

The naked ambition of James and John as described in the Gospel should be of much consolation to everyone of us. Mark today is telling us that neither one of these gentlemen was a saint. He is painting them warts and all.

We should not beat up too much on the brothers James and John. This tale illustrates their tremendous faith in the Teacher. The Master had just predicted for the third time His approaching murder. He would be like an outlaw with a price on His head; He would seem a loser. Yet, James and John were absolutely convinced that when push came to shove, He would be a big winner. They were surely guilty of wanting the spotlight, but also they possessed a faith in Jesus that was overwhelming. Would that you and I had such faith in the Nazarene!

Ambition traditionally gets a bad press. But Jesus Himself was clearly a person of ambition. He set His face, in the words of today's Gospel, to "give His life as a ransom for many." So, obviously ambition is not all bad. What a more attractive Church we would belong to if each of us had the ambition, like the Lord, to serve and not to be served, to minister and not be ministered to. A self-proclaimed distaste for ambition can be a very thinly disguised cop-out for an unwillingness to serve. Recall that question put to Pope John XXIII by a visitor, "How many people work here in the Vatican?" Without a twinkle in his eye, the Pope responded, "About a third of them!"

Working for Christ the Pope is saying is not a part time-job. The sad truth is that far too many of us want to do as little as possible while getting as much as possible. We want to take and not to give. We want the bonus without the onus. The apostles of today's Gospel, James and John, paid their dues and then some. The verdict is out on each of us. What we need then is more Gospel ambition and not less of it. This may be a wicked age, St Paul told us, but our lives should redeem it. Keep the faith, we are advised, but not to ourselves.

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

***160 Holt Spur Drive***

***Jamestown, Tennessee 38556***

**Reverend Father Michael Sweeney, Pastor**



***October 20, 2018***

**Twenty-Ninth 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)**

**Father Michael Sweeney: Rectory 865-882-9838**

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**Liturgical Ministers for Next Week**  
**October 27, 2018**

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**Reader:** M. Criswell / **Alternate Reader:** B. Rindler  
**Altar Servers:** B. Allen / A. Salinas  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** M. Mahon / S. Mahon  
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**October Sacristan:** ..... Deb Scott  
**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 13, 2018**

Parish: \$ 480.23  
Building Fund: \$ 50

Sat. Night Service / Bilingual Service: 43 /15  
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**MASS INTENTIONS**

**October 20, 2018**

For the repose of the soul of **Bob Mulligan**;  
Requested by his wife **Joyce Mulligan**.  
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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The second collection this week is for **World Mission Sunday**.  
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Father Michael and Jim Romer are hoping to soon have the next Parish Council meeting; the date has not yet been set. If you know of something that needs to go onto the agenda, please contact Father Michael. Father's e-mail address is:  
**fmsdok@gmail.com**.  
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A reminder: our parish is now doing a separate donation specifically for the **local charities of Fentress County**. Envelopes for this purpose are in the back of church, to be used at any time.  
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We hope the Knights of Columbus' 2018 October Fest was a great success!

**Liturgical Ministers for Future Week(s)**  
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**Oct 31<sup>th</sup>** **Reader:** B. Rindler / **Alternate Reader:** M. Criswell  
**All Saints** **Altar Servers:** M. Mahon / S. Mahon  
**6:00 pm** **Eucharistic Ministers:** L. Savastano / J. Vaughn  
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**Nov 3<sup>rd</sup>** **Reader:** M. Criswell / **Alternate Reader:** P. Dalton  
**Altar Servers:** A. Fackler / S. Schuch  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** L. Savastano / D. Hailey