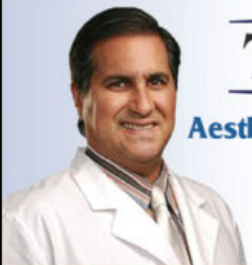
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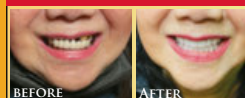
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