

Today Jesus' teaching turns vividly to the Eucharistic imagery of his flesh and blood, expressed in very strong terms in response to the doubts of his listeners. The accompanying readings and the Psalm today revolve around images of food, drink, and nourishment. These readings encourage Christians to make manifest in their behavior and disposition the spiritual nourishment that Christ brings them in understanding the "bread of life" discourse.

Finally in today's gospel, Jesus speaks in remarkably strong language about the reality and the sacramentality of his flesh which he will give to his followers to sustain them. The sacrament of the Eucharist makes present the reality of the risen and glorified Christ—his risen and glorified Body and Blood, together with his soul and divinity—in a sacramental manner; that is, in a non-literal manner. We are consuming not physical flesh and blood but the risen, glorified Body and Blood of Christ, made present under the signs of bread and wine by the power of the Holy Spirit and the ministry of the priest. Jesus wanted his disciples to understand how central the Eucharist would be to their fellowship after his death.

To make clear that the Eucharist is an essential part of the life of every Christian he says: "Unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day" (John 6:53-54). In the first sentence of this quote Jesus uses the normal Greek word to describe polite human eating; in the second sentence of the quoted text he purposefully changes his language and uses the Greek term used to describe wild animals and livestock "munching" on their food. Both in hearing and keeping the word of the scriptures and in sharing in the glorified Body and Blood of Christ in the Eucharist let us all resolve to "taste and see the goodness of the Lord" and thus to be numbered among his faithful ones who are nourished by Christ in many ways and who make him present in many ways in the midst of our modern world.

Saint Christopher Catholic Church

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Jamestown, Tennessee 38556
Reverend Father Michael Sweeney, Pastor***



***August 18, 2018
Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time***

**Masses: Saturday Vigil: 6:30 P.M. (CST)
Holy Days (Vigil): 6:00 P.M. (CST)
Confessions: After Mass (1st Saturday of month or as needed)
Spanish Communion Service: Sundays 8:00 A.M.(CST)
Father Michael Sweeney: Rectory 865-882-9838
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Liturgical Ministers for Next Week
August 25, 2018

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**Readers:** R. Germann / B. Rindler / TBA  
**Altar Servers:** A. Cruz / A. Fackler  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** M. Mahon / S. Mahon  
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August Sacristan:Bernadette Rindler
Hospitality: Linda Savastano
KoC Round Table Coordinator: George Savastano
Mass Intentions:Sarah Mahon
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Bulletin: Mary Germann
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**INTENTIONS**



Together, let us pray for the needs of our brothers and sisters. Remember the sick, home-bound, caregivers and recovering of our parish and all those on the St. Christopher prayer list (available to view in the narthex) in your daily prayers: Juan Herrera; Zachary Chamness, grandson of George & Linda Savastano; Cissy and Vickie, daughters of Joyce Vaughn; Pete Yahner, brother of Sarah Mahon; Don Briggs; Mary Henise; Joyce Mulligan; Bruce Bigard, brother of Allen Bigard; Teddie Stevenson; Leo Duchon; Mike Emmons; Terry McDonald; Mike & MaryLee Baldalament; and for those of us who suffer in silence. Also, pray for our military personnel, especially those serving in harm's way. For these and all other unspoken needs; we pray to the Lord.

**ATTENDANCE & DONATIONS**

**August 11, 2018**

Parish: \$ 255  
Building Fund: \$ 25

Sat. Night Service / Bilingual Service: 50 / 10  
Feast of the Assumption: 32  
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MASS INTENTIONS

August 18, 2018

For **all travelers** who are returning home from vacation, as summer nears its end.
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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

A new catholic educational series will start on **Thursday, August 30th** in St. Christopher's Hall. **"The Mass"** is a DVD series of lectures by Bishop Robert Barron designed to help us understand how to fully, consciously and actively participate in the source and summit of Christian Life.

For 5 Thursday evenings (last class on September 28), we will cover the liturgy and learn how we are intimately joined with the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus through the Holy Eucharist. Sessions will start at 7 PM and last for 90 minutes with a short break.

Snacks of chips and cookies will be provided. All are welcome. A signup sheet is provided in the Narthex solely to estimate class size.

**Liturgical Ministers for Future Week(s)**  
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Sept 1st **Readers:** M. Criswell / P. Dalton / S. Mahon
Altar Servers: W. Allen / D. Briggs
Eucharistic Ministers: J. Vaughn / L. Savastano
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**Sept 8<sup>th</sup>** **Readers:** W. Allen / R. Germann / B. Rindler  
**Altar Servers:** J. Brayton / J. Brayton  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** D. Hailey / L. Savastano