

A Prophet of Hope--Jeremiah

If there was ever a man that would have every reason to be without hope it would be the prophet Jeremiah. He's called "the weeping prophet" for a reason.

Jeremiah was one of the longest serving prophets, living through the reign of five kings of Judah. Called by God when just a teenager (Jeremiah 1:5-7), our prophet was roundly rejected and maligned by his own people, forsaken by his family, and even forbidden from marrying (Jer. 16:1-2). He would remain in Jerusalem to the bitter end, witnessing the fiery destruction of the Temple and the public slaughter of the Davidic line.

At his darkest hour, as Babylon surrounded his starving city, and while imprisoned by his fellow Jews, Jeremiah did something amazing. He bought a tract of land from his cousin in Anathoth, a parcel already conquered and leveled by the Babylonian armies. In modern parlance, he put his money where his mouth was. He had already promised the people that after a 70-year exile for their sins, they would return to the land again, settling their ancestral cities. Now his actions made his prophecies sure.

To the gathered witnesses, he placed the signed deed before the people and sealed it in an earthenware jar as a kind of time capsule, declaring, "houses and fields and vineyards shall again be bought in this land" (Jeremiah 32:15). While the cities walls were being breached, he surrounded the little remnant of Jews with a fortress of hope. Even in his Lamentations, he could say "But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope: the steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. "The Lord is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in him" (Lam. 3:21-23). Speaking through his prophet, the Lord declared, "For I know the plans I have for you, says the LORD, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope" (Jeremiah 29:11).

Saint Christopher Catholic Church

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Jamestown, Tennessee 38556

Reverend Father Michael Sweeney, Pastor



March 17, 2018

Fifth Sunday of Lent

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
(March 24, 2018)**

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**Readers:** M. Criswell / S. Mahon / P. Dalton  
**Altar Servers:** W. Allen / B. Rindler  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** M. Mahon / S. Mahon  
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March Sacristan: Peggy Dalton
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; Teddie Stevenson; Leo Duchon; Mike Emmons; Terry McDonald; 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**

**March 10, 2018**

Parish: \$ 587  
Building Fund: \$ 95  
Catholic Relief Services: \$ 164  
Sat. Night Service / Bilingual Service: 53 / 9  
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MASS INTENTIONS

March 17, 2018

For the repose of the souls of **Mary and Jake Fackler**;
Requested by their son **Anthony Fackler**.
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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Again this year, there will be an **Easter Egg Hunt Easter Morning** after the Bilingual Service. We hope all children of the parish will be able to participate!!  
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After the Easter Vigil Mass we will have our **Easter dinner celebration**. If you wish to bring something, sign up sheets are in the narthex. Please be advised that the **Easter Vigil Mass** will start at **4:00 PM**.

2018 Holy Week Liturgical Schedule

Holy Thurs (Vigil)	March 28th	Wednesday 6:00 pm CDT
Good Friday Service	March 30th	Friday 12:00 noon CDT
Easter Vigil Service	March 31st	Saturday 4:00 pm CDT

Liturgical Ministers for Future Week(s)

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**Mar. 28<sup>th</sup>** **Readers:** R. Germann / M. Criswell / L. Savastano  
**(Wed 6:00 PM)** **Altar Servers:** TBA  
**(Holy Thurs Vigil)** **Eucharistic Ministers:** G. Savastano / J. Vaughn  
**Washing of Feet:** K. Allen / TBA / TBA