

### A Community of Saints

The Catholic Church believes that *anyone* can become a saint i.e. someone who makes it to heaven, whether a priest, a married woman, a single man, a religious sister, etc. Sometimes we casually say that the Church is making him or her a saint. But, technically, the Church does not make saints; it recognizes someone who is in heaven.

The process by which someone becomes a saint is called **canonization**. The Catholic Church has canonized around 3,000 people -- the exact number is unknown because not all saints were officially canonized. According to the church, the pope does not make someone a saint -- the designation of sainthood only recognizes what God has already done. For centuries, saints were chosen through public opinion. In the 10th century, Pope John XV developed an official canonization process. Five steps must be followed in the process of canonization. The documentation process of canonization cannot begin until 5 years after death.

- 1) A local bishop investigates the candidate's life and writings for evidence of heroic virtue. This information is sent to the Vatican.
- 2) Then a panel of theologians and the cardinals of the *Congregation for the Cause of Saints* evaluates the candidate's life.
- 3) If the panel approves, the pope proclaims that the candidate is **venerable** (the person is a role model of Catholic virtues).
- 4) The next step toward sainthood is **beatification**, which allows a person to be honored by a particular group or region. In order to beatify a candidate, it must be shown that the person is responsible for a posthumous miracle. Martyrs, those who died for their religious beliefs, can be beatified without evidence of a miracle.
- 5) In the final step toward **canonization**, there must be proof of a second posthumous miracle. These alleged miracles must be submitted to the Vatican for verification and then canonization can occur.

The 5 yr. waiting period can be waived by the Pope. Pope Benedict XVI set aside the waiting period for his predecessor, John Paul II, in 2005. This was thought to reflect the overwhelming hierarchical support John Paul II enjoyed, and the popular grassroots conviction that he was a holy man. Pope John Paul II himself waived the five-year waiting period for Mother Teresa, beginning the process in 1999, less than 2 years after her death. She was canonized last year in September 2016.

## **Saint Christopher Catholic Church**

**160 Holt Spur Drive**

**Jamestown, Tennessee 38556**

**Reverend Father Michael Sweeney, Pastor**



**October 28, 2017**

**Thirtieth 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**

**Emergency: 865-216-6453**



**Liturgical Ministers for Next Week  
(November 4, 2017)**

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**Readers:** B. Rindler / R. Germann / P. Dalton  
**Altar Servers:** S. Mahon / M. Mahon  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** L. Savastano / J. Vaughn  
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**November Sacristan:** ..... Mary Criswell  
**November Usher:** ..... George Savastano  
**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, brothr of Sarah Mahon; Don Briggs; Mary Henise; Joyce Mulligan, Bruce Bigard brother of Allen Bigard; Laverne Marsch; Kate Cunningham; Teddie Stevenson 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 21, 2017**

Parish: \$ 161  
Building Fund: \$ 20  
World Missions: \$ 121  
Memorial for Bob Mulligan (Bldg. Fund): \$ 50  
Sat. Night Service / Bilingual Service: 50 / 9  
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**MASS INTENTIONS**

**October 28, 2017**

A Mass for the living, **Leo Duchon**;  
Son of **Rose** and **Dave Duchon**.  
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**October 31, 2017**

For the repose of the souls of **Paul Rindler** and **Natalie O'Brien**;  
Requested by **Jim** and **Bernadette Rindler**.  
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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There is **NO Symbolon** class this Tuesday. The children are having their party downstairs after mass. **Symbolon** will resume next week.  
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Mass for **All Saints** will be celebrated this **Tuesday** at **6:00 pm**.  
This is a Holy Day of Obligation.  
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**Joyce Mulligan** would like to thank everyone who helped during **Bob's illness** and **funeral**. The many acts of kindness were very much appreciated: those who stayed with her in the emergency room; the phone calls; the consolation cards; the memorials; those who helped with the dinner and especially all the support Father Michael has/had given to her.

**Liturgical Ministers for Future Week(s)**

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**Nov. 11<sup>th</sup> Readers:** R. Germann / M. Criswell / S. Mahon  
**Altar Servers:** J. Brayton / S. Brayton  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** D. Hailey / M. Mahon