

# St. Christopher the Martyr Catholic Church

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## *Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

August 2, 2020

Thus says the Lord:  
All you who are thirsty,  
come to the water!  
You who have no money,  
come, receive grain and eat;  
Come, without paying  
and without cost,  
drink wine and milk!

Isaiah 55:1

### **PARISH PRIEST:**

Rev. Raymond Igbogidi, Pastor

### **PARISH DEACONS:**

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### **MASS SCHEDULE:**

**Saturday:** (Vigil), 4 p.m.

**Sunday:** 7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m. (6 p.m. 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](http://www.stchristopherano.com) and download the required documents. Return the completed documents to [scmrectory@outlook.com](mailto: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 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 504-835-0540.

**ADORATION CHAPEL:** Monday through Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Call Marlene Baquie at 504-913-5911 or Shelly Margiotti at 504-330-0902.

**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.



**This Weekend, August 1-2, 2020**

**Saturday**  
4:00 pm Fr. Raymond

**Sunday:**  
7:30 am Fr. Raymond  
9:30 am Fr. Thomas  
11:00 am Fr. Thomas

**Monday:**  
6:30 am Fr. Raymond  
9:30 am Fr. Thomas

**Tuesday:**  
6:30 am Fr. Raymond  
9:30 am Fr. Thomas

**Wednesday:**  
9:30 am Fr. Raymond

**Thursday:**  
6:30 am Fr. Raymond  
9:30 am Fr. Thomas

**Friday :**  
6:30 am Fr. Thomas  
9:30 am Fr. Raymond

**Next Weekend, August 8-9, 2020**

**Saturday**  
4:00 pm Fr. Thomas

**Sunday:**  
7:30 am Msgr. Taormina  
9:30 am Fr. Thomas  
11:00 am Fr. Raymond  
6:00 pm Fr. Raymond

**SATURDAY:** Alexis Vicari Mortindale, Beverly and Ronald Lambert, Frank and Cy Canale, Kippy Owens, Jr., Jacquelyn "Honey" Walter, Rosalie Blady, William "Billy" Simon, The Campbell Family, The Bonura Family, The Woulfe Family, and Michael M. Lux and Ethel A. Lux.

**SUNDAY:** *Missa Pro Populo* (All Parishioners of St. Christopher), Jerry Cox, Jr., David Ball, Herbert and Juanita Coakley, Forest Korndorffer, Jay Korndorffer, Pat Gegenheimer, Peggy Durkes, Peggy Loehn, Edward Joseph Bourgeois, Sr., Thomas and Dorothy Stengle, Paul J. Ridolfo, Odette Breaux, Lucas Breaux, Randy Breaux, Philip Breaux, Warren and Alvine Johnson, Elaine Palmer, Richard Palmer, Robert Palmer, Pearson S. Pratt, The Campbell Family, The Bonura Family, The Woulfe Family, Sharon G. Long, Kevin Kiefer, Sr., Paul Kiefer, Rosa Arocho, and Louise E. Chaupin.

**MONDAY:** John and Ramona Clesi, Warren Johnson (Death Anniversary).

**TUESDAY:** Elizabeth Arnold (Birthday), Ronnie Schmitt.

**WEDNESDAY:** Schade-Joanen Families, Cy Canale (Birthday), and Joseph LaScala (Anniversary).

**THURSDAY:** Frank Lanzetta (Death Anniversary), The Bonura Family.

**FRIDAY:** Kathleen R. Bondi, Ernest L. White, Sr.

**\*\*\*MASS INTENTIONS\*\*\***

Offering a Mass intention requires a \$5 minimum donation per Mass. Requests can be placed in the collection basket, calling in or mailing it to the rectory. Please indicate if the person is living/deceased. If you wish to send a card to the family, an additional \$1.50 charge applies. "Special day" requests need to be into the rectory 2 weeks in advance of the date requested in order to be included in the bulletin.

**PLEASE NOTE:** 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 and/or on the website and a copy placed on the altar for the entire week.



**July 25-26, 2020**

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| Envelopes              | \$2,157.00        |
| Loose                  | \$ 881.47         |
| <b>TOTAL</b>           | <b>\$3,038.47</b> |
| Black & Indian Mission | \$ 36.00          |
| Repairs & Maintenance  | \$ 966.00         |

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday:** Jer 28:1-17; Ps 119:29, 43, 79, 80, 95, 102; Mt 14:22-36.

**Tuesday:** Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22; Ps 102:16-21, 29, 22-23; Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14.

**Wednesday:** Jer 31:1-7; Jer 31:10-12ab, 13; Mt 15:21-28.

**Thursday:** Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Mt 17:1-9.

**Friday:** Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7; Dt 32:35cd-36ab, 39abcd, 41; Mt 16:24-28.

**Saturday:** Hb 1:12 — 2:4; Ps 9:8-13; Mt 17:14-20.

**Sunday:** 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a; Ps 85:9-14; Rom 9:1-5; Mt 14:22-33.

**TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading** — All you who thirst, come to the water! You without money, come to the feast! (Isaiah 55:1-3).

**Psalm** — The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs (Psalm 145).

**Second Reading** — Nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ (Romans 8:35, 37-39).

**Gospel** — All ate until satisfied; they collected twelve baskets of what was left over (Matthew 14:13-21).

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**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

**Sunday:** Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time.

**Tuesday:** St. John Vianney.

**Wednesday:** Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major.

**Thursday:** The Transfiguration of the Lord; Hiroshima Memorial Day.

**Friday:** St. Sixtus II and Companions; St. Cajetan; First Friday.

**Saturday:** St. Dominic

**FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR**



In honor of  
All Special Intentions



**Sanctuary Light**

Is burning for  
Peter, Mary, and Malcolm Pasqua  
And  
Elizabeth Arnold (Birthday)

**Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

All you who are thirsty, come to the water!  
— *Isaiah 55:1a*



**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 504-837-8214. **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.

**Altar society**

E. Solis M. Hagstette



**ADORATION CHAPEL**

The Adoration Chapel is open Monday-Friday 7am to 1pm. **Regular and substitute adorers are needed for all time slots.** Wondering how to spend an hour in adoration? Preview the upcoming mass readings, say a rosary, read the bible or select a book from the shelves to read. Particular hours needing to be filled are Tuesday, 9am-10am and Thursday and Friday 12pm-1pm. We also need Extraordinary Eucharist Ministers to close the Chapel at 1pm on Thursdays and Fridays. Contact the Rectory at 504-837-8214 if you are interested.

**PLEASE NOTE**

Confirmation Class



**Mandatory Confirmation Meeting**

Any student entering the 11<sup>th</sup> grade this fall and wishing to make their Confirmation at St. Christopher in 2021 need to attend an introductory meeting on Tuesday, **August 25**, at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Center. The meeting will last approximately one hour. Any 11<sup>th</sup> grader wanting to be confirmed at St. Christopher and their parent(s) must attend. Please [e-mail](#), call, or text Vance Ott (504-400-8318) with any questions or concerns. Feel free to share this information with anyone you think may be interested in being confirmed at St. Christopher.



*PLEASE JOIN US!!!*

**Mrs. Janet's Retirement Party**

**Saturday, August 15th**

**Parish Center @ 5:00 PM**

Ms. Janet Schluter retired as of May 2020. We congratulate her for faithfully working as the St. Christopher the Martyr Parish Secretary for over 33 years! We are sincerely grateful to Janet for her years of dedicated love and service to parishioners and to the clergy over the years and would like to honor her with a retirement party Saturday, August 15th at 5:00 PM in the Parish Center directly following 4:00 PM Mass. Please join us in celebrating this special occasion!

**OUR DEEPEST NEEDS**

The word of God serves up a tremendous feast for us today. Isaiah beckons all who hunger and thirst to come to the Lord for satisfaction. The psalmist cries out, "The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs" (Psalm 145:16). Saint Paul tells us that nothing can separate us from the love of God. Finally, in the Gospel, we hear the story of the miraculous feeding of over five thousand people from a mere five loaves and two fish. Most of us have our material needs met on a day-to-day basis. These scriptures, nevertheless, have much to say to the contemporary believer. We must ask ourselves, "Where are my deepest hungers? Where are my thirsts?" After material needs are satisfied and, in some cases, over-satisfied, many people still experience a deep longing for spiritual balance and well-being. As the loaves and fish are multiplied in today's Gospel, perhaps our prayer can be a longing for the satisfaction of the deepest needs that only God can fill.

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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**August Events**

- August 3, 10:15 a.m.**— Legion of Mary Meeting
- August 7, 7:00 p.m.**— Knights of Columbus Rosary
- August 8, 4:00 p.m.**— Anointing of the Sick after Mass.
- August 9, 7:30 a.m.**— Holy Name Society Mass and Meeting.
- August 9, 6:00 p.m.**— CYO Mass
- August 10, 10:15 a.m.**— Legion of Mary Meeting
- August 12, 10:00 a.m.**-Mission Rosary Makers
- August 13, 7:00 p.m.**-Men's Prayer Group
- August 14, 7:00 p.m.**— Knights of Columbus Rosary
- August 15, 5:00 p.m.**— Mrs. Janet Schluter's Retirement Party in the Parish Center (directly following 4:00 PM Mass.
- August 17, 10:15 a.m.**— Legion of Mary Meeting
- August 21, 7:00 p.m.**— Knights of Columbus Rosary
- August 24, 10:15 a.m.**— Legion of Mary Meeting
- August 24, 7:00 p.m.**-Men's Club
- August 25, 6:30 p.m.**— Mandatory Confirmation Meeting in the Parish Center (see details)
- August 28, 7:00 p.m.**— Knights of Columbus Rosary
- August 28, 7:00 p.m.**-Baptism Seminar (call rectory for information)

**PRAYER AND HUMILITY**

Arm yourself with prayer rather than a sword; wear humility rather than fine clothes.

—St. Dominic

**THIRST**

You have put salt in our mouths that we may thirst for you.

—St. Augustine



**OUTSTANDING CYO MEMBERS**

We would like to proudly congratulate three St. Christopher CYO members who were recently honored as parish youth leaders! The annual leadership celebration took place on Saturday July 11, 2020, at Divine Mercy Church in New Orleans. For recognition of “Leadership by Youth in the Local Parish Setting” from St. Christopher were **Morgan Muscarello, Catherine Ott,** and **Sophie Shields.**



**ST. CHRISTOPHER OUTREACH HELP LINE**

Now that the church is open again, we welcome food donations, which may be placed in the foyer of the church or brought to the rectory. Many people are requesting assistance. We are in need of items such as cereal, grits and oatmeal, and cans of fruit, beans, soup, tomato sauce, and Chef Boyardee. We also need ramen noodles, rice, and pasta mixes, macaroni and cheese, spaghetti and pasta. For this month, we have an adequate supply of peanut butter and jelly, dried beans, and canned vegetables. The boxes we give out are 12” x 12” x 18”, so we are limited to regular-size items, not large, and we do not have the space to handle cold products. Please help us by checking “current best-by” dates. If you are in need of assistance, call **504-831-7692** and leave a message. We will return your call. We thank you on behalf of our parishioners who are in need. We will help as many as our food and finances will permit us. May God bless all of you and keep all of us healthy.



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**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

**AUGUST FAMILY OF THE MONTH**



The **Tommy and Terry Canale Family** has been selected as the August 2020 Family of the Month. Tommy and Terry regularly attend daily Mass and the Adoration Chapel and are Eucharistic ministers, both in church and for the homebound. They were very involved in purchasing the “Jesus of Health” statue found in the alcove of our church where the choir sings, and they organized the St. Joseph Triduum for several years for our parish. They assist in sanitizing our church and are also very active in the Charismatic Movement in the New Orleans area and do speaking engagements. The Canales are another great example of a family that is willing to assist with their talents when and wherever they are needed. We are so grateful for the Canales' tireless commitment to serving God within our parish and thank them for sharing their love and faith. May God richly bless them!



**CHURCH OFFERINGS**

We are now offering online giving for your convenience and safety especially during this period when gathering for Mass is difficult. We pray for all our parishioners and know that several are experiencing financial hardship. We hope that those of you who are able will consider continuing to support our church by online giving and/or by mailing your offering to the rectory: 309 Manson Avenue, Metairie, LA 70001

**Daily Prayers for America**

Sponsored by: Monday Night Disciples

**The Daily Litany for the United States of America**

- ★Heavenly Father we give you all Praise, Honor, and Glory.
- ★Sacred Heart of Jesus, hear us.
- ★Holy Spirit, guide the leaders of our country.
- ★Immaculate Heart of Mary, lead us back to your Son.
- ★St. Joseph, make us agents of love, mercy and forgiveness.
- ★St. Michael, protect our country against all evil.
- ★All Saints in heaven, pray for the USA.

**To our Blessed Mother**

O Most Blessed Virgin Mother of Mercy, at this most crucial time, we entrust the United States of America to your loving care. Most Holy Mother, we beg you to reclaim this land for the glory of your Son. Overwhelmed with the burden of the sins of our nation, we cry to you from the depths of our hearts and seek refuge in your motherly protection. Look down with mercy upon us and touch the hearts of our people.

**Entrustment of America to the Blessed Virgin**  
St. John Paul II (1979)

"The bishops of the Church in the United States have chosen you in the mystery of your Immaculate Conception as the Patroness of the People of God in this country. May the hope enclosed in this mystery prevail over sin and may it be shared among all the sons and daughters of America and throughout the human family. In a period during which the struggle between good and evil, between the prince of darkness and the Father of light and of evangelical love is becoming greater, may the light of your Immaculate Conception show to all the way of grace and salvation. Amen."

(During his first Pastoral Visit to the United States in 1979, which included a visit to Philadelphia, Pope John Paul II made an Act of Entrustment to the Blessed Virgin, which he recited on October 7 at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C.)



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

**Advertiser of the Week**



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**SAINT JOHN MARY VIANNEY (1786-1859)**

A busy pastor jokingly suggests the secret of John Vianney's holiness: "He died seventeen years before telephones!" Call they didn't, but visit they did, keeping Vianney eighteen hours a day in the confessional. Stories abound of reading hearts and exorcisms, but Vianney's first miracle was getting ordained. Difficulty with studies delayed him, prompting the rector's apology to the bishop, "So far to ordain just one, especially *this* one!" The bishop, who could not know he was ordaining the future patron saint of parish priests, replied, "No burden to ordain one good priest!" In Ars, only an elderly handful attended Mass, "praying," one told Vianney, "for a priest with brains." But he stayed forty-two years, fulfilling the promise he made the day he arrived. In a sculpture just outside the village Vianney points skyward: "Show me the way to Ars," he tells a boy, "and I'll show you the way to heaven." To someone who feared there was no heaven beyond the grave, Vianney smiled, "My child, it would have been heaven enough to have lived as Jesus' disciple on earth."

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