

The Triduum Part II: Holy Saturday and Easter

Holy Saturday

After nightfall on Holy Saturday, Catholics hold an Easter vigil service, which represents the faithful awaiting the resurrection of Jesus Christ after his burial. In some congregations, this vigil service is held before dawn on Easter Sunday. This service includes a ceremony of light and darkness, in which a paschal candle is lit to represent the resurrection of Christ; members of the congregation form a solemn procession to the altar.

The Easter Vigil liturgy has its roots in the Old Testament and relives in ritual, the night the Israelites stayed awake waiting for the Lord to deliver them from their slavery in Egypt. Similarly, we wait with the disciples for the good news that Jesus indeed is risen! In its fullest expression this is a true vigil, a night watch. We gather as family to re-tell the wondrous stories of our salvation and draw strength as we remember. If we put all of our energy into preparing these symbols so that they can speak loudly, people will be drawn into their power and experience the presence of God.

The Easter Vigil is considered the pinnacle of the Easter Triduum, especially for Catholics, and is usually celebrated with a devotion equal to that bestowed on Easter itself.

Easter Sunday

Easter Sunday marks the end of the Triduum and the beginning of the seven-week Easter season that will end with Pentecost Sunday. Easter Sunday church service for Catholics as well as Protestants is a joyous celebration of resurrection and rebirth of Jesus and mankind. Rejoice!

Popular Easter symbolism includes many images of rebirth as found in the world of nature and from religious traditions through history, including fragrant lilies, newborn animals, and spring plant growth.

Saint Christopher Catholic Church

160 Holt Spur Drive

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March 31, 2018

Easter Sunday

Masses: Saturday Vigil: 6:30 P.M. (CST)

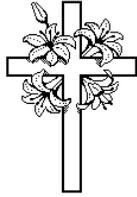
Holy Days (Vigil): 6:00 P.M. (CST)

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
April 7, 2018**

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**Readers:** S. Mahon / P. Dalton / M. Criswell  
**Altar Servers:** J. Brayton / S. Brayton  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** J. Vaughn / D. Hailey  
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April Sacristan:M. Cottrell / D. 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; 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 24, 2018**

Parish: \$ 289  
Building Fund: \$ 45  
Sat. Night Service / Bilingual Service: 50 / 9  
Holy Thursday: 20  
Good Friday: 48  
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MASS INTENTIONS

March 31, 2018

This Easter, may the **risen Christ** answer all of the intentions of the **faith community** of St. Christopher Church.
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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**After the Easter Vigil Mass** please join us down stairs for our **Easter dinner celebration**. There is always plenty of food!!  
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Kids: Don't forget about the **Easter Egg Hunt tomorrow morning** after the Bilingual Service. The Easter Egg Hunt should start about 9:00 am. We hope **all children of the parish** will be able to participate!!
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The **next Ladies Guild meeting** will be Thursday, April 12<sup>th</sup>, at 11:00 am in the church hall. We hope all ladies will be able to join us!  
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The schedule for **readers** and the **Eucharistic** ministers is in the narthex.

Liturgical Ministers for Saturday April 14th
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**Readers:** W. Allen / R. Germann / S. Mahon  
**Altar Servers:** A. Cruz / J. Rindler  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** L. Savastano / J. Vaughn