St. Christopher the Martyr Catholic Church

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MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday: (Vigil), 4 p.m.

Sunday: 7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m. (6 p.m. 2nd Sunday)

Daily: 6:30 & 9:30 a.m., Mon., Tues., Thurs. & Fri. 9:30 a.m. only, Wed.

COMMUNION FOR THE SICK: Please call the Rectory when someone is unable to attend Mass for any length of time.

NOVENA: Tuesday, following the 6:30 a.m. Mass

BAPTISM: Anyone interested in receiving information concerning Baptism at St. Christopher Parish should go to our website at www.stchristopherano.com and download the required documents. Return the completed documents to scmrectory@outlook.com.

MARRIAGES: Make arrangements six months in advance of wedding date with the priest.

PRAYER REQUEST LINE: To have your request included, call Theo Gomez at 504-301-2413.

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS: Before contacting the funeral home, please notify the priest as soon as possible when someone in the family dies. The parish church is the proper, preferred place for the celebration of the funeral mass.

BEREAVEMENT AND SUPPORT GROUP MINISTRY: Meeting on the 2nd Thursday of the month in the Parish Center. This ministry offers compassion and caring for those who have lost a loved one. For more information call Dianne Vasquez at 504-835-0540.

ADORATION CHAPEL: Monday through Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Call Jerry Cox at 504-458-3152 or Marlene Baquie at 504-913-5911.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK: 2nd Saturday of the month after 4 p.m. Mass.

CONFESSIONS: Saturday, 3:00 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. Contact the rectory to make an appointment for other times.

Mass Schedule

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This Weekend, October 10-11, 2020

Sat, 10/10:
4:00 pm Fr. Thomas

Sun, 10/11:
7:30 am Msgr. Taormina
9:30 am Fr. Raymond
11:00 am Fr. Raymond
6:00 pm Fr. Thomas

Mon, 10/12:
6:30 am Fr. Raymond
9:30 am Fr. Thomas

Tue, 10/13:
6:30 am Fr. Raymond
9:30 am Fr. Raymond

Wed, 10/14:
9:30 am Fr. Thomas

Thu, 10/15:
6:30 am Fr. Thomas
9:30 am Fr. Raymond

Fri, 10/16:
6:30 am Fr. Thomas
9:30 am Fr. Raymond

Next Weekend, October 17-18, 2020

Sat, 10/17:
4:00 pm Fr. Raymond

Sun, 10/18:
7:30 am Fr. Raymond
9:30 am Fr. Raymond
11:00 am Fr. Thomas

THIS CALENDAR IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Weekly Collections

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October 3-4, 2020

Envelopes..... $4093.50
Loose..... $ 984.00
TOTAL.....$5,077.50

Repairs and Maintenance..... $1,582.94

Mass Intentions for the Week

SATURDAY, 10/10: Ronald and Beverly Lambert, Frank and Cy Canale, Kippy Owens, Jr., Myron and Eva Guillory, William "Billy" Simon, Sister Rita Schwarzenberger, Georgiana Gros Welch, and Mary D. Quaid.

SUNDAY, 10/11: *Missa Pro Populo* (All Parishioners of St. Christopher), Jerry Cox, Jr., David Ball, Kenneth Kliebert, Sr., Thomas and Dorothy Stengle, Paul J. Ridolfo, Warren and Alvine Johnson, Odette Breaux, Lucas Breaux, Randy Breaux, Philip Breaux, Lula Nall, Jermaine Leigh Halvorson, Marc Garcia, Dulce M. Labrador, Mrs. Helen Davidson Indest, Anne H. Doyle, Ernest L. White, Sr., Shirley Oster, and Herbert, Michael, and Juanita Coakley.

MONDAY, 10/12: Christopher Campbell.

TUESDAY, 10/13: Ramona Clesi (Birthday), Ronnie Schmitt, and Perry J. Jarrell, Sr. (Birthday).

WEDNESDAY, 10/14: Lucas Bacino, Schade-Joanen Families, Samuel Igbogidi (Death Anniversary), Kippy Owens, Jr. (Birthday), Edward Joseph Bourgeois, and Suzie Schmitt (Birthday).

THURSDAY, 10/15: Rick Farizo, Shirley Oster.

FRIDAY, 10/16: Rene and Camille Carrouche, Ernest L. White, Sr.

MASS INTENTIONS

Offering a Mass intention requires a $5 minimum donation per Mass. Requests can be placed in the collection basket, calling in or mailing it to the rectory. Please indicate if the person is living/deceased. If you wish to send a card to the family, an additional $1.50 charge applies. "Special day" requests need to be into the rectory 2 weeks in advance of the date requested in order to be included in the bulletin. **PLEASE NOTE:** *The Names for the Mass Intentions are **not** read at each Mass for each individual or deceased. The intentions are always listed above in the bulletin through hard copy and/or on the website and a copy placed on the altar for the entire week.*

NO SECOND COLLECTION FOR THIS WEEKEND OF OCT. 11TH.

SECOND COLLECTION FOR THE WEEKEND OF OCT. 18TH WILL BE FOR WORLD MISSION COLLECTION.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — On this mountain the LORD will make for all peoples a feast of rich food and choice wines (Isaiah 25:6-10a).

Psalm — I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life (Psalm 23).

Second Reading — God will supply whatever you need (Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20).

Gospel — I have prepared my banquet, and everything is ready. Come to the feast! (Matthew 22:1-14 [1-10]).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31 — 5:1; Ps 113:1b-5a, 6-7; Lk 11:29-32.

Tuesday: Gal 5:1-6; Ps 119:41, 43-45, 47-48; Lk 11:37-41.

Wednesday: Gal 5:18-25; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 11:42-46.

Thursday: Eph 1:1-10; Ps 98:1-6; Lk 11:47-54.

Friday: Eph 1:11-14; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 12-13; Lk 12:1-7.

Saturday: Eph 1:15-23; Ps 8:2-3ab, 4-7; Lk 12:8-12.

Sunday: Is 45:1, 4-6; Ps 96:1, 3-5, 7-10; 1 Thes 1:1-5b; Mt 22:15-21.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: Columbus Day; Canadian Thanksgiving Day

Wednesday: St. Callistus I

Thursday: St. Teresa of Jesus

Friday: St. Hedwig; St. Margaret Mary Alacoque; National Boss's Day

Saturday: St. Ignatius of Antioch

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

I can do all things in him who strengthens me.

— Philippians 4:13

Flowers on the Altar

In honor of

All Special Intentions

Sanctuary Light

Is burning for

John Shuh, Sr. (Death Anniversary)

FLOWERS & SANCTUARY LIGHTS

If you would like to reserve a weekend, please call the rectory at 504-837-8214. It is a wonderful way to say "*Congratulations,*" "*Happy Birthday,*" "*Happy Anniversary,*" etc.

The cost for flowers is $40.

Checks for flowers should be made payable to "***St. Christopher Altar Society***."

The cost for sanctuary lights is $10.

Checks for sanctuary lights should be made payable to "***St. Christopher Church***."

SAINT TERESA OF JESUS (1515-1582)

Let nothing disturb you; let nothing frighten you. Gifted with a passionate spirit, young Teresa dreamed of converting Muslims and becoming a martyr. *All things are passing; God never changes.* But her mother's death when Teresa was fourteen inspired lifelong devotion to Our Lady, and Teresa entered the Carmelites, Mary's order, despite her father's objections and her own fragile health. *Patience gains everything.* Initially, she enjoyed her lax convent's sociability and "busyness," but mystical prayer and John of the Cross's collaboration inspired her to reform the Carmelites. *Whoever has God, lacks nothing.* When her ideals encountered resistance and brought suffering, she maintained her peace-—and humor. Discovered devouring leftovers, she told her mildly scandalized nuns, "When I fast, I fast! When I eat, I eat!" To nuns demanding less work and more prayer in the convent schedule, she retorted: "What we really need around here are fewer starry eyes and more strong arms!" *God alone is enough!* The italicized sentences here are her "Breviary Bookmark," the simple, profound prayer of Teresa, the first woman Doctor of the Church.

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ACTION

What I began by reading I must finish by acting.

—Henry David Thoreau

REPENTANCE

Of all human acts, repentance is most divine.

—Thomas Carlyle

UPCOMING EVENTS

Altar Society

P. Gonsoulin
S. Campiere
J. Chatelain
B. Boyer

Altar Society

Fly TCR to Win

It is that time of year again for The Altar Society Annual Raffle. With the pandemic, The Altar Society has continued to incur many expenses throughout this period. Again, through the kindness of many vendors and contributors, we have many wonderful prizes at $1.00 per chance. We will be selling raffle tickets before and after Masses on Saturday, October 24th and Sunday, October 25th.

Usher Ministry needs you!

Ushers are the smiling helpful attendants you see at Mass. Put your happy face on and join us. The rewards are bountiful!

ST. CHRISTOPHER MEN'S CLUB

JOIN US FOR OUR MONTHLY DRIVE-THRU DINNER NIGHT

SPAGHETTI MEATBALLS

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17th – SCHOOL YARD
5:00 PM UNTIL WE RUN OUT
$10 SPAGHETTI & MEATBALLS, SALAD & BREAD $10
CASH – CARDS DRIVE-THRU ONLY

COATS for Kids

Knights of Columbus will sponsor their annual COATS FOR KIDS DRIVE (outside of Church) October 17th & 18th. Unfortunately, due to COVID-19 used coats can not be collected. Only new coats or cash donations will be able to be accepted.

CALENDAR

OCTOBER EVENTS

10/11, 11:00 am — Cub Scout Mass

10/11, 6:00 pm — CYO Mass

10/12, 10:15 am — Legion of Mary Meeting

10/13, 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm — Cub Scout Pack Meeting, Gym (Pack 117)

10/13, 6:30 pm — Monthly Confirmation Meeting, Parish Center

10/14, 10:00 am — Mission Rosary Makers

10/15, 7:00 pm — Knights of Columbus Meeting

10/16, 7:00 pm — Knights of Columbus Rosary (Church)

10/17, 3:00 pm — Confession

10/17, 5:00 pm — Men's Club Spaghetti & Meatballs Drive-Thru Dinner

10/17 — Coats for Kids Drive (Sponsored by Knights of Columbus)

10/18 — Coats for Kids Drive (Sponsored by Knights of Columbus)

10/18, 9:30 am — Knights of Columbus Quarterly Mass (Church)

10/19, 10:15 am — Legion of Mary Meeting

10/20, 9:30 am — Altar Society Mass (Meeting to follow in the Parish Center)

10/22, 6:30 pm — Cantor practice (Church)

10/23, 7:00 pm — Knights of Columbus Rosary (Church)

10/24, 3:00 pm — Confession

10/24 — Altar Society Raffle

10/25 — Altar Society Raffle

Confessions are still offered every Saturday at 3:00 p.m.

Please join us in a Novena for a successful election every Tuesday beginning September 1, 2020, for nine weeks following the 6:30 a.m. Mass.

Daily Prayers for America

Sponsored by: Monday Night Disciples

The Daily Litany for the United States of America

- ★Heavenly Father we give you all Praise, Honor, and Glory.
- ★Sacred Heart of Jesus, hear us.
- ★Holy Spirit, guide the leaders of our country.
- ★Immaculate Heart of Mary, lead us back to your Son.
- ★St. Joseph, make us agents of love, mercy and forgiveness.
- ★St. Michael, protect our country against all evil.
- ★All Saints in heaven, pray for the USA.

To our Blessed Mother

O Most Blessed Virgin Mother of Mercy, at this most crucial time, we entrust the United States of America to your loving care. Most Holy Mother, we beg you to reclaim this land for the glory of your Son. Overwhelmed with the burden of the sins of our nation, we cry to you from the depths of our hearts and seek refuge in your motherly protection. Look down with mercy upon us and touch the hearts of our people.

Entrustment of America to the Blessed Virgin

St. John Paul II (1979)

"The bishops of the Church in the United States have chosen you in the mystery of your Immaculate Conception as the Patroness of the People of God in this country. May the hope enclosed in this mystery prevail over sin and may it be shared among all the sons and daughters of America and throughout the human family. In a period during which the struggle between good and evil, between the prince of darkness and the Father of light and of evangelical love is becoming greater, may the light of your Immaculate Conception show to all the way of grace and salvation. Amen."

(During his first Pastoral Visit to the United States in 1979, which included a visit to Philadelphia, Pope John Paul II made an Act of Entrustment to the Blessed Virgin, which he recited on October 7 at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C.)

Catholics are encouraged to vote yes for the Love Life Amendment (No. 1 on the ballot) in Louisiana on November 3. As you may be aware, the Louisiana Catholic Bishops have come out in strong support of this amendment because it will "amend the Louisiana Constitution and thereby continue to strengthen our commitment to end abortion in our state." The Louisiana bishop's statement reads,

"Passage of the Love Life Amendment will have a dual effect. Primarily it will ensure that the state of Louisiana cannot establish the right to abortion at present or if Roe v Wade is overturned in the future. Secondly it will prohibit the funding of abortion through tax payer dollars within our constitution. Without such an amendment, the invalidation of the many anti-abortion laws we have all advocated so strongly for in Louisiana remains a possibility."

GOD REVEALED TO THE NATIONS

What wonderful images we have today of the reign of God! Isaiah speaks to us of a great feast—a heavenly feast—a feast of abundance with rich foods and choice wines. It is the Lord's own affair, Isaiah explains, when God will unite all nations, dry every tear, and destroy death forever. Then, too, will the entire earth rejoice in the Lord and bask in God's saving grace.

Jesus speaks of heaven in terms of a feast as well. Here, the kingdom of heaven is likened to a king's wedding feast given for his son. This is a feast of abundance also, with the fattened cattle prepared just so. But many of the people invited don't want to come, so the king invites anyone who would honor his son by their presence there. And Paul tells us that whether we live abundantly or in humble circumstances, we can do all things in the Lord who strengthens us.

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St. Christopher Men's Club

OCTOBER GENERAL MEETING

MONDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2020

Social starts at 7:00 PM – Meeting Starts at 7:30 PM

St. Christopher Gym

Always a great meal provided

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www.stchristophermensclub.org

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ST. CHRISTOPHER OUTREACH PROGRAM

Our Food Pantry is in desperate need of restocking, especially during the pandemic we are facing today. We welcome food donations, which may be placed in the foyer of the Church or brought to the rectory. Many people within our parish are requesting assistance, today, more than ever.

We are in need of items such as cereal, grits, oatmeal, cans of fruit, beans, soup, tomato sauce, and Chef Boyardee. We also need ramen noodles, rice, pasta mixes, macaroni and cheese, spaghetti and pasta. The boxes we give out are 12" x 12" x 18", so we are limited to regular-size items. Please remember to check expiration dates and keep in mind that, unfortunately, we do not have the space or capability to handle cold products.

If you are in need of assistance or know anyone in need of assistance, please call **504-831-7692** and leave a message and we will return your call as soon as possible. We thank you on behalf of our parishioners who are in need. We will help as many as our food and finances will permit us. Monetary donations are also welcomed and greatly appreciated. If you would like to contribute financially, you can mail or drop off a check to the rectory at 309 Manson Ave., Metairie, LA 70001. Please make the check payable to "St. Christopher Outreach." May God bless us and keep us all healthy.