

The Power of Gratitude

Here is hoping all here will have a Happy Thanksgiving. By coming to Mass, you are thanking God in the best possible way. In the Gospel reading for Thanksgiving Day, Jesus underscores the importance of expressing gratitude: He praises the Samaritan leper who returned to thank Him. He had cured ten lepers, but only one came back to say, "thank you."

We should not be too hard on the other nine. After all, they were doing what Jesus told them: "Go show yourselves to the priests." They were obeying Jesus' instructions. The Samaritan, however, obeyed a deeper law: the law of gratitude. In our hearts, you and I know the importance of gratitude. We spend time teaching our children how to say "thank you," how to write a note of appreciation. But, then we adults often fail to take the time to say, "thank you."

The Samaritan gives us a wonderful example of prompt gratitude. The guy who has a grateful heart - and who expresses it in a sincere way - builds strong friendships. That applies not only on a human level, but also to our communication with God.

The power of gratitude can be seen by way of contrast. The opposite of gratitude is complaining. We complain because we are unhappy, ungrateful about our lives. Most of our complaining and criticizing does little good, but a word of gratitude can make someone's day, maybe even change their life.

Thursday we will celebrate Thanksgiving. It is a beautiful holiday. Jesus shows us the importance of giving thanks. By expressing gratitude, we overcome sadness, we cement relationships with each other and with God.

"Has none but this foreigner returned to give thanks to God?" Then Jesus said to him, "Stand up and go; your faith has saved you."

Saint Christopher Catholic Church

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Jamestown, Tennessee 38556
Reverend Father Michael Sweeney, Pastor***



November 17, 2018

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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
November 24, 2018**

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**Reader:** S. Mahon / **Alternate Reader:** W. Allen  
**Altar Servers:** J. Rindler / B. Rindler  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** L. Savastano / J. Vaughn  
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November Sacristan: Mary Criswell
Hospitality: Linda Savastano
KoC Round Table Coordinator: George Savastano
Mass Intentions: Sarah Mahon
Webmaster: Stormy Allen
Web-Page: www.saintchristopherjamestown.com
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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; Mary Henise; Joyce Mulligan; Bruce Bigard, brother of Allen Bigard; Teddie Stevenson; 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  
November 10, 2018**

Parish: \$ 462  
Candles: \$ 3  
Building Fund: \$ 125

Sat. Night Service / Bilingual Service: 40 / 11  
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**MASS INTENTIONS
November 17, 2018**

For the repose of the soul of **Alton Allen**;
Requested by his son **William and Stormy Allen**.
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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Thanksgiving food baskets** for the **less fortunate** of our community will be **distributed** this **Monday, Nov 19<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm**. If you know of someone in need, please fill out a card found in the narthex **no later than Monday 9:00 am**. We will need the family name, number of family members in household and person responsible for pick up and delivery of the food box.  
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The 2019 church calendars are in the narthex. Please note a donation is requested for the calendars.
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Blessed Sacrament is hosting a 90 minute **Virtual Tour of Lourdes** next Friday, November 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 EST. All are invited but a count from our parish would be appreciated; there is a sign-up sheet in the narthex for this purpose. A donation would be appreciated.

**Liturgical Ministers for Future Week(s)**  
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Dec 1st **Reader:** W. Allen / **Alternate Reader:** B. Rindler
Altar Servers: M. Mahon / S. Mahon
Eucharistic Ministers: L. Savastano / D. Hailey