

## Love

Jesus tells us that the Father loves him, and that he in turn loves us, and that we should love one another. Perhaps we have heard these sentiments expressed so often that we no longer realize how profound and dramatic they really are.

When Jesus says that the Father has loved Him, He is correcting a very common concept of God. Many people at that time (and perhaps ever since) pictured God as someone very transcendent and therefore very distant from them. He was surely all-powerful but, like most powerful ones, He seemed to be cruel as well. Is God not in some way responsible for famine and natural disasters? Does He not permit the death of young parents and innocent children?

But Jesus tells us that He knows God much better than we do. He assures us that God is a loving Father who wishes only good for us. He knows that this loving Father offers us a love that can enliven, nurture and energize us, just as the sun energizes trees.

The implications of this vision of reality are not hard to see. Most people who do not love, or do not love enough, are usually persons who do not feel that they themselves are loved.

That is why it is so important to hear and to trust the words of Jesus about the love of the Father for us. This love is found in Jesus himself, who gave His life for us, but it is also found everywhere in life: in loving family and friends, in the blessings and successes of life, in every flower and gentle breeze.

Today we are challenged to acknowledge the dark evil in life but to notice especially the luminous good that is also out there. And as we pay attention to the good in life, we will be able to let the evil go by or, at least, to keep it in its place, which is never at the center of life. This is exactly what Jesus did and, with Him, we too need to feel the warmth of the Father's love and to share that warmth with all whom we meet in life.

## ***Saint Christopher Catholic Church***

***160 Holt Spur Drive***

***Jamestown, Tennessee 38556***

**Reverend Father Michael Sweeney, Pastor**



***May 5, 2018***

**Sixth Sunday of Easter**

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

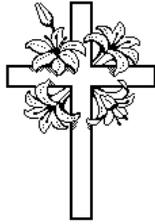
**Holy Days (Vigil): 6:00 P.M. (CST)**

**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**

**Emergency: 865-216-6453**



**Liturgical Ministers for Next Week  
May 12, 2018**

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**Readers:** W. Allen / M. Criswell / P. Dalton  
**Altar Servers:** M. Mahon / S. Mahon  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** L. Savastano / J. Vaughn  
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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; 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  
April 28, 2018**

Parish: \$ 453.06  
Building Fund: \$ 35  
Home Missions: \$ 115

Sat. Night Service / Bilingual Service: 43 / 13  
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**MASS INTENTIONS  
May 5, 2018**

A Mass for the living.  
For **Christopher Afanador** on his **21st birthday**;  
Requested by Aunt **Sarah** and Uncle **Mike Mahon**.  
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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Saint Mother Teresa Guild **Cinco de Mayo** fundraiser **dinner** is tonight. Please join us after mass!  
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The next Parish Council meeting is this Wednesday, May 9<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm in the church hall. Jim Romer has already sent the financial report to all parishioners for whom he has e-mail; please review it. A few hard copies will be available at the meeting. All parishioners are encouraged to come.  
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This Thursday is the feast of the Ascension. The holy day will be celebrated next weekend.

***Liturgical Ministers for Future Week(s)***  
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**May 19<sup>th</sup>** **Readers:** M. Criswell / S. Mahon / W. Allen  
**Altar Servers:** J. Rindler / B. Rindler  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** D. Hailey / L. Savastano  
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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