

# St. Christopher the Martyr Catholic Church

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## 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](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 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 a 458-3152.

**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 appt. for other times.



**This Weekend, Sept. 7-8, 2019**

**Saturday**

4:00 pm: Fr. Raymond

**Sunday**

7:30 am Fr. Raymond

9:30 am Fr. Raymond

11:00 am Fr. Jude

6:00 pm Fr. Raymond

**Monday:**

6:30 am Fr. Raymond

9:30 am Fr. Raymond

**Tuesday:**

6:30 am Fr. Raymond

9:30 am Fr. Raymond

**Wednesday:**

9:30 am Fr. Raymond

**Thursday:**

6:30 am Fr. Raymond

9:30 am Fr. Jude

**Friday:**

6:30 am Fr. Jude

9:30 am Fr. TBA

**Next Weekend, September 14-15, 2019**

**Saturday**

4:00 pm Fr. Raymond

**Sunday:**

7:30 am Fr. Raymond

9:30 am Fr. Raymond

11:00 am Fr. Raymond

**THIS CALENDAR IS  
SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

**SATURDAY:** Charles Scallan, Lorraine Darce, Beverly & Ronald Lambert, Cy & Frank Canale, Kippy Owens, Jr., Mary D. Quaid, In Memory of Frank Lanzetta, Georgiana Gros Welch, Felicia T. Gairens, Jerry Cox (Death Anniversary), Jacqueline Heintz “Honey” Walter, Darlene Weiner and Rose Stout.

**SUNDAY:** *Missa Pro Populo* (All Parishioners of St. Christopher), Alvine Johnson, Leon & Lucille Autin, Johnnie Fischer, Jerry Cox, Jr., David Ball, Herbert & Juanita Coakley, Charles Scallan, Agnes Desselles, Thomas & Dorothy Stengle, Paul Ridolfo, Harold and Marie Schwalb, Mildred “Millie” Gumpert, Ana Gutierrez Kikerpill, Pearson Pratt, Elaine Palmer, Richard Palmer, Sr., Robert Palmer, Sr., Jesse LeBlanc, Mary Quaid, Warren Johnson, Numa H. Schomaker, Jr., Joycelyn Russo, JoAnn Peterson, Robert George Stanley (Birthday), Theresa Pham Thuy Lan, A.J. Porretto and Peggy Loehn.

**MONDAY:** John & Ramona Clesi, Ita Shuh (Death Anniversary) and Felicia Gairems.

**TUESDAY:** Ronnie Schmitt and Jason Campbell.

**WEDNESDAY:** Schade–Joanen Families.

**THURSDAY:** Lucille & Sidney Richard and Mar y Quaid (Death Anniversary).

**FRIDAY:** Ernest L. White, Sr., Ben Pritchett (Birthday) and Luca Ferrara.



**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 or deceased. If you wish a card sent to the family, there is an additional \$0.75 charge. **“Special day” requests need to be into the rectory 2 weeks in advance of the date requested** to be included in the bulletin.



**Collections: 08/31/2019-09/01/2019**

**Not Available at Publishing.**

**TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading** — You sent your holy spirit from on high and thus were the paths of those on earth made straight (Wisdom 9:13-18b).

**Psalm** — In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge (Psalm 90).

**Second Reading** — Paul asks Philemon to accept back his slave Onesimus as a brother (Philemon 9-10, 12-17).

**Gospel** — Which of you wishing to construct a tower does not first sit down and calculate the cost to see if there is enough for its completion? (Luke 14:25-33).

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**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

- Monday:** Col 1:24 — 2:3; Ps 62:6-7, 9; Lk 6:6-11
- Tuesday:** Col 2:6-15; Ps 145:1b-2, 8-11; Lk 6:12-19
- Wednesday:** Col 3:1-11; Ps 145:2-3, 10-13ab; Lk 6:20-26
- Thursday:** Col 3:12-17; Ps 150:1b-6; Lk 6:27-38
- Friday:** 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14; Ps 16:1b-2a, 5, 7-8, 11; Lk 6:39-42
- Saturday:** Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-38; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17
- Sunday:** Ex 32:7-11, 13-14; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19; 1 Tm 1:12-17; Lk 15:1-32 [1-10]

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

- Sunday:** Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time; Grandparents Day
- Monday:** St. Peter Claver
- Wednesday:** Patriot Day
- Thursday:** The Most Holy Name of Mary
- Friday:** St. John Chrysostom
- Saturday:** The Exaltation of the Holy Cross



**Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Fill us at daybreak with your kindness, that we may shout for joy and gladness all our days. — *Psalm 90:14*

**VOCATION PRAYER**

Loving God, Your Son, Jesus, brought the light of the Gospel to the world. Grace our Church with people of faith who carry that light in peace to the world as priests, deacons, religious, consecrated seculars and lay ministers. Together may we live in service to others.



**Altar Society**

- D. Gaubert
- G. Giardina
- J. Matherne
- M. Schmitt



**FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR**

In Memory of Krisian Guidry (Death Anniversary)



**Sanctuary Light** is burning in the Memory of Ita Shuh (Death Anniversary) and John Shuh, Sr.

**FLOWERS & SANCTUARY LIGHTS** for 2020 are now available. What a beautiful way to **remember someone special!** You could say “**Congratulations**”, “**Happy Birthday**” or “**Happy Anniversary**”. The cost is \$40 (flowers) and \$10 (sanctuary light) if you would like to reserve a weekend. Please call 837-8214. Checks are made payable to “St. Christopher Altar Society”.



**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](mailto:scmrectory@outlook.com).

PLEASE NOTE



**September 13**, St. Christopher's Christolettes will be hosting their annual **BINGO FUNDRAISER** in the gym on **Friday, September 13<sup>th</sup>**! Doors open at 6:00; bingo starts at 7:00. Bingo cards are only \$2.00 or 3 cards for \$5.00. They will have a 50/50 raffle, bingo prizes, parade of prizes, & concessions will be sold! Come out with your friends and family food, fun, and entertainment!



**September 29, 8:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.** CYO Pancake Breakfast in the Parish Center.



**October 5, 5:00 p.m.—11:00 p.m.** St. Christopher School Fall Fest, Music by Mojeaux. More information to follow.

ANNIVERSARIES

On Saturday, September 21, 2019 at the 4:00 p.m. Mass, St. Christopher will celebrate couples who have attained 25 and 50 years or longer of marriage this year. A reception will follow in the Parish Center. If you plan to attend, please call Gail Giardina at 834-5135 by Monday, September 16, 2019.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

FAMILY OF THE MONTH

September 2019

TO BE ANNOUNCED



St. Christopher is **in need of a few teachers and helpers** for the Parish School of Religion Program. It is a very rewarding experience. If you are able to assist with the program, please call the rectory.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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- Sept. 8**, 7:30 a.m., Holy Name Mass and Meeting (St. Dominick Church)
- Sept. 8**, 6:00 p.m., CYO Mass and meeting
- Sept. 9**, 6:00 pm., Legion of Mary Meeting
- Sept. 10**, 9:30 a.m., Mass for K-7th grades
- Sept. 10**, 6:30 p.m., School of Religion begins
- Sept. 10**, 6:00 p.m., Outreach meeting
- Sept. 11**, 10:00 a.m., Mission Rosary Makers meeting
- Sept. 11**, 5:00 p.m.-6:30 p.m., Confessions
- Sept. 11**, 6:00 p.m., Rosary Broadcast
- Sept. 12**, 6:15 p.m., Bereavement Support Group
- Sept. 12**, 7:00 p.m., Home & School Club Meeting
- Sept. 13**, 6:00 p.m., Christolette Family Night Bingo (Gym)
- Sept. 14**, 4:00 p.m., Sacrament of the Sick (after Mass)
- Sept. 16**, 6:00 pm., Legion of Mary Meeting
- Sept. 17**, 9:00 a.m., Altar Society Rosary, Mass and meeting.
- Sept. 17**, 7:00 p.m., Confirmation Information Meeting (Parish Center)
- Sept. 17**, 6:30 p.m., School of Religion
- Sept. 19**, 7:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus meeting
- Sept. 21**, 4:00 p.m. Mass, Celebration of Marriage Anniversaries with Reception following
- Sept. 22**, 5:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m., CYO Meeting (Gym) (No Mass)
- Sept. 23**, 6:00 pm., Legion of Mary Meeting
- Sept. 24**, 9:30 a.m., Sch. Mass for K-4th grades
- Sept. 24**, 6:30 p.m., School of Religion
- Sept. 25**, 9:30 a.m., Sch. Mass for 5th-7th grades
- Sept. 26**, 7:00 p.m., Men's Prayer Group (Adoration Chapel)
- Sept. 29**, 8:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m., CYO Pancake Breakfast (Parish Center)







**ST. CHRISTOPHER OUTREACH  
HELP LINE**

We are very thankful for all the support by our Parishioners. Without your help, we would not be able to provide the assistance needed. 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.

**PILGRIMAGES**



Save the date for next year's Pilgrimage to the Holy Land led by Deacon Jerry Martinez: **May 26 to June 6, 2020.** The Bible truly comes alive after you have walked in His footsteps. Please consider participating in this wonderful spiritual, educational, and personal experience.

The pilgrimage to Turkey and Greece with Fr. Beau Charbonnet from **June 12-25, 2020,** will follow in the footsteps of St. Paul as he formed Christian communities that spread the growth of the Church Jesus founded. Starting from Istanbul (Constantinople), travelling south to visit the Seven Cities of the Book of Revelations, then across the Aegean and Mediterranean Seas, stopping at Patmos, Rhodes, , Crete and Santorini, then tour Athens, Corinth, and Delphi.

The pilgrimage to Ireland with Msgr. Harry Bugler will be **July 7-18, 2020.** To learn more, come on **September 8, 2019,** at 7 p.m. in the Parish Center at St. Philip Neri Church, 6500 Kawanee, Metairie, LA.

If you are interested in attending one or more of the meetings, contact Deacon Jerry at 559-4495 or [pilgrimswayusa@aol.com](mailto:pilgrimswayusa@aol.com) and provide your name and contact information.

**ST. CHRISTOPHER THE MARTYR PARISH  
SCHOOL OF RELIGION**

**REGISTRATION**

Registration has begun for the 2019-2020 school year for children in Kindergarten through 11th grade who are attending non-Catholic elementary school. Classes are held in the EEC Building from 6:30 to 7:45 p.m. on most Tuesday nights during the school year, beginning **Tuesday, September 10.** Please fill out the [registration form](#) and return it with a payment of \$35 to the parish office. The forms can be found on the church's website and/or there will be forms on the table in the foyer of the church for you to pick up. If you have any questions, please contact the deacons or Fr. Raymond.

**Confirmation  
Class**



**CONFIRMATION  
INFORMATION**

Anyone entering their Junior year and wants to make Confirmation in May 2020, there will be an informational meeting in Parish Center on **September 17, at 7:00 p.m.** Please bring a copy of your **Baptismal Certificate with you.**

**THE VALUE OF EDUCATION**

What greater or better gift can we offer the republic than to teach and instruct our youth? – Cicero



**ADORATION CHAPEL.** A "Gift" is offered to all members of St. Christopher Parish. Spending only one hour with OUR LORD in the Blessed Sacrament can be a way to clear your mind and help you live a better life. Come join in adoration of OUR LORD. The hours are 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday through Friday. Information is on the table at the entrance to church, or you may direct any questions to Jerry Cox at 458-3152. Please help us to keep our Adoration Chapel open. Thank you and God bless.




The St. Christopher Bereavement and Support Group Ministry held its annual Memorial Mass on July 11. In the front row, from left to right, are Mickey Lux, Anne Madding, Pat Gonsoulin, Mary Ann Mataconis, Rev. Raymond Igbogidi, Joel Vaughan, Rev. Fank Candalisa and Gail Giardina. In the back row are Ray Schmitt, Sue Kirsch, Dianne Vasquez, Andy Gonzalez and Bob Rauch.

GET THE GOSPEL MESSAGE THROUGH THE INTERNET, PRINT MEDIA, TELEVISION, AND RADIO.

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## SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

The second collection next weekend will be for the Catholic Communication Campaign. This campaign helps to spread the word and support communications efforts in the United States and around the world. For instance, in West Africa, the Diocese of Makurdi in Nigeria is home to nearly one million Catholics who are poor and must live off the food they farm themselves. Despite their challenges, they worship in 70 parishes and 3,000 village churches across the Diocese, but often find going to Mass difficult because they speak many local languages and do not always understand the language spoken in the parish closest to them. This campaign has helped the Dioceses of Makurdi bridge these language barriers by recording local choirs singing liturgical music and the Psalms in all of the languages. Now people going to Mass understand what is being sung and join fully in the liturgy. This collection also helps our Diocese as 50% of the collections remain in our Diocese for local communications projects.

### POST-SUMMER CHALLENGES

With any luck, summer delights will continue a while past last weekend's Labor Day: refreshing recreation (with maybe an occasional swim) or enjoyable relaxation on the deck (with tasty outdoor grilling). Truth is, for some of us, this year's Labor Day came way too early. With many schools back in session for a while already, mealtimes and driving schedules needed readjustment to coordinate youth sports with adult commitments. Some religious education and parish programs resumed, too. No surprise, then, that this weekend's scriptures sound a little like post-summer challenges. For instance, Wisdom reminds us that believers in God can never be content with "timid deliberations" and "unsure plans." Paul challenges longtime friend and follower Philemon to "let the good you do be voluntary." Jesus instructs "great crowds" traveling with him—including us—on three things necessary for all true disciples to accomplish. On this early autumn weekend, our scriptures describe disciples' lifelong labors.

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