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Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus observed how the crowd
put money into the treasury.
Many rich people put in large sums.
A poor widow also came and put in
two small coins worth a few cents.

Mark 12:41-42



November 7, 2021

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MASS SCHEDULE AND CONFESSION

Saturday (Vigil Mass)

5:30 PM English Mass

Sunday

6:30 AM English Mass

8:00 AM English Mass

9:30 AM Vietnamese Mass

11:00 AM English Mass

Monday—Friday

8:00 AM Rosary Prayer

8:30 AM English Mass

Saturday

7:00 AM Vietnamese Mass

8:00 AM Rosary Prayer

8:30 AM English Mass

9:30 AM—10:00 AM Confession

*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.*

VIETNAMESE COMMUNITY

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Advent Retreat Tĩnh Tâm Mùa Vọng



THỨ BẢY—Ngày 13 Tháng 11

6:00PM—9:30PM

Giảng Thuyết

LM. NGUYỄN KHẮC HY, S.S.

Giám Đốc Đại Chủng Viện St. Anthony, Texas

CHƯƠNG TRÌNH:

6:00 pm	Ăn nhẹ
6:45 pm	Giảng Thuyết
7:45 pm	Giải lao
8:00 pm	Giảng Thuyết
9:00 pm	Giải đáp thắc mắc
9:30 pm	Giải tán

Cùng hướng về “Mầu Nhiệm Ngôi Hai Xuống Thế Làm Người” với tâm tình chuẩn bị cho ngày trọng đại này, như lời Thánh Gioan Tiên hô “Hãy dọn sẵn con đường cho Đức Chúa. Sửa lối cho thẳng để Người đi...” (Mt 3,3) Cộng đoàn Thánh Giuse, **Giáo Xứ St Christopher**, xin mời quý vị đến tham dự buổi Tĩnh Tâm Mùa Vọng

NGHI THỨC HÒA GIẢI MÙA VỌNG

Lúc 7:00 PM | THỨ TƯ | Ngày 15 tháng 12

Parish Advent Retreat & Penance Service Days

Please mark these two dates on your calendar (November 20 & December 15) and join us on these days.

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Advent Retreat

SATURDAY—NOVEMBER 20, 2021

6:30PM—9:30PM



Fr Alfred Baca

*Director for Evangelization and Faith Formation
for the Diocese of Orange*

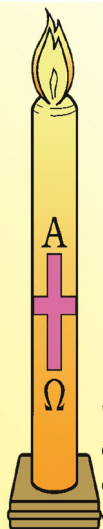
SCHEDULE:

6:30 pm	Refreshment
7:00 pm	Talk 1
7:45 pm	Break
8:00 pm	Talk 2
8:45 pm	Q & A
9:00 pm	Adoration
9:30 pm	Dismiss

Father Alfred Baca will lead our parish to enter the Season of Advent to prepare the manger of our souls for Christ. Fr. Baca also will guide us to enter the mystery with the endeavor for searching and understanding more the meaning of the *Mystery of Incarnation—God became Man and dwell among us*. This searching and understanding will challenge us, each stage of life and vocation, to live out our faith radically for Christ at this Advent Season and in our daily life.

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE

WEDNESDAY—December 15 at 7:00 PM



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

- † **Flordeliza Aquino**
- † **Dan Batacan**
- † **Mary Louise Ferguson**
- † **Aiko Alma Oshiro**
- † **Martina Swett**

"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, no. 1681*](#)

SACRAMENTS

Baptism — Group Baptism is held every 2nd Saturday of each month. Private baptism may be requested. Visit our [parish website](#) for guidelines information or call the Parish Office.

Baptismal Preparation Class is required. *Our parish offers a Baptismal Preparation Class every first Thursday of the month, facilitated by Fr. Joseph Dadiri. Contact the Parish Office to register for upcoming month's class.*

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

Reconciliation — Every Saturday, from 9:30 AM to 10:00 AM, or by appointment.

Anointing of the Sick — Every first Sunday of each month, immediately after the 11:00 AM Mass.

Funeral Service — Contact the Parish Office for information.

Matrimony (Wedding Preparation and Wedding) — Contact the Parish Office to schedule a meeting with a priest. Visit the parish website at www.sccwestcovina.net/wedding-guidelines for information.



Lord, You invite all who are burdened to come to You. Allow Your healing to those who are sick, especially for **Neil Anthony, Mariel Aquino, Philip Blanthorne, Gary Brys, George Caballero, Joaquin Garcia, Lita de Guzman, Allyana Edu, John L. Gutierrez, Michael Gutierrez, Donald Holtz, Christie Kim, Melissa Magana, Dan Marrufo, Joel Morales, Irma Ramirez, Ed Reyes, Raymond Reyna, Zenaida Santiago, Rebecca Serrato, and Lily Tran** for whom we pray for their full recovery, in Jesus name, Amen.

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*A safe and easy way to give to
St. Christopher Church*

- Visit our website: www.sccwestcovina.net.
- You may select to make a one-time or recurring (weekly or monthly) donation.
- Credit cards and checks accepted.



WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

are posted on our Parish website at:

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



Daily Rosary

Join us in praying the rosary every morning (Monday to Saturday) at 8:00 AM in the main church. Thank you for your daily devotion to our Blessed Mother.

Adult Confirmation Class 2021-2022

You may still register for this class by contacting Sr. Annuncia in the Parish Office or sending her an e-mail at <https://www.faithformation-sccwestcovina.net/>.

Bundle Sunday Truck Next Week

The St. Vincent de Paul Bundle Sunday Truck will be in our parish parking lot next week, November 14 (Sunday) from 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Please bring your donation of *usable* items (clothing, household items, etc.) that will help needy individuals. Thank you for your support.

For large items, including furnitures, large appliances, and vehicles, please call 323-224-6280 or 800-974-3571 to schedule for home pickup.

Food Bank Sunday

November 14 is also Food Bank Sunday. We thank you all for generously donating items for the Food Bank.

Our pantry has a surplus of canned goods, pasta, and beans. We are in need of *toiletries* (such as shampoo, toothpaste, deodorant, razors, shaving cream, toilet paper), *cleaning products* (dish soap, laundry soap, paper towels) *food items* (salad dressing, pancake mix, syrup, coffee, creamer, spices, juice, salsa) and *condiments* (cooking oil, pickles, ketchup, mustard, mayo, sugar, olives). Thanks again for your support.



Zoom or In-Person

- ◆ Every Tuesday in November
- ◆ 7:00pm (PDT)
- ◆ Rite of consecration Dec 2 or 4

Email to register: fkms@kolbemissionusa.org



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<https://lacatholics.org>

Did You Know?

Use concrete visual rules to help children stay safe

Parents in a crowded place, like a playground or store, will often tell their children, "Stay where I can see you." While the parent understands that this means, "Stay close," a child does not necessarily understand the limit — when can a parent see or not see them? A clearer direction would be to tell your child, "Stay where you can see me." This gives them the boundary — they must be able to see you no matter where they go. Now, your child can check in frequently, all while staying in eyesight. For more tips, request the VIRTUS® article "Communication Tip No. 5: Stranger Danger," at lacatholics.org/did-you-know.

Read the VIRTUS article "[Communication Tip No. 5: Stranger Danger](https://lacatholics.org/did-you-know)" here.

Use reglas visuales concretas para ayudar a los niños a mantenerse seguros

Los padres de familia en un lugar lleno de gente, como un parque infantil o una tienda, a menudo le dicen a sus hijos: "Quédense donde pueda verlos". Si bien los padres de familia comprenden que esto significa "Manténgase cerca", un niño no necesariamente comprende el límite: ¿cuándo puede su padre o su madre verlos o no verlos? Una dirección más clara sería decirle a su hijo: "Quédate donde puedas verme". Esto les da el límite. Ellos deben ver a su padre o a su madre sin importar adónde estén. Ahora, su hijo o hija pueden registrarse con usted con frecuencia, siempre sin perderse de vista. Para obtener más consejos, solicite el artículo de VIRTUS® en inglés, "Communication Tip No. 5: Stranger Danger" (Consejo de comunicación N° 5: Peligro extraño) en lacatholics.org/did-you-know.

Lee el artículo de VIRTUS en inglés, "[Communication Tip No. 5: Stranger Danger](https://lacatholics.org/did-you-know)" ([Consejo de comunicación N° 5: Peligro extraño](https://lacatholics.org/did-you-know)) aquí. Lee el artículo de VIRTUS en inglés, "[Emotional Boundaries](https://lacatholics.org/did-you-know)" ([Límites emocionales](https://lacatholics.org/did-you-know)) aquí.



What's Happening for LA Catholics?

Please visit the L.A. Archdiocese page at <https://lacatholics.org/catholic-la-events/> for upcoming events (virtually or in-person) between now through the new year.

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Dear St. Christopher Family,

There is a "golden legend" about St. Martin of Tours. St. Martin and his monks liked to fish at a river near the monastery. On one occasion, a snake was swimming in the river, headed towards the bank where the monks stood. Seeing this, Martin said, "In the name of the Lord, I order you to go back." Immediately, the snake turned around and headed towards the opposite bank. While the monks marveled at this, St. Martin groaned, "Snakes listen to me, but men refuse to listen."

This frustration is not only felt by St. Martin, but also by Jesus, the apostles, and all disciples who proclaim the Word of God to the world. Having discovered the joy and hopefulness in receiving the Word of God, they want to share the experience with others, yet many simply refuse to listen. Free will is God's greatest gift to us, but at the same time it is the greatest obstacle to faith. Like love, faith must be freely given and received. Neither can be forced.

Faith draws us to God. He gives us His Divine Love, enabling our faith and love to grow and we become closer to God. As we receive more Divine Love (or grace), our ability to love ourselves and others increases, our ability to see as God sees increases, and our wisdom in His ways increases. Unfortunately, many of us are afraid to get closer to God. The two women in today's readings are not afraid to be near God, and instead they are all in.

It is natural to simply want to "be a good person" or "get into heaven." However, when God made His covenant with the Israelites at Mount Sinai, He said, "You shall be to Me a kingdom of priests, a holy nation." (Ex 19:6) "You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God's own possession." (1 Peter 2:9) God did not call us to be Catholic. God called us to be holy. His calling is not just for a few but for the entire human race.

Because we are created in the image and likeness of God, it is only fitting that He calls us to holiness. It is intrinsic to who we are as children of God. It is our foundation in building God's Kingdom.

"What is it like to be a Christian saint?" "It is like being a Halloween pumpkin. God picks you from the field, brings you in, and washes all the dirt off you. Then he cuts off the top and scoops out the yucky stuff. He removes the pulp of impurity and injustice, and seeds of doubt, hate, and greed. Then, He carves you a new smiling face and puts His light of holiness inside you to shine for the entire world to see."

Thank you Deacon Andrew and Sr. Annuncia for coordinating the Three Days of Grace. I also want to thank the ministries and groups that participated in praying the Rosary throughout these three days to make it a successful event. It was a beautiful conclusion to the Month of Rosary.

- Fr. Ben

Liturgical Events Calendar—2021

- ♦ **Thanksgiving Mass** — November 25th at 9:00 AM
Bring food or drink on this day to be blessed at Mass (for your Thanksgiving meal with family and friends)
- ♦ **Season of Advent** (First Sunday of Advent is on Nov 28th)
 - ☐ Retreat in VN: Saturday, November 13 at 7:00 PM
 - ☐ Retreat in English: Saturday, November 20 at 7:00 PM
Note: Retreat will be in the main church.
- ♦ **Penance Service** – Wednesday, December 15th at 7:00 PM

SEASON OF CHRISTMAS

- ♦ **Christmas Eve Masses** (Friday, December 24) - 6:00 PM, 8:00 PM, & 10:00 PM (VN)
- ♦ **Christmas Day Masses** (Saturday, December 25) - 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM
- ♦ **Feast of Holy Family Masses** (Sunday, December 26) - Sunday Mass times [6:30 AM, 8:00 AM, 9:30 AM (VN), & 11:00 AM]
- ♦ **Mary, the Holy Mother of God** (Saturday, January 1, 2022) - Not a Holy Day of Obligation

All Souls Remembrance Envelopes & Pictures

All Masses in November will be dedicated to remembering those who have gone before us. Please continue to send to the Parish Office your All Souls Day Remembrance envelopes, including pictures of your departed loved ones to be displayed on the Remembrance Banners.

FINANCE

July & August 2021

Income	\$156,768.53
Expenses	\$141,250.18
Net	\$ 15,518.35

School Mass on Wednesdays @ 8:30 AM

Our parish school students and faculty will join the 8:30 AM daily Mass every Wednesday. They will be occupying the North and South chapels.

Every Wednesday morning only— please use the front door when entering and exiting the church. Thank you for your understanding.