



St. Christopher Catholic Church

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SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Temporarily

SATURDAY: 7:00 AM (Vietnamese)
8:30 AM English
9:30 AM—10:30 AM
Confessional

SUNDAY: 6:30 AM in English
8:00 AM in English
11:00 AM in English
9:30 AM in Vietnamese

WEEKDAY: 8:30 AM in English

We will also start Infant Baptism in
Baptism on Saturday Beginning
October 3rd, 2020

Please call the Parish Office for
application.

Pastor

Rev. Ben Le

**Associate Pastor/
Rev. Joseph Dadiri**

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Deacon Loc Nguyen
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Twenty-Seventh

SUNDAY

in Ordinary Time

Once again,

O Lord of hosts,

look down from heaven, and see;
take care of this vine,
and protect what your
right hand has planted.

Psalm 80:15-16

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October 4, 2020

*St. Christopher Church is a faith-community
of diverse people who gather to joyfully
celebrate life, faith and love in Jesus Christ
through serving others.*



Sunday Readings: October 4, 2020
Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading 1

Is 5:1–7

Let me now sing of my friend, my friend's song concerning his vineyard. My friend had a vineyard on a fertile hillside; he spaded it, cleared it of stones, and planted the choicest vines; within it he built a watchtower, and hewed out a wine press. Then he looked for the crop of grapes, but what it yielded was wild grapes.

Now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard: What more was there to do for my vineyard that I had not done?

Why, when I looked for the crop of grapes, did it bring forth wild grapes? Now, I will let you know what I mean to do with my vineyard: take away its hedge, give it to grazing, break through its wall, let it be trampled! Yes, I will make it a ruin: it shall not be pruned or hoed, but overgrown with thorns and briars; I will command the clouds not to send rain upon it. The vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his cherished plant; he looked for judgment, but see, bloodshed! for justice, but hark, the outcry!

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 80:9, 12, 13–14, 15–16, 19–20

R. (Is 5:7a) The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.

A vine from Egypt you transplanted; you drove away the nations and planted it. It put forth its foliage to the Sea, its shoots as far as the River.

R. The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.

Why have you broken down its walls, so that every passer-by plucks its fruit, The boar from the forest lays it waste, and the beasts of the field feed upon it?

R. The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.

Once again, O LORD of hosts, look down from heaven, and see; take care of this vine, and protect what your right hand has planted the son of man whom you yourself made strong.

R. The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.

Then we will no more withdraw from you; give us new life, and we will call upon your name. O LORD, God of hosts, restore us; if your face shine upon us, then we shall be saved.

R. The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.

Reading 2: Phil 4:6–9

Brothers and sisters: Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing what you have learned and received and heard and seen in me. Then the God of peace will be with you.

Gospel: Mt 21:33–43

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people: "Hear another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a hedge around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a tower. Then he leased it to tenants and went on a journey. When vintage time drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants to obtain his produce. But the tenants seized the servants and one they beat, another they killed, and a third they stoned. Again he sent other servants, more numerous than the first ones, but they treated them in the same way. Finally, he sent his son to them, thinking, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to one another, 'This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and acquire his inheritance.' They seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. What will the owner of the vineyard do to those tenants when he comes?" They answered him, "He will put those wretched men to a wretched death and lease his vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the proper times." Jesus said to them, "Did you never read in the Scriptures:

*The stone that the builders rejected
 has become the cornerstone;
 by the Lord has this been done,
 and it is wonderful in our eyes?*

Therefore, I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that will produce its fruit."

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's first reading, psalm, and Gospel concentrate heavily on vineyards. For those of us who don't drink wine or have never set foot in a vineyard, these scriptures may seem inaccessible. But if we consider the tremendous importance of wine to the ancient world, we hear the scriptures asking us to make a life-or-death decision. Choosing death means forsaking our relationship with God and taking upon ourselves all the anxiety of faithlessness. Choosing life means paying attention to the kingdom of God on earth, striving to pursue "whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious." Today's vineyard metaphors invite us to identify our highest priority in life and tend to it. If we ask, God will help us order our lives correctly so we are free to cultivate our vineyards in love.

CONNECTED TO TRADITION

The Church presents today's Old Testament and Gospel readings together, as a pair. We delight in the symmetry between the two passages. Jesus, who is the Word of God, knows the Hebrew scriptures by heart and intends for his parable to echo Isaiah. As Jesus begins speaking, he summons the words of Isaiah, knowing his learned audience of chief priests and elders will feel comfortable with a familiar scripture passage. These scholars recognize immediately that Jesus is referring to a prophetic passage about sin, about the chosen people's tendency to turn away from God and grow "wild."

AMAZED BY INNOVATION

What Jesus does next surprises his audience. He adds a new twist to Isaiah's well-known words, adding a new character, the landowner's very own son. Adding this innovation shows that Jesus confirms the prophet's warning—that God longs for "his cherished plant" to grow according to the divine plan. The narrative twist also allows Jesus to reveal the fullness of God's plan in a way his audience can understand. Like a master teacher, Jesus respects the knowledge and faithfulness of the chief priests and elders, and then builds on what they know. By adding the landowner's son to the parable of the vineyard, Jesus gently expresses his own mission as the Son of God. Matthew's Gospel often depicts the chief priests and elders as oppositional; they worry that Jesus will abolish the law and foment rebellion. As the Lord said earlier in Matthew's Gospel, however, "Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets. I have come not to abolish but to fulfill" (Matthew 5:17). Jesus' audience is skeptical about him, horrified at the thought of a mere human being claiming that he is the Son of God. Jesus' masterful approach provides an opportunity for his audience to give him the benefit of the doubt. In this way, Jesus proposes—not imposes—his kingship, inviting us all to follow him.



Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God.

— **Philippians 4:6**

DID YOU KNOW?

Take advantage of TikTok’s parental controls

The social media site TikTok has exploded in popularity during the coronavirus pandemic, with children and adults using it to connect and pass time while in quarantine. Unfortunately, apps like TikTok are often targeted by predators as easy ways to get in touch with vulnerable children. TikTok has “Family Pairing” capabilities, which allow parents to set restrictions on their children’s usage. It is also important to have ongoing, open discussions with your children about how they use social media, who they “talk” to and what they share. For more information about TikTok’s parental controls, visit <https://lacatholics.org/did-you-know/>.

Aproveche los controles parentales de TikTok

El sitio de redes sociales TikTok se ha disparado en popularidad durante la pandemia de coronavirus, con niños y adultos usándolo para conectarse y pasar el tiempo mientras están en cuarentena. Desafortunadamente, las aplicaciones como TikTok a menudo son usadas por depredadores como formas fáciles de ponerse en contacto con niños vulnerables. TikTok tiene capacidades de “emparejamiento familiar”, que permiten a los padres de familia poner restricciones al uso de la aplicación por sus hijos. También es importante tener discusiones abiertas y continuas con sus hijos sobre cómo usan las redes sociales, con quién “hablan” y qué comparten. Para obtener más información sobre los controles parentales de TikTok, visite <https://lacatholics.org/did-you-know/>.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, October 4th

6:30 am — St. Christopher’s Parishioners

(D) Catalino Morales †

(D) Elmer Wilson †

8:00 am Thanks Giving Mass

St. Christopher Parish

11:00 am (D) Dominga Canda Rivera †

(D) Hector Martinez †

(D) Holy Souls †

— Cesar Garcia

— Yasmin D. Juico

Monday, October 5th

Tuesday, October 6th

Wednesday, October 7th

8:30 am (D) Eulalia Lanzarin †

(D) Roilan Marquez †

Thursday, October 8th

Friday, October 9th

8:30 am (D) Yeon Muo Chu †

Saturday, October 10th

8:30 am (D) Caroline L. Garcia †

(D) Holy Soula †

— Joshua Marcelino

— Caroline L. Garcia

Request for Mass Intentions

Parishioners wishing to make an offering so that Mass can be celebrated for their intention or for their loved ones - both living and the dead, can have their request made known at the Parish Office of St. Christopher Church.

**ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
NONDISCRIMINATION POLICY
2020-2021**

SCHOOL STUDENT NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICY

The school, mindful of its mission to be a witness to the love of Christ for all, admits students regardless of race, color, national origin, and/or ethnic origin to all rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school.

The school does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, disability, medical condition, sex, or national and/or ethnic origin in the administration of educational policies and practices, scholarship programs, and athletic and other school-administered programs, although certain athletic leagues and other programs may limit participation and some archdiocesan schools operate as single-sex schools.

While the school does not discriminate against students with special needs, a full range of services may not always be available to them. Decisions concerning the admission and continued enrollment of a student in the school are based upon the student's emotional, academic, and physical abilities and the resources available to the school in meeting the student's needs.

This Catholic Elementary School publishes the above policy in the staff and parent/student handbooks, public relations/recruitment brochures and in other publications such as the parish bulletin and school newspaper. The school also publishes applicable grievance procedures in the staff and parent/student handbooks.

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