

ST. CHRISTOPHER'S PARISH



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OUR MISSION STATEMENT

St. Christopher's Parish is a believing community committed to manifesting Christ's love through celebrating the sacraments, sharing gospel values, serving one another and all who hunger for Jesus.

PASTORAL TEAM

Pastor: Rev. Joseph Rodrigues
Permanent Deacon: Deacon Terence Da Silva
Permanent Deacon: Deacon Michael E. Minkowski
Youth Minister & Sacramental Preparation: Levy Anne Ramos
Ministry with Maturing Adults Sue Merko
Accounting: Arnold Rego
Sacristan: Narda Van Dyk



BAPTISM

The sacrament of Baptism is offered every Saturday and Sunday at 1:45 pm one family at a time by appointment. You may prepare for the sacrament three months before the birth of your child.

MARRIAGE

Couples planning to be married must contact a priest one year in advance. They must also receive personal preparation for entering marriage. Do not book a hall or choose music until you have spoken to the priest. If either party has previously gone through any form of civil or religious marriage with another person, the priest is not permitted to set a date for the wedding until the Bishop's office has been consulted.

CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS & CHILDREN

Those wishing to become Catholic or learn more about the Catholic faith are invited to contact the Parish Office.

LITURGY OF THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

10:00 a.m. Mass.

MOTHERS' GROUP

Third Wednesday of the month in the Hickey Lounge at 7:30 p.m.

HOLY HOUR

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Evening Prayer - Every Friday at 7:00 p.m.

LEGION OF MARY

Every Tuesday at 5 pm & Thursday at 10 a.m.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Jr. EDGE - Grade 3 - 5
EDGE - Grade 6 - 8
Lifeteen - Grade 9 -12

Contact Levy Anne for dates and times.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Fourth Monday of the month in the Parish Hall at 7 p.m.

RELIGIOUS BOOKS & ARTICLES STORE

Open every third week of each month following Saturday 5:00 p.m. and all Sunday masses.

PARISH SCHOOLS

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SUNDAY EUCHARIST

Saturday: 5:00 p.m.
Sunday: 8:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m. (also live) & 12:00 noon

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday to Saturday: 9:00 a.m.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday at 10:00 a.m. or by appointment

COMMUNION TO THE SICK & SHUT-INS

Call parish office for home visit.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

By request through the parish office.

PALM SUNDAY

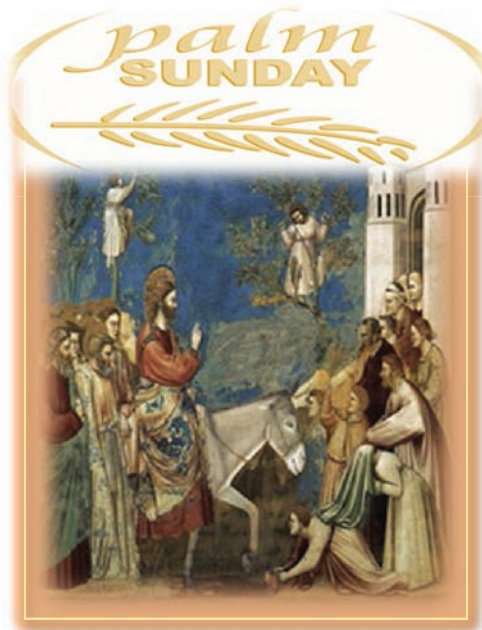
Matthew 21:1-11

Jesus sends the disciples ahead to Jerusalem to get a donkey and a colt for him.

Jesus rides on it into Jerusalem, greeted by the people...!!!

Spreading their garments on the road, while waving palms, they jubilantly sang

*'Hosanna, Hosanna ..
to the Son of David ...!'*



A Little on Palm Branches and a Donkey ! ...

Jesus' Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem with the waving of palm branches is in all 4 gospels

The first celebration of Palm Sunday in the Christian church with a palm processional was recorded as early as the 4th century in Jerusalem (Wikipedia)

Palm branches symbolized goodness, well-being, grandeur, steadfastness, and victory.

The donkey in Eastern tradition symbolized an animal of peace. Jesus' entry on a donkey shows him as the Prince of Peace, not as a war-waging king

HOLY WEEK at St Christopher Parish – Welcome.

+ **April 4, Tuesday**: Mass at 9:00 am

+ **April 5, Wednesday**: Mass at 9:00 am

+ **Holy Thursday, April 6, Thursday (LIVE ON YOUTUBE)**

Solemn Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper: 7:30 pm

-Bring bells to Mass on Holy Thursday.

Exposition of Blessed Sacrament: 8:30 pm (until late);
in the parish hall

+ **Good Friday, April 7, Friday (LIVE AT 3PM)**

- **Celebration of the Lord's Passion: 11:00 am & 3:00 pm**

- **Stations of the Cross - 7:30 pm**

+ **Holy Saturday, April 8, Saturday (LIVE ON YOUTUBE)**

- Easter Food Blessing: 2 pm (see the note on the right side)

- **The Great Vigil and First Mass of Easter: 8:00 pm**

+ **Easter Sunday, April 9 (LIVE AT 10AM)**

Resurrection of the Lord

Mass at 8:00 am, 10:00 am & 12:00 noon

*Let us ring out with Easter Joy!!!!
Together we rejoice in the Resurrection of our Lord.*



Mass Intentions

Tue. April 4th : 9 am – Marian Klicht†

Chesley Bugden†; Banita Banta

Wed. April 5th: 9 am – Abbey Leont†

For those who are sick:

Christine Nickalls

Anton Isaacs

Linda Parisi

For those who have died

May their souls Rest in Peace.:

Bimal Fernando

Fr. Gerald Anthony Sherry



Please contact the parish office
If you or a family member is sick or deceased
and would like us to pray for them.

EASTER FOOD BLESSING

Swiecenie Pokarmow

Holy Saturday, April 8th at 2pm



An Easter Tradition of bringing baskets of food to be blessed is very popular throughout Europe. Many Eastern Europeans bring decorated Easter eggs, ham, sausages, breads, salt, cheese and Easter Bread on Holy Saturday.

This food was then traditionally used to break the 'Paschal Fast' of Easter.

The Compass food Drive is very grateful to the parishioners of St. Christopher who collected slightly over **1500 of pounds** of non-perishable items which will be of great assistance as they continue to service the needs of an increasing number of people. *Thank you everyone!!!*



Living the Gospel by Providing for those in need.

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A Catholic Charities agency supported by ShareLife

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March 26 2023 - ShareLife Collections - \$14,872.00

Next collection date: April 30, 2023

Our Goal is \$145,000.00. Thank you for your support!!!



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ST. CHRISTOPHER'S HAS AN ONLINE MESSAGING SERVICE?
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What's happening at St. Chris

Mon. April 3rd-

6:30pm – 7:30pm - FRHC Class – (Parish Hall)

Tues. April 4th

9:45 am – 11:45am Rosary Apostolate (JC Room)

5:30 pm – 7:30pm FRHC Classes (Parish Hall)

Fri. April 7th

7:30pm Dramatic Stations of the cross

Sat. April 8th

2:30pm – 4:30pm Focolare (Hickey Lounge)



PREPARATION Continues!

Please continue to pray for those who are preparing for & First Reconciliation, Communion & Confirmation.



As they continue their FAITH journey in Jesus, may they be filled will His knowledge, wisdom and grace.

Vacation Bible School (VBS) 2023

For children ages 4 -11 years old.

Save the date:

July 10 – 14 (week 1)

July 17– 21 (week 2)



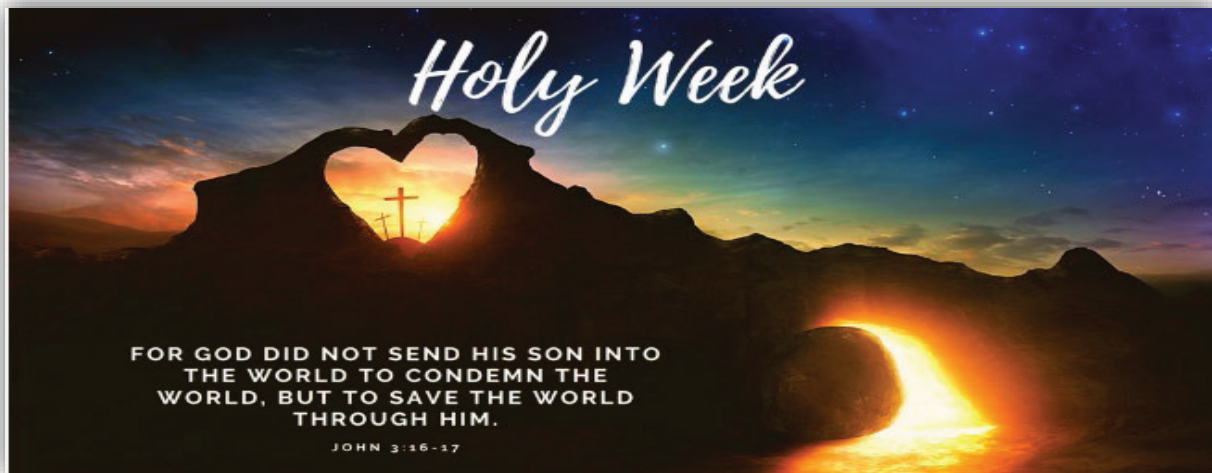
Need community service

hours? Help set up the hall on July 3 – 7.

**Volunteer registration forms are due May 31st*

Forms will be collected on April 11th & 12th at 6 -7:30 in the vestibule.

PLEASE NOTE: FORMS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED IN THE OFFICE UNTIL THURS. APRIL 13TH.



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