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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:  837-8214

MASS SCHEDULE:
Saturday (Vigil), 4 p.m.
Sunday, 7:30, 9:30 & 11 a.m. (6 p.m. on 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 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
835-0540.

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

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

CONFESSIONS: Saturday, 3 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. Contact the
rectory to make an appointment for other times.
In keeping with the present restrictions imposed to slow the spread of the coronavirus, until further notice: There will be no public masses at St. Christopher the Martyr Church.


**SUNDAY:** Missa Pro Populo (All Parishioners of St. Christopher), Alvine & Warren Johnson, Jerry Cox, Jr., David Ball, Herbert & Juanita Coakley, Thomas & Dorothy Stengle, Paul Ridolfo, Peggy Loehn, Rita Boudreaux, Larry Schillenkamp, Glenn Paul Welch, Jr. (Birthday), Elaine, Richard & Robert Palmer, Edward Joseph Bourgeois, Sr., Forest Korndorffer, Jay Korndorffer, Pat Gegenheimer and Peggy Durkes.

**MONDAY:** John & Ramona Clesi, Gloria Hulin and Calder Family Conversion.

**TUESDAY:** Ronnie Schmitt and Marie O’Malley.

**WEDNESDAY:** Schade–Joanen Families, Chad Hart and Myrle Pratt.

**THURSDAY:** Peter Messina.

**FRIDAY:** Ernest L. White, Sr.

**DAILY MASSES ON LINE**

In the wake of the cancellation of all public Masses in the Archdiocese of New Orleans, you may live-stream Mass at St. Louis Cathedral at your convenience at https://thedailymass.com/mass/. The streams are for Mass at 12:05 p.m., Monday through Friday, and 11 a.m. on Sunday.

**MASS REQUESTS**

Masses are $5. Requests can be placed in the collection basket, calling the rectory (837-8214) or mailing to 309 Manson Avenue, Metairie, LA 70001. Please indicate if the person is living/deceased. If you wish a card sent to the family, there is an additional $1.50 charge. “Special day” requests need to be into the rectory 2 weeks in advance of the date requested to be included in the bulletin.
**TODAY’S READINGS**

**Gospel at the Procession with Palms** — Jesus’ entry into Jerusalem (Matthew 21:1-11).

**First Reading** — In spite of my sufferings I am not disgraced. I am not put to shame (Isaiah 50:4-7).

**Psalm** — My God, my God, why have you abandoned me? (Psalm 22).

**Second Reading** — Christ emptied himself, and God filled this emptiness with exaltation (Philippians 2:6-11).

**Gospel** — The account of Christ’s passion according to Matthew (Matthew 26:14 — 27:66 [27:11-54]).

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**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday:** Is 42:1-7; Ps 27:1-3, 13-14; Jn 12:1-11

**Tuesday:** Is 49:1-6; Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

**Wednesday:** Is 50:4-9a; Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34; Mt 26:14-25

**Thursday:** Chrism Mass: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9; Ps 89:21-22, 25, 27; Rv 1:5-8; Lk 4:1-6 Lord’s Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15

**Friday:** Is 52:13 — 53:12; Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-17, 25; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1 — 19:42

**Saturday:** a) Gn 1:1 — 2:2 [1:1, 26-31a]; Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35; or Ps 33:4-7, 12-13, 20-22; b) Gn 22:1-18 [1 2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18]; Ps 16:5, 8-11; c) Ex 14:15 — 15:1; Ex 15:1-6, 17-18; d) Is 54:5-14; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13; e) Is 55:1-11; Is 12:2-6; f) Bar 3:9-15, 32 — 4:4; Ps 19:8-11; g) Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3-4 or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 or Ps 51:12-15, 18-19; h) Rom 6:3-11; i) Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Mt 28:1-10

**Sunday:** Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn

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**FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR**

No Flowers in Lent. Call the rectory to reserve a date for Flowers.

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**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

**Sunday:** Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

**Monday:** Monday of Holy Week

**Tuesday:** Tuesday of Holy Week

**Wednesday:** Wednesday of Holy Week; Passover begins

**Thursday:** Holy Thursday; The Sacred Paschal Triduum

**Friday:** Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday); Fast and Abstinence

**Saturday:** The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night; Holy Saturday
Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

PLEASE NOTE

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

April Events

ALL FUTURE EVENTS, INCLUDING PUBLIC MASSES, ARE SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. MAY GOD’S DIVINE MERCY BE UPON US AS WE PLACE ALL OUR TRUST IN YOU. LIFT US UP O LORD FOR WE ARE BENT LOW.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

FAMILY OF THE MONTH

March 2020

Michael and Virginia Diane Melancon Family

Michael joined the St. Christopher Knights of Columbus Council 4508 in 2018 and has been very active with the council. He fabricated and installed the nativity scene used at Christmas time. He is a member of the Knights of Columbus Helping Hands Committee and helps people in need of repairs etc. Both he and Virginia repair and paint religious statues upon request and they have painted the statues that the Knights of Columbus raffled off. They are usually the first to arrive at Knights functions to set up and last to leave after clean up. They are an example of Christian values “To Serve one’s neighbor.” St. Christopher is very fortunate to have Michael and Virginia as part of the St. Christopher Parish family.

May the Souls of the Faithful Departed Rest in Peace

John S. Collura — March 18, 2020
Frances Barberito — March 26, 2020

Our thoughts and prayers are with their families at this difficult time.

ADORATION CHAPEL

The Adoration Chapel will be closed until further notice.

THE CROSS

We should glory in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, in whom is our salvation, life and resurrection, through whom we are saved and delivered.

—Entrance Antiphon, Evening Mass of the Lord’s Supper, The Roman Missal
Fasting is to be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday by all Catholics who are at least 18 but not yet 59 years old. Those who are bound to fast may take only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid food between meals is prohibited. Abstinence from meat is to be observed by all Catholics 14 years and older on Ash Wednesday and on all Fridays of Lent.

“The days of Jesus’ life-saving death and glorious resurrection are approaching, the hour he triumphed over Satan’s pride, the time we celebrate the great event of our redemption” (Preface of the Lord’s Passion II, Sacramentary). Thus the Church begins the one week of the year that we formally designate as “Holy.” Simple rituals can link the domestic church to parish church and Church universal. Enthrone Sunday’s palms where you pray, behind the family crucifix, even as part of front door decorations: “Christ reigns here,” they proclaim; “all are welcome!” During the first three days of Holy Week, ready Easter clothes, prepare festal foods, clean the house, beautify the yard. Late Holy Thursday afternoon, share Lent’s final meal before the Lord’s Supper Mass. Pitcher, bowl, and towel make a fitting centerpiece; perhaps conclude the meal by washing each other’s feet. On Good Friday, observe the paschal fast from food—from TV and computer, too! Then come to Holy Saturday’s Vigil with mind clear, stomach empty, and heart full of “holy anticipation” that bursts into living flame when the new fire is kindled.

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We want to thank all those who contributed towards filling baskets for the holidays. We are very thankful for all the support by our Parishioners. Without your help, we would not be able to provide the assistance needed. To replenish our stock for the new year, we are in need of regular size boxes or bags of cereal, beans and rice, spaghetti, macaroni and cheese, pasta and rice mixes, grits, oatmeal and ramen noodles. We also need cans of tuna, chicken, Vienna sausages, spam or similar products, fruit, peanut butter and jelly, soups, tomato sauce, gravy in packs or bottles and drink mixes like tea bags, Kool-Aid, hot chocolate and Crystal Light. Please help us by checking “current best-by” dates. If you are in need of assistance, call 831-7692 and leave a message. We will return your call.

FLOWERS & SANCTUARY LIGHTS for 2020 are now available. The cost is $40 (flowers) and $10 (sanctuary light). If you would like to reserve a weekend, please call 837-8214. Checks for flowers are to be made payable to “St. Christopher Altar Society”. Checks for sanctuary lights should be made payable to “St. Christopher Church”. What a wonderful way to say “Congratulations”, “Happy Birthday”, “Happy Anniversary”, etc.

St. Christopher Parish
Census Form

St. Christopher Parish is developing enhanced paper and digital communication capabilities. You can help us by providing us with your information. Go to St. Christopher’s website and use the link to set up your personal user name and password to the database.

HAVE ANNOUNCEMENTS OR ORGANIZATIONAL CHURCH EVENTS, PHOTOS OR NEWS RECAP FOR THE BULLETIN? Please forward to the rectory two weeks in advance of the event. This includes Mass Requests.

You can e-mail the Rectory at scmrectory@outlook.com.

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