

The Pentecost

For us as Catholics, Easter is the greatest feast in the Church; it is followed by Christmas. However, Pentecost Sunday is not far behind in terms of its importance. Pentecost marks the descent of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles and other followers of the Lord, and thus it is often called the birthday of the Church.

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (#732) points out, “On that day (Pentecost), the Holy Trinity is fully revealed. Since that day, the Kingdom announced by Christ has been open to those who believe in him: in the humility of the flesh and in faith, they already share in the communion of the Holy Trinity

“Then there appeared to them tongues of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them. And they were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim.”

Pentecost had another name in the time of Jesus. It was also called “the day of the first fruits.” Occurring 50 days after the Passover, the people would bring the first fruits of the wheat harvest to present them to God. Although wheat was at the center, it was not necessarily the only gifts presented to God to acknowledge His gifts. Barley, grapes, figs, pomegranates and olive were also brought. The people believed that the first and the best of the crop rows should be given to God.

This is one of the basic tenets of our idea of stewardship, presenting our gifts to God in thanksgiving for His many gifts to us. We no longer live in an agrarian society. Many people make their living in non-agricultural ways. But, in many countries, when the harvest is complete, the people return and pick a special designated row as a gift to the Church and thus to God. It is a concept to think about.

Perhaps we need to more fully appreciate the many blessings God gives to us. As we grasp what it means to share that love with all around us, we can give thanks that we have been gifted with the Holy Spirit to assist us.

Saint Christopher Catholic Church

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Jamestown, Tennessee 38556

Reverend Father Michael Sweeney, Pastor



May 19, 2018

Pentecost

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
May 26, 2018**

Readers: R. Germann / P. Dalton / B. Rindler
Altar Servers: J. Brayton / S. Brayton
Eucharistic Ministers: M. Mahon / S. Mahon

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

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

May 12, 2018

Parish: \$ 651
Building Fund: \$ 125
Catholic Communications: \$ 76
Sat. Night Service / Bilingual Service: 55 / 8

MASS INTENTIONS

May 19, 2018

For the repose of the souls of **Edward** and **LaVerne Marsch**;
As requested by **Richard** and **Linda Jacobs**.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ladies: Please mark your calendar for the upcoming retreat. It should be quite informative for all of us:

Where Is That In The Bible? – A Ladies Retreat

(A workshop for learning the answers to questions about our Catholic faith.)

Speaker: Rev. Father Michael Sweeney

When: Saturday June 16, 2018 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

Where: Saint Christopher Hall

RSVP: Sharon Brayton 931-310-3062
Bernadette Rindler 931-879-3565

Liturgical Ministers for Future Week(s)

June 2nd **Readers:** B. Rindler / W. Allen / M. Criswell
Altar Servers: D. Briggs / A. Cruz
Eucharistic Ministers: J. Vaughn / L. Savastano
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June 9th **Readers:** R. Germann / M. Criswell / S. Mahon
Altar Servers: F. Schuch / A. Stucker
Eucharistic Ministers: J. Vaughn / D. Hailey