

Saint Christopher Catholic Church

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



***December 29, 2018
Feast of the Holy Family***

**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)
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Liturgical Ministers for Next Week
January 5, 2019

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**Reader:** P. Dalton / **Alternate Reader:** R. Germann  
**Altar Servers:** TBA / TBA  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** D. Hailey / J. Vaughn  
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January Sacristan: Denise Romer
Hospitality: Linda Savastano
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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 22, 2018***

Parish: \$ 392

Building Fund: \$ 20

Christmas Offering (split 50/50): \$ 745

Sat. Night Service / Bilingual Service: 55 / 9

Christmas Eve: 76

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MASS INTENTIONS

December 29, 2018

For the repose of the soul of **Bob Mulligan**;

Requested by his wife, **Joyce Mulligan**.

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***December 31, 2018***

For the repose of souls of **Donald** and **Gladys Brayton**;

Requested by their son **Jack Brayton**.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

This Monday we will celebrate mass for the Feast of the Solemnity of Mary, a Holy Day of Obligation. **Mass time is 6:00PM**. That gives everyone plenty of time to get to where ever you are going to be to bring in the New Year!

We hope 2019 is a healthful and prosperous year for all!

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George Savastano would like to remind everyone that the **Knights of Columbus'** new initiative **Loose Change Drive** is an ongoing project. Recipients of this project are the mentally challenged. All money collected stays in Tennessee.

***Liturgical Ministers for This Week***

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Dec 31st Reader: M. Criswell / Alternate Reader: R. Germann

Monday Altar Servers: M. Mahon / S. Mahon

6:00 PM Eucharistic Ministers: L. Savastano / J. Vaughn

Today in our Gospel reading we hear a lovely story from the hidden life of Jesus as a boy. It is about His visit to Jerusalem when He was twelve years old, how He got lost on the return journey and how his parents eventually found him discussing the scriptures with the doctors in the Temple. We observe from his discussions in the Temple at such a young age that Jesus is destined to become a great teacher of his people and an expert in the Hebrew Scriptures.

Mary and Joseph would have been desperately worried. Besides their natural concern for the son they deeply loved, you have also to take into account their awareness of the fact that God had entrusted this child to them born to be the Savior of the World. The boy Jesus is, of course, quite unconcerned. He is in the most natural place of all, in the Temple of Jerusalem. As the Son of God, he would surely regard the Temple as His true home on earth. And what is He doing? He is discussing the scriptures with the Doctors of the Law showing remarkable insight and wisdom. Prodigy or not, His parents scold Him for the anxiety He caused them. Of course, the precocious child tells them that they should have known He was about His father's business.

But he submits to their authority and meekly returns home to live his life with them in Nazareth where he was to grow into maturity as an adult. This story of a lost child helps us to realize that their family was not so different from our own family.

We give presents and gifts at Christmas but perhaps it is only on this Feast of the Holy Family that we come to realize that there are many other things that we fail to give to our loved ones. Maybe what we all need is to show a bit more patience, a bit more forgiveness, a bit more understanding. If we do these things, then our homes will become warmer and friendlier and more nourishing for us all.

The Church speaks up for the family and it is right that it does so. It proclaims the traditional values of love and honor and respect around which our families can build their lives. So, let us hope and pray that our society does what it can to uphold the values that will enable families to truly flourish in the modern world.