

Saint Christopher Catholic Church

***160 Holt Spur Drive
Jamestown, Tennessee 38556
Reverend Father Michael Sweeney, Pastor***



***December 22, 2018
Fourth Sunday of Advent***

**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

December 22, 2018

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**Reader:** S. Mahon / **Alternate Reader:** W. Allen

**Altar Servers:** J. Rindler / B. Rindler

**Eucharistic Ministers:** L. Savastano / J. Vaughn  
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December Sacristan: Allison Stucker

Hospitality: Linda Savastano

KoC Round Table Coordinator: George Savastano

Mass Intentions: Sarah Mahon

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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; Mary Henise; Joyce Mulligan; Bruce Bigard, brother of Allen Bigard; Teddie Stevenson; Terry McDonald; Mike & MaryLee Baldalament; Todd Swallows; Carol Capozzio 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**

***December 15, 2018***

Parish: \$ 227

Building Fund: \$ 65

Retirement for Religious: \$ 35

Children’s Shopping Spree: \$ 100

Immigrant Services (Catholic Charities): \$ 25

Sat. Night Service / Bilingual Service: 70 / 9



**MASS INTENTIONS**

***December 22, 2018***

For the repose of the souls of her father, **William Murray**  
and brother, **James Murray**;  
Requested by **Peggy Dalton**.



**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

A note from Sharon Brayton: Thanks to Denise Romer for ordering, and to all who contributed to, the Christmas poinsettias which will arrive for Christmas Eve Mass. They will be available for pick-up following Mass on Jan. 5<sup>th</sup>, so that you can still enjoy their beauty in your home. God bless you for your donations.

A heartfelt **thank you** for all who contributed to the Christmas baskets for the less fortunate among us. Thanks to your generosity, we were able to provide a complete Christmas dinner and other staples to 13 families. God bless all of you who contributed time and treasure, and may God especially bless the recipients of your generosity.



***Holiday Liturgical Schedule 2017 – 2018***

**Christmas Eve Caroling and Mass:**

***Monday, December 24<sup>th</sup> 7:00 pm (Caroling)***

***Monday, December 24<sup>th</sup> 8:00 pm***

**Feast of Mary, the Holy Mother of God (vigil):**

***Monday, December 31<sup>st</sup> 6:00 pm***



This Christmas the best gift we might give the Christ is to become "another Jesus." You and I should not merely be Christian and Catholic. Rather, we should be Christ figures. The Trappist Thomas Merton puts the case for a fresh understanding of Christmas this way.

"Christ is born to us today so that He may appear to the whole world through us. This one day is the day of His birth, but every day of our mortal lives must be His manifestation." "If men would behave decently, the world would be decent." A self-cleansing of the heart of each of us is the only genuine way to change the world about us.

Christmas points to an adult Man named Jesus who proved to be most singular. He not only changed the small country about Him but also, He possesses the capacity to change us. Through Him, we can cease being selfish people and become noble individuals ourselves. It could be, said one preacher, that the only Jesus we ever envision is the Babe in the manger. But the Babe became a challenging Man. He is much too large for a manger. And, if you attempt to squeeze Him back into it, all you will receive for your efforts will be powerfully painful splinters in both hands. In fact, He is larger than life itself. Accept Him then as He is - the Lord. Allow Him to turn your life inside out and upside down. You may feel that your contribution to the common good is so small as not to count.

Have we not been told often that no one of us can do everything, but each one can do something? Today is the day for you to begin. Do what you can to become like Jesus, to follow the Lord on a new path of greatness, a path of sacrificial love and forgiveness, a path that leads to a New World that is the Kingdom of God. And notice the difference in yourself and others.