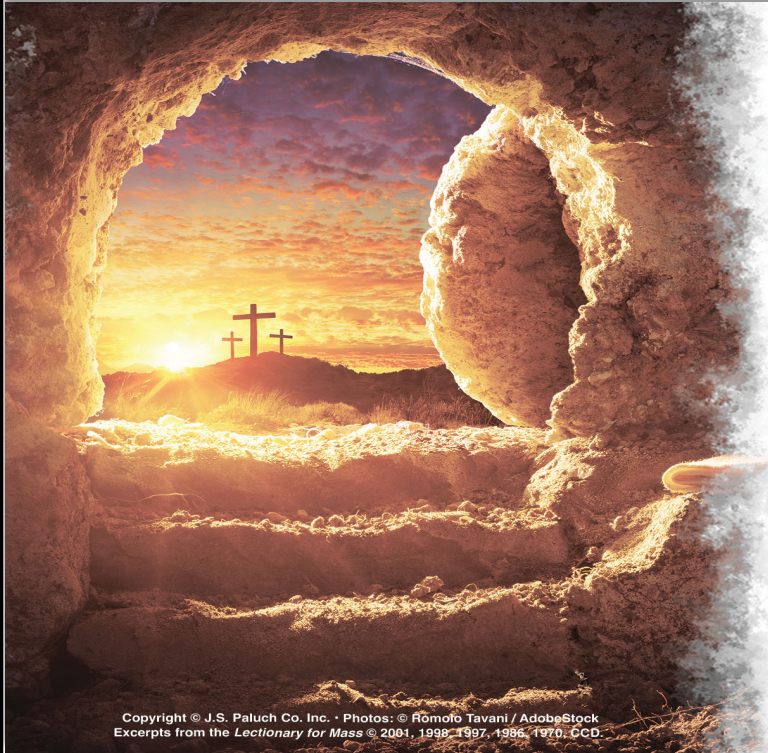


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APRIL
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Mary of Magdala came
to the tomb early in the morning,
while it was still dark,
and saw the stone
removed from the tomb.

John 20:1

Easter
SUNDAY

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Ph: 504-837-8214

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 4:00pm Vigil Mass

Sunday: 7:30am, 9:30am, 11:00am (6:00pm 2nd Sunday)

Daily: 6:30am & 9:30am, Mon, Tue, Thu & Fri 9:30am only,
Wed.

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

NOVENA: Tuesdays following the 6:30am Mass.

BAPTISM: Anyone interested in receiving information concerning Baptism at St. Christopher Parish should visit our website at stchristopherano.com and download the required documents. Return the completed documents to the rectory or via email 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 & SUPPORT GROUP MINISTRY: This ministry offers compassion and caring for those who have lost a loved one. For more information, contact Terry & Tom Canale @ 504-833-4251. Meetings are held on the 2nd Thursday of every month in the Parish Center.

ADORATION CHAPEL: Mon - Fri from 7:00 am to 1:00 pm
Call Jerry Cox @ 504-458-3152 or Marlene Baquie @ 504-913-5911.

ANOIDTING OF THE SICK: 2nd Saturday of the month following the 4:00pm Vigil Mass.

CONFESSIONS: Saturdays 3:00pm - 3:45pm. Contact the rectory office to make an appointment for other times.

Mass Schedule

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This Weekend, April 16-17, 2022

Sat, 4/16 Holy Saturday
8:00 pm Fr. Raymond (Easter Vigil, beginning w/ Blessing of the Fire in the Courtyard)

Sun, 4/17 Easter Sunday
7:30 am Fr. Raymond
9:30 am Fr. Raymond
11:00 am Fr. Raymond

Mon, 4/18
6:30 am Fr. Raymond
9:30 am Fr. Raymond

Tue, 4/19
6:30 am Fr. Raymond
9:30 am Fr. Raymond

Wed, 4/20
9:30 am Fr. Raymond

Thu, 4/21
6:30 am Fr. Raymond
9:30 am Fr. Raymond

Fri, 4/22
6:30 am Fr. Raymond
9:30 am Fr. Raymond

Next Weekend, April 23-24, 2022

Sat, 4/23
4:00 pm Msgr. Taormina

Sun, 4/24
7:30 am Fr. John
9:30 am Fr. John
11:00 am Fr. John

Note: This calendar is subject to change.

Weekly Collections

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April 2-3, 2022

Envelopes.....	\$4,380.50
Loose.....	\$1,395.00
TOTAL.....	\$5,775.50
Repairs & Maintenance.....	\$2,072.30

April 9-10, 2022

Due to early publication, collection amounts for the weekend of April 9-10th were not available for publication. It will appear within the next church bulletin.



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 as well as on the website and a copy placed on the altar for the entire week.

Sat, 4/16: Leigh Abila Halvorson, Mary D. Quaid, Beverly Landry, Thomas & Beryl Von Hoven, Beverly & Ronald Lambert, Frank & Cy Canale, Kippy Owens, Jr., Shirley H. Dunn, Janice Leckert, John Leckert, John C. Dunn, Sr., Rado Buconic, Mass of Thanksgiving, In Honor of The Sacred Heart, In Honor of The Blessed Mother, In Honor of St. Jude, and In Honor of St. Anthony.

Sun, 4/17: Missa Pro Populo (All Parishioners of St. Christopher), Jerry Cox, Jr., David Ball, Theresa V. Clement, Salvador & Jerry Tamborella, Sheila Roberts, Jannell Lascala, Chuck Gravois, Millie Schneider, Warren & Alvine Johnson, Shirley H. Dunn, John C. Dunn, Sr., Mr. & Mrs. V.J. Giardina, Jerome Giardina, Mr. & Mrs. Joseph G. Vincent, Al Joseph Steib, Sr., Odette, Lucas, Randy, and Philip Breaux, Herbert, Michael, and Juanita Coakley, Leigh Abila Halvorson, Perry J. Harrell, Sr., Joseph R. Chopin, Sr., Charles L. Pinero, Sr., Jack Chopin, Sr., Rosemary B. Munch, Louise S. Chopin, Alvin D. Munch, Sr., Patricia H. Chopin, Roxanne M. Munch, Forest R. Singer, Robert Mercadal, Jr., and Jim Nabors.

Mon, 4/18: John & Ramona Clesi, Dennis Cass (RIP).

Tue, 4/19: Ronnie & Mary Schmitt (RIP), Grace Schomaker (RIP).

Wed, 4/20: Wayne Bacino (1st Death Anniversary) (RIP), Maria Elena LaGreco.

Thu, 4/21: David Ball (Birthday) (RIP), Benjamin Johnson.

Fri, 4/22: Ernest L. White, Sr. (RIP), Thomas LaGreco.



SECOND COLLECTION
The weekend of April 16-17th
Capital Campaign



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Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

April 17, 2022

To him all the prophets bear witness, that everyone who believes in him will receive forgiveness of sins through his name.

— Acts 10:43

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

At the Mass during the Day

O God, who on this day, through your Only Begotten Son, have conquered death and unlocked for us the path to eternity, grant, we pray, that we who keep the solemnity of the Lord's Resurrection may, through the renewal brought by your Spirit, rise up in the light of life. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

Amen



Sanctuary Light
burns this week for
Virginia Pond Ivey



*The Easter Flowers were generously donated by an anonymous donor.
May God bless and reward him abundantly.*



D. Gaubert
G. Giardina
J. Matherne

SAINTS & SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord; Julian Calendar Palm Sunday
Monday: Monday within the Octave of Easter
Tuesday: Tuesday within the Octave of Easter
Wednesday: Wednesday within the Octave of Easter
Thursday: Thursday within the Octave of Easter
Friday: Friday within the Octave of Easter; Julian Calendar Good Friday; Earth Day
Saturday: Saturday within the Octave of Easter

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Peter is an eyewitness: The Lord is risen (Acts 10:34a, 37-43).

Psalm — This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad (Psalm 118).

(1) Second Reading — All who are baptized, set your hearts in heaven (Colossians 3:1-4) *or*

(2) Second Reading — Christ our Passover is sacrificed; therefore let us celebrate (1 Corinthians 5:6b-8).

Gospel — Three witnesses, Mary, Peter, and John; each responds to the empty tomb (John 20:1-9) or Luke 24:1-12 (*or, at an afternoon or evening Mass, Luke 24:13-35*).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

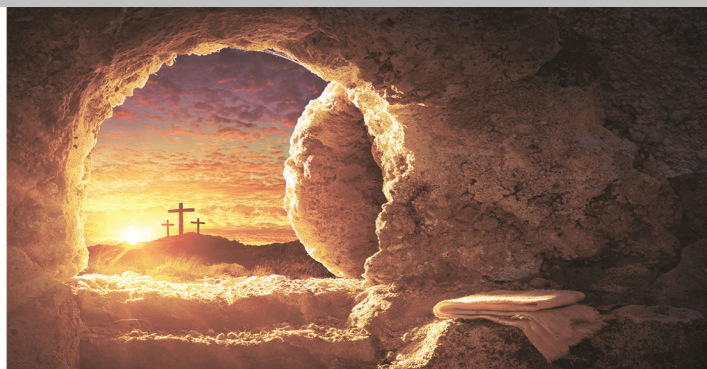
Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11; Mt 28:8-15.
Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; Jn 20:11-18.
Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Lk 24:13-35.
Thursday: Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8:2, 5-9; Lk 24:35-48.
Friday: Acts 4:1-12; Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-27; Jn 21:1-14.
Saturday: Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118:1, 14-21; Mk 16:9-15.
Sunday: Acts 5:12-16; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19; Jn 20:19-31.

Easter SUNDAY

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On the first day of the week,
Mary of Magdala came to the tomb
early in the morning, while it was still dark,
and saw the stone removed from the tomb.

John 20:1



A NEW DAY

The story of Easter reveals that the world has begun a new day. The darkness of the Crucifixion has opened into the light of Easter. Like the dawn that gradually opened to the disciples on the first Easter morning, we slowly begin to see what the light of faith reveals. Death will not have the final word, because Christ is risen and we will share in his resurrection. Injustice and suffering will not continue forever, because God's victory over sin has begun, and will be completed when Christ returns. Evil has met its match, because through Jesus, God has brought a new energy into the world. This energy can be found in followers of Christ who are free to love, empowered by the Spirit to embrace everyone, without exception. May we bear the light of Christ, with humility and courage, into our troubled world.

RE-INTERPRETING OUR WORLD

Our Gospel reading from John captures the initial confusion of Jesus' followers on Easter morning. Mary thinks the body has been stolen, and the two disciples see an empty tomb, but do not understand. We can sympathize with their initial misreading, as they are interpreting what happened within how they understand the way the world works: Jesus was crushed by the authorities—end of story. Jesus' later appearances to them will dramatically shift their perception of God, the world, and themselves.

This work of re-interpreting the world in light of the death and resurrection of Jesus continues today. In his passion and death, Jesus showed that true power, God's power, emerges through humility and forgiveness. We join in the death and resurrection of Jesus when we surrender the attractions of power, status, and comfort, and embrace non-violence, service, and care for the suffering. The path to bringing peace and goodness to the world is not through seeking control, but through sacrificial love.

BOTH PETER AND CORNELIUS

Peter's speech in today's passage from Acts summarizes the ministry, death, and resurrection of Jesus. The speech occurs within his encounter with Cornelius, a Roman centurion and his household. We can perhaps imagine being Cornelius, led by God to hear the story of Jesus. Or we can imagine being Peter, led by the Spirit to share the Good News of Jesus. As followers of Christ, we are called to embrace both, in our imaginations and our lives.

We are continually called to hear the story of Jesus. We know that God's Good News has entered us, but also know that it has not. There is much in our hearts that needs conversion and begs for God's mercy, so we always seek God's challenging and healing word. We are also continually called to share the story of Jesus, sometimes directly but more often in our actions. Our lives can speak of God's love, healing and encouraging others. We are both Peter and Cornelius.

TODAY'S READINGS

Acts 10:34a, 37-43
Psalm 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23
Colossians 3:1-4 or
1 Corinthians 5:6b-8
John 20:1-9



**“WHY DO YOU SEEK
THE LIVING ONE
AMONG THE DEAD?
HE IS NOT HERE,
BUT HE HAS BEEN RAISED.”**

LUKE 24:5-6

EASTER SUNDAY

APRIL 17, 2022

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EVERYTHING IS CHANGED

Easter changes everything. Having been raised from the dead, Jesus shatters the frightful images that haunt humanity. Betrayal, torture, crucifixion, death, burial—these terrors pale in the brilliant glory of Jesus resurrected. Today's psalm guides our response to God's power: "it is wonderful in our eyes."

Today is indeed a day for wonder, for gasping in astonishment at Jesus' resurrection. For all of human history, death had been final. In the Acts of the Apostles, though, Peter testifies that Jesus, who was publicly executed, was raised to life by God. John's Gospel admits that the disciples "did not yet understand the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead." Even Jesus' closest friends were not expecting this innovation: life after death. In response to the Easter miracle, Paul tells us to become "a fresh batch of dough."

Everything, even our very selves, must become new. Easter changes everything.

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WE REMEMBER YOU, O RISEN LORD

We remember you, O risen Lord, New Covenant at the feast of the cross.
Your resurrection dresses the table for the bread of heaven and the cup of
salvation.

Blessed are you!

Reflection Question

How can I keep the solemnity of the Lord's Resurrection in my daily life?

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Parish News

In observance of the Sacred Triduum and the celebration of Easter, St. Christopher's Rectory Office will remain closed through Easter Monday, April 18, 2022. The Rectory Office will reopen on Tuesday, April 19, 2022.

Fr. Raymond, Deacon Phil, and the Parish Staff would like to wish everyone a Blessed & Happy Easter.

ACCESS Pregnancy & Referral Center

Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of New Orleans is sincerely grateful to St. Christopher parishioners for realizing the sum of \$5,162.34 at the baby bottle fundraiser in support of ACCESS Pregnancy & Referral Center, a pro-life ministry.

2022 Outstanding Altar Server Award

We congratulate Yvette Behre as the recipient of the 2022 Outstanding Altar Server Award by Serra Club.

Knights of Columbus - CYLA Award

We congratulate Ameila Ott as the recipient of the Catholic Youth Leadership Award (CYLA) by the St. Christopher Knights of Columbus, Council 4508.

Vocation to the Diaconate Order

The process of discernment for the next formation group to be considered for the ministry of deacon will begin soon. Interested men who exhibit the possible stirrings of a call to serve are to please contact Deacon Phil or Fr. Raymond for further information.

