St. Christopher Catholic Church

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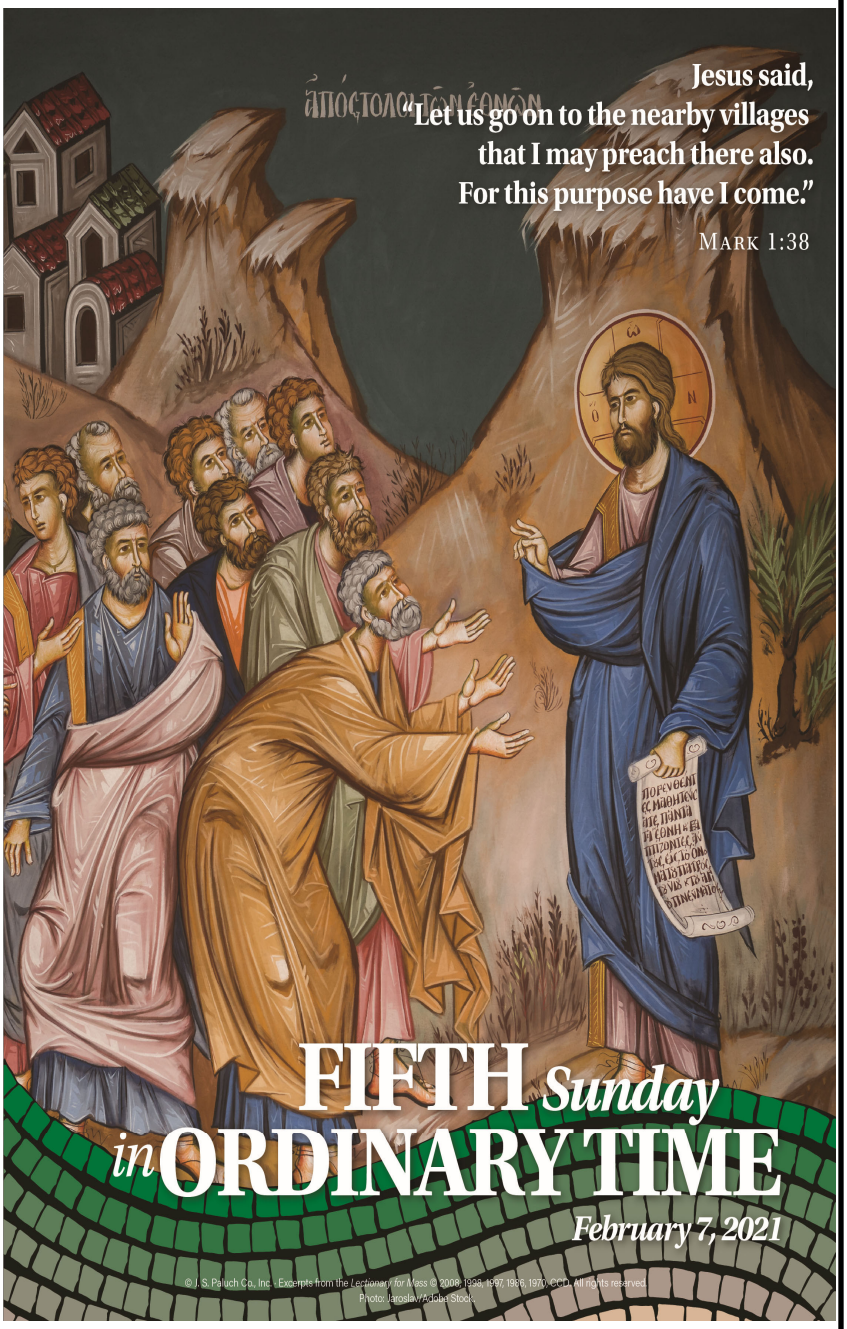
MASS SCHEDULE AND CONFESSION

Sunday
6:30 AM English Mass (Indoor)
8:00 AM English Mass (Indoor)
9:30 AM Vietnamese Mass (Outdoor)
11:00 AM English Mass (Outdoor)

Monday—Friday
8:30 AM English Mass (Indoor)

Saturday
7:00 AM Vietnamese Mass (Indoor)
8:30 AM English Mass (Indoor)
9:30 AM—10:30 AM Confession (Indoor)



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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.

ARCHDIOCESE OF LOS ANGELES

On Inauguration Day, Archbishop Gomez calls for national unity, healing

In a Jan. 20 statement issued as President of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Archbishop José H. Gomez of Los Angeles, offered prayers for President Biden and called for national unity and "renewed dedication to America's founding purposes, to be one nation under God committed to liberty and equality for all."

My prayers are with our new president and his family today.

I am praying that God grant him wisdom and courage to lead this great nation and that God help him to meet the tests of these times, to heal the wounds caused by this pandemic, to ease our intense political and cultural divisions, and to bring people together with renewed dedication to America's founding purposes, to be one nation under God committed to liberty and equality for all.

Catholic bishops are not partisan players in our nation's politics. We are pastors responsible for the souls of millions of Americans and we are advocates for the needs of all our neighbors. In every community across the country, Catholic parishes, schools, hospitals, and ministries form an essential culture of compassion and care, serving women, children and the elderly, the poor and sick, the imprisoned, the migrant, and the marginalized, no matter what their race or religion.

When we speak on issues in American public life, we try to guide consciences, and we offer principles. These principles are rooted in the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the social teachings of his Church. Jesus Christ revealed God's plan of love for creation and revealed the truth about the human person, who is created in God's image, endowed with God-given dignity, rights and responsibilities, and called to a transcendent destiny.

Based on these truths, which are reflected in the Declaration of Independence and Bill of Rights, the bishops and Catholic faithful carry out Christ's commandment to love God and love our neighbors by working for an America that protects human dignity, expands equality and opportunities for every person, and is open-hearted toward the suffering and weak.

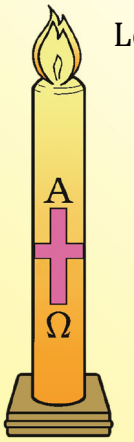
For many years now, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has tried to help Catholics and others of goodwill in their reflections on political issues through a publication we call "Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship" [Link to PDF: https://www.usccb.org/resources/forming-consciences-faithful-citizenship-pdf]. The most recent edition addresses a wide range of concerns. Among them: abortion, euthanasia, the death penalty, immigration, racism, poverty, care for the environment, criminal justice reform, economic development, and international peace.

On these and other issues, our duty to love and our moral principles lead us to prudential judgments and positions that do not align neatly with the political categories of left or right or the platforms of our two major political parties. We work with every president and every Congress. On some issues we find ourselves more on the side of Democrats, while on others we find ourselves standing with Republicans. Our priorities are never partisan. **We are Catholics first, seeking only to follow Jesus Christ faithfully and to advance his vision for human fraternity and community.**

To read Archbishop Jose Gomez's full message, please visit the Angelus News website at https://

Thursday, February 18th, to Sunday, February 21st

Religious Education Congress. This will be a virtual event and this year's theme is "Proclaim the Promise." Visit the https://recongress.org/ to register.



Let us join in prayer for our recently departed and for their families:

- ✝ **Deacon Phanxicô Xavier Nguyễn Lộc**
- ✝ **Byron Cysneros**
- ✝ **Ligaya Jackson**
- ✝ **Hilario Đích Nguyễn**
- ✝ **Catarina Phan Thị Hải**

"The Christian meaning of death is revealed in the light of the Paschal Mystery of the Death and Resurrection of Christ in whom resides our only hope. The Christian who dies in Christ Jesus is 'away from the body and at home with the Lord' (2 Cor 5:8)." *Catechism of the Catholic Church, # 1681*

Lord, You invite all who are burdened to come to You. Allow Your healing to those who are sick, especially for ***Deacon Doug Moloney, Adolfo Aquino, Jamie Arakawe, Joe Escalera, Jr., and Lourdes Munoz,*** for whom we pray for their full recovery, in Jesus name, Amen.

Deacon Loc's Funeral Mass Information

Funeral Mass will be held in our parish (outdoor) on **February 22nd** at **11:30 AM**. The family requested that in lieu of flowers, please send your donations to St. Christopher Church in the *name of Deacon Loc*.

SACRAMENTS

Baptism — Baptismal Preparation Class is required. Group baptism is held every 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month. Contact the Parish Office for more information.

First Reconciliation, Communion & Confirmation (Youth & Adults) — Contact Sr. Annuncia in the Parish Office.

Reconciliation — Every Saturday after Mass, from 9:30 am to 10:30 am, or by appointment.

Anointing of the Sick — Every first Sunday of each month (date and Mass time will be announced at a later time).

Funeral Service — Contact the Parish Office for more information.

Matrimony (Wedding Preparation & Wedding) — Contact the Parish Office to schedule a meeting with a priest. Please visit our Parish website at https://www.sccwestcovina.net/wedding-guidelines for more information.

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

are posted on our Parish website at:

https://www.sccwestcovina.net/mass-intentions

SCAM ALERT

Please DO NOT RESPOND to any email or text message you may receive from Fr. Ben asking for assistance or money. He did not send that email or text message.

Thank you for your attention.

Lenten Services

- **February 17—Ash Wednesday**

  Mass Times & Location: 8:30 AM, 12:00 PM, 5:30 PM, & 7:30 PM (Vietnamese). All Masses will be celebrated outdoor (Bramble Hall awning area).

  Ash Distribution: For everyone's safety, the Priest and Eucharistic Ministers will sprinkle ashes on top of the head. We will need 2-3 Eucharistic Ministers at each Mass to assist with the distribution of ashes.

  Bags of ashes will be available for people who are not able to attend Mass in person. Each bag is good for 5 people.

- **Every Friday during Lent, starting February 19**

  Stations of the Cross: Main Church at 7:00 PM (English)
  Outdoor at 7:00 PM (Vietnamese)

  Adoration (after the Stations of the Cross): Indoor silent prayer until 9:00 PM.

- **Every Saturday, starting February 20 —** Beginning on the First Sunday of Lent, we will celebrate an indoor Mass every Saturday at 5:30 PM.

Please stay for a few minutes after each indoor/outdoor Mass (daily and on Sundays) and after a Lenten service to help sanitize the pews/chairs to keep us all safe. Thank you for your time and service.

FAITH FORMATION

We will continue to operate as a non-gathered ministry. Classes are held on Saturdays.

For more info, please check our website at https://www.faithformation-sccwestcovina.net/ or contact Sr. Annuncia. Thank you.

Lenten Fasting & Abstinence Reminders

- ✠ Ash Wednesday & Good Friday—Obligatory days for fasting and abstinence for Catholics, adults age 18-59, with certain exemptions.
- ✠ Every Friday (following Ash Wednesday)—Abstinence from meat for Catholics, age 14 and up.

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- You may select to make a one-time or recurring (weekly or monthly) donation.
- Credit cards and checks accepted.

DIVINE MERCY HOME VISITATION

Invite the Divine Mercy image to your home, in person or online. Be open to healing. It is suggested to go to confession and attend Mass prior to the visit to be in a state of grace and to receive the outpouring of love and mercy.

Be committed to pray the prayer materials for 25 minutes daily.

For more information, please contact Tammy Tran at tran_tamara@hotmail.com.

Looking for a way to pray more in 2021? Join the 40 Days for Life prayer vigil right across the street from St. Christopher Church. Sign up at 40DaysforLife.com/WestCovina for one or two hours each week. Bring your rosary! Other prayer books and devotional guides will be available. Be a sign of hope and God's love to the women going into the Family Planning Associates abortion clinic. No experience necessary. This is a peaceful prayer time, not sidewalk counseling. Great for families and ministry groups.

Dates: February 17 to March 28, 2021
Times: 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM daily
Location: 501 S. Vincent Avenue, West Covina

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DID YOU KNOW?

Do you know what to do if someone is choking?

Choking is one of the leading causes of accidental death, but many people do not know what to do if someone is choking near them. If a person is coughing, grabbing his or her throat, or passed out with no explanation, he/she could be choking. Utilizing abdominal thrusts, also known as the Heimlich maneuver, could prevent suffocation. Parents should be knowledgeable as to how to perform this maneuver, and if possible, should attend a CPR training course so they are prepared in the event that a child or adult is choking. For more information, visit https://lacatholics.org/did-you-know/.

¿Sabe qué hacer si alguien se está asfixiando?

La asfixia es una de las principales causas de muerte accidental, pero muchas personas no saben qué hacer si alguien se asfixia cerca de ellos. Si una persona tose, se agarra la garganta o se desmaya sin explicación, es posible que se esté ahogando. El uso de compresiones abdominales, también conocida como maniobra de Heimlich, podría prevenir la asfixia. Los padres de familia deben saber cómo realizar esta maniobra y, si es posible, deben asistir a un curso de capacitación en resucitación cardiopulmonar (CPR, en inglés) para estar preparados, en caso de que un niño o un adulto se esté ahogando. Para obtener más información, visite https://lacatholics.org/did-you-know/.

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Invites you to join us to celebrate

The Feast of Saint Joseph

FRIDAY MARCH 19, 2021

at 7:00PM

SOLEMN MASS with MULTI-LANGUAGES

Parish Lenten Retreat

Rev. Joseph Son Nguyen, STD
Moral Theology and Bio-Medical Ethics

SATURDAY MARCH 20, 2021

in English

9:30AM—12:00PM

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in Vietnamese

1:00PM—4:00PM

Father Joseph Son Nguyen will lead our parish on this Lenten Journey to learn from St. Joseph who is a silent voice, a hidden life, and a gentle loving foster…. Yet a role model of faith, a courageous soul, and a protector of our Savior. Let's come to St. Christopher Church to experience

"HOPE AGAINST HOPE: Returning from Egypt with Joseph".

Linh Mục Nguyễn Thanh Sơn sẽ hướng dẫn chúng ta trong hành trình Mùa Chay năm nay để học hỏi gương sống của Thánh Giuse, một con người trầm lặng, với cuộc sống ẩn dật, một người cha nuôi đầy yêu thương… nhưng lại là mẫu gương tuyệt hảo của Đức Tin, một tâm hồn dũng cảm, là người bảo vệ Hài Nhi Cứu Thế. Hãy đến với buổi tĩnh tâm để cảm nghiệm sự

"CẬY TRÔNG NGƯỢC DÒNG: Trở Về Từ Ai-Cập với Giuse"