

Justice & Integrity

In the first reading the prophet Jeremiah, prophesying immediately before the great and horrible exile, told the leaders to trust in God and not to make treaties with the pagan nations. These treaties would demand the practice of pagan rituals, and the adoption of pagan immorality. More than this, these treaties would be a rejection of something that was at the heart of the Hebrew People. God had chosen them. God had delivered them from the Egyptians, fought their battles for them and protected them in the past. A treaty with another nation would imply that God would not care for his people. At best, the leaders would be hedging their bets.

Now while these leaders, these faithless shepherds, were rejecting God, they were also putting on the pious front. Externally they appeared to be religious. In reality they were hypocrites. Jeremiah was sick of their act. He continued his attack against them. He piled the prophetic gloom and doom on thick. But, then he did a 180 and spoke positively. Jeremiah prophesied a day when the leaders would be wise and just, a day when people would proclaim with their lives, “The Lord is our justice.”

Usually when we hear the term “justice” we think of court cases. We refer to justice as a decision that safeguards the rights of all people. Biblical justice is much deeper than that. Biblical justice describes a way of life that reflects the presence of God. Biblical justice is based on faith in God resulting in a particular way of acting. Biblical justice refers to integrity.

The word integrity means to be whole, complete. A person with integrity is a person of sincerity whose actions are a natural reflection of his or her interior. A person with integrity has a firm hold on the truth. He does not create truth. He respects truth.

The real age of integrity began with Jesus Christ. It must continue with us. “The Lord is our justice, our integrity.” That day is upon us. We have in the past, and we can in the present be people who make the love of Christ a living reality in the world. Jesus is with us, yearning to come out of us, to show the world the love, the compassion of Christ.

Saint Christopher Catholic Church

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



***July 21, 2018
Sixteenth 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
Emergency: 865-216-6453**



Liturgical Ministers for Next Week
July 28, 2018

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**Readers:** B. Rindler / S. Mahon / M. Criswell  
**Altar Servers:** D. Briggs / W. Allen  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** D. Hailey / J. Vaughn  
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July Sacristan: Sharon Brayton
Hospitality: Linda Savastano..... 704-1956
KoC Round Table Coordinator: George Savastano ...704-3419
Mass Intentions: Sarah Mahon..... 879-5361
Webmaster: Stormy Allen
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Bulletin: Mary Germann 752-5714
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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**

**July 14, 2018**

Parish: \$ 336

Building Fund: \$ 185

Sat. Night Service / Bilingual Service: 46 / 9  
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MASS INTENTIONS

July 21, 2018

For the repose of the soul of **Bob Mulligan**;
Requested by his wife, **Joyce Mulligan**.
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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

After mass please join us for **cake and ice cream** down stairs in the church hall. We are celebrating Fr. Michael's birthday and St. Christopher's feast day.  
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The Office of Christian Formation is sponsoring **the Diocese of Knoxville's Men's Conference** to be held on **Saturday, Aug. 25th**, beginning at 9 a.m. at All Saints Church in Knoxville.

The presentation will be on Pope St. John Paul II's **Theology of the Body** and its place in the spiritual life of men.

The day will include Holy Mass, conferences, small-group discussions, and Q&A. Snacks and lunch are included.

There is no charge to attend. To register, please email srannamarie@dioknox.org.

Liturgical Ministers for Future Week(s)
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**Aug 4<sup>th</sup>** **Readers:** M. Criswell / R. Germann / P. Dalton  
**Altar Servers:** J. Rindler / B. Rindler  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** M. Mahon / S. Mahon

**Used eye glasses** and cases can be taken into the **Eye Centers of Tennessee** in Jamestown, where they will be given to those who cannot afford them. This is usually done by the Lyon's Club but we don't have one here. If you need more information please call the Eye Center at: 879-5897. [11/7, 12/26]

If you are having trouble hearing Father during mass, please see Jim Romer. The church has 4 hearing assistance devices available for use.

A reminder: we have a Facility's Calendar on the bulletin board in the narthex. Please add any usage days/times that you become aware of. Thank you.

The **Mother Teresa Guild** is again this year preparing **food boxes** for Thanksgiving and Christmas. If you know anyone in need of a food box, there are cards in the narthex for you to let us know all the pertinent information for preparation and delivery. For further information, please contact Linda Savastano at 879-8569. [10/3, 10/10, 10/17, 10/24]

The next **Parish Council** meeting is this Wednesday, **\*\*\*[&%November 11<sup>th</sup> &%]\*\*\*** from 6pm – 7:30pm. All parishioners are welcome. [11/7, 11/14]

***This is the Last Sunday of the Church Calendar Year***

The Church's Liturgy during November reflects the changes of the seasons. The prayers and readings focus on death, judgment, heaven, hell and Purgatory, with an emphasis on the Communion of Saints. As the Liturgical Year draws to a close, we also consider our final ends. We become more aware of our suffering brethren on earth (and Purgatory) and strive to make extra sacrifices and prayers on their behalf.

Today's feast **The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe** marks the end of the Liturgical Year with the tone not of fear or despair, but one of hope. The themes of hope and eschatology (end times) continue into the Advent season. We are given a new beginning for self-examination and renewal and to prepare for the two-fold coming: 1) remembrance of Christ's first coming as an infant at Christmas and 2) Christ's Second Coming and our Final Judgment.  
[11/21]

This annual season of **Advent** draws our attention to what is most important: **God's love revealed to us in the incarnation of Jesus.** Let us mark this season with a heightened awareness of God's presence in our midst, so that we may truly prepare for the coming of the lord into our hearts.

The rest of the world is awaiting the coming of the Lord, even if they don't know it. What are we doing to show them the

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It has been said that fathers are the world's most unsung heroes. Their value is rarely acknowledged, and their sacrifices often go unseen and unappreciated. Once a year on Father's Day, we have the ideal opportunity to show our dads how much they mean to us.

The role of the father is especially important in a Christian family, as he is seen as the central figure and a role model and source of strength for his children.

****Put in bulletin for 2nd Tues of most every month:** see Geroge

The **KoC** will have it's next **Council meeting** Tuesday **July 10th** in Crossville. The rosary will be said at 5:30 pm and the meeting begins at 6:00 pm.

The July – September 2018 schedule for readers and Eucharistic ministers is in the narthex.

Eucharistic Ministers: Please check to see if you have a **pix** which you are no longer using. There are 2 or 3 that seem to be missing.

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