

It's Not That Difficult

What was with this scribe? Was he serious when he asked Jesus what was the first of all the commandments? There were 613 laws that Moses gave in the Torah, the first five books of the Bible. There were a whole series of laws written to protect these 613. These laws were called the Halaka. More laws were created on how to keep the Halaka. These laws were the Mishna and Tosepta.

Jewish scholars asked the question, "Which of these 613 was the most important?" And now, standing before one of these scholars, one of the scribes, there is this Jesus, a nobody from Galilee with no formal education, thinking that he could teach the people. The educated scribe could certainly make Jesus look bad, or so he thought. Instead of arguing over the fine points of this or that law, Jesus merely quoted two verses from the Torah: one from the Book of Deuteronomy and one from the Book of Leviticus.

From Deuteronomy the Lord took, "You shall love the Lord your God with your whole heart, whole mind and whole strength, and your whole soul." And from Leviticus he quoted, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." The scribe reached the moment of truth and said, "You are right in saying that the love of God and love of neighbor are more important than all the burnt offering and sacrifices one could make." Jesus said to him, "You are not far from the Kingdom of Heaven." All that matters is the law of Love. Love God and love others. Everything else flows from that."

Certainly we can join the scribe and ask, "Bottom line it for us, Lord. What is it that God really wants us to do to please Him?" And Jesus says that it's not so difficult: love God; love others. Love God and love your neighbor. When we do this, life becomes far less complicated. We are to love God with our whole heart, mind and soul and love all those he created in his image and likeness as we love that image within ourselves.

Saint Christopher Catholic Church

***160 Holt Spur Drive
Jamestown, Tennessee 38556
Reverend Father Michael Sweeney, Pastor***



November 3, 2018

Thirty-First 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 10, 2018**

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**Reader:** P. Dalton / **Alternate Reader:** M. Criswell  
**Altar Servers:** J. Brayton / S. Brayton  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** M. Mahon / S. Mahon  
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November Sacristan: Mary Criswell
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; 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  
October 27, 2018**

Parish: \$ 380  
Building Fund: \$ 60  
All Souls: \$ 10

Sat. Night Service / Bilingual Service: 45 / NA  
All Saints Vigil: 44  
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**MASS INTENTIONS
November 3, 2018**

For the repose of the soul of **Jane Guido**;
Requested by **Bernie and Jeane Noud**.
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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

A reminder from Sharon Brayton: There will be a **St. Mother Teresa Guild** meeting this **Thursday, November 8<sup>th</sup>** at 11:00 am in the church hall. We will be discussing our Thanksgiving and Christmas schedule of events. Please plan to attend. Looking forward to seeing you there! God bless!

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Tomorrow we go **OFF** of daylight savings time. Please remember to set your **clocks back one hour** [Spring forward, Fall back].
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“When you become entitled to exercise the right of voting for public officers, let it be impressed on your mind that God commands you to choose for rulers, ‘just men who will rule in the fear of God.’ The preservation of government depends on the faithful discharge of this duty.” *Noah Webster*

***Liturgical Ministers for Future Week(s)***  
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Nov 17th Reader: R. Germann / **Alternate Reader:** S. Mahon
Altar Servers: W. Allen / A. Salinas
Eucharistic Ministers: M. Mahon / D. Hailey