

What can “Repent” mean to us today

Jonah might be called the “reluctant prophet.” God had called Jonah, but Jonah did everything he possibly could to resist that call. God is persistent, and calls Jonah again. God may be calling us as well over and over; the calling will not cease, but our response must be a positive one, just as Jonah’s is. One might say that God offers Jonah a new beginning. We, too are offered a new beginning by the Lord, and as we enter a new calendar year --- this may be the time to consider that.

Realizing that it was pointless to resist the will of God, Jonah does go to Nineveh, and there he preaches repentance.

When Jesus says “Repent” it may not mean quite what we think it does. The Lord is not telling us to just feel sorry. He is calling us to action. That involves conversion, a change in how we live and what we do. Repentance is a change of direction. Also, it is not something we do before we come to God and answer His call. It is telling us what coming to God is like, what it requires.

In the original Greek, the word attributed to Jesus for “believe” is pisteuo. That means much more than just knowledge or agreement. It speaks of our total trust and dependence on God. It is not just an intellectual acceptance, but it is a call to live it out.

Note that the Lord says “I will make you fishers of men.” He is speaking of a process, not an instantaneous happening. Jesus called His Apostles to do what He did. It was their responsibility to share this with others, which is what occurred. Imagine that from that original calling there are now millions upon millions of potential disciples. It began with two, then four, then twelve and has continued to grow through the centuries. Spreading the Good News is still part of what Jesus expects from each of us.

Saint Christopher Catholic Church

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Jamestown, Tennessee 38556

Reverend Father Michael Sweeney, Pastor



January 20, 2018

Third Sunday of 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)

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**Liturgical Ministers for Next Week
(January 27, 2018)**

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**Readers:** S. Mahon / W. Allen / P. Dalton  
**Altar Servers:** F. Schuch / A. Stucker  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** L. Savastano / J. Vaughn  
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January Sacristan: Denise Romer
Hospitality: Linda Savastano
KoC Round Table Coordinator: George Savastano
Mass Intentions: Sarah Mahon
Webmaster: Stormy Allen
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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; Mollie Ann Wenzel, daughter of a friend of Allen Bigard; Laverne Marsch; Kate Cunningham; Teddie Stevenson; Leo Duchon; Mike Emmons; Mike 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**

**January 13, 2018**

Parish: \$ 151  
Building Fund: \$ 100

Sat. Night Service / Bilingual Service: 32 / 9  
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MASS INTENTIONS

January 20, 2018

For the repose of the souls of **Vincent** and **Josephine Halaburda**;
Requested by **Sue** and **Howard Duncan**.
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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

As was indicated last week, in order to keep track of planned meetings and avoid utilization conflict, there is a calendar for scheduling/listing pre-arranged meetings to be held in St. Christopher Hall. This calendar is on the bulletin board in the narthex. Please add any usage days/times that you become aware of. Thank you.  
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The second collection next week, January 28th, is for the Church in Latin America.
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From the Diocese of Knoxville:

The Bishop's Appeal 2018 has begun with a mailing that many parishioners have received or will soon receive. This mailing from Bishop Stika is asking for a generous pledge to this year's Appeal. Please reflect on God's gifts to you and offer your generous support to the work of our Diocese.

**Liturgical Ministers for Future Week(s)**

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Feb. 3rd **Readers:** R. Germann / M. Criswell / P. Dalton
Altar Servers: T. McDonald / A. Fackler
Eucharistic Ministers: M. Mahon / S. Mahon
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