

The Ascension

“Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature.” (Mk 16: 15-16) This is not so much a call for proselytizing, as it is a reminder that we should want to share the wonderful gift of faith with which we have been endowed. Jesus makes it clear as He addresses His followers prior to His Ascension into heaven, that they have a responsibility, and it was one they could not escape. We share that responsibility. It is part of our calling and part of what our lives as Catholics should and must be. If we realize how important this wisdom of Jesus (unselfish love) is for ourselves, we will never tire of offering it to others.

In biblical times, dangerous serpents often lay along the path of those traveling on foot. Drinking from unfamiliar wells could also lead to a fatal illness, such as a new strain of typhoid to which one had not become immune. On the spiritual journey of faith, dangerous serpents and unclean drinking water would represent the two most dangerous challenges to face us, namely cynicism and despair. Our journey to God is especially threatened by a negative and destructive spirit, which contradicts the wisdom of unselfish love and makes fun of those who would live by such wisdom. However, when we go out to do the work of God, Jesus is always with us and He works with us and through us.

A wise philosopher once stated that signs are meant to follow believers, not believers following signs. “But they went forth and preached everywhere, while the Lord worked with them and confirmed the word through accompanying signs.” (Mk 16:19-20)

The ability to deal successfully with problems in our fragile lives comes, therefore, from the power of a loving God who can never forget or abandon us.

Saint Christopher Catholic Church

160 Holt Spur Drive

Jamestown, Tennessee 38556

Reverend Father Michael Sweeney, Pastor



May 12, 2018

Feast of the Ascension

Seventh Sunday of Easter

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

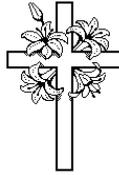
Holy Days (Vigil): 6:00 P.M. (CST)

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
May 19, 2018**

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**Readers:** M. Criswell / S. Mahon / W. Allen  
**Altar Servers:** J. Rindler / B. Rindler  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** L. Savastano / D. Hailey  
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May Sacristan: L. Jacobs
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; Jan Myers, friend of Jeanne Noud; 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**

**May 5, 2018**

Parish: \$ 577  
Building Fund: \$ 225  
Special Collection: \$ 5

Sat. Night Service / Bilingual Service: 53 / 13  
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MASS INTENTIONS

May 12, 2018

A mass for all the **mothers, grandmothers and mothers -to- be;**
That the Blessed Virgin Mary may watch over them and guide
them in performing their task of raising their children.
God bless you!
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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Mother Teresa Guild's ***Cinco de Mayo*** fundraiser dinner was a big success. We thank every one who joined us.  
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The May 9th **Parish Council meeting was postponed until July.** Notification of the meeting date will be made in a timely manner.
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We wish all **mothers** of our parish a **happy and blessed Mother's Day!**  
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The Ladies of the parish will be having a **retreat** here at St. Christopher on **June 16th**. Please see the bulletin insert for more information.

Liturgical Ministers for Future Week(s)
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**May 26<sup>th</sup>** **Readers:** R. Germann / P. Dalton / B. Rindler  
**Altar Servers:** J. Brayton / S. Brayton  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** M. Mahon / S. Mahon  
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June 2nd **Readers:** B. Rindler / W. Allen / M. Criswell
Altar Servers: D. Briggs / A. Cruz
Eucharistic Ministers: J. Vaughn / L. Savastano