

This Sunday the scripture readings reflect upon law, both that of Moses and that of Christ. Christ's words to his disciples fall more along the lines of instruction than they do law, because they are directed toward the ultimate goal of our following his example freely and joyfully. We begin our readings of the Lord's instruction in the Book of Deuteronomy, which is the last book of the Torah and a summary of the teaching that God delivered to the Israelites during the forty years of their desert wandering. God requires that his people observe what they have heard, and God orders the people not to add to his teaching nor subtract from it, but to keep it exactly as Moses has spoken it.

Next our scriptures move on to the Epistle of James (we will hear from James at each Sunday mass in the month of September). James, who was the head of the Church in Jerusalem in its earliest days, urges us: "Be doers of the word and not hearers only, deluding yourselves" (James 1:22). This advice from James is not surprising since he himself was of Jewish origins and was a devoted leader of Jewish-Christians who made up a large part of the Church at its beginning. James wants them to follow the "law of Christ" just as carefully as they honored the law of Moses. Here James is pointing to the teaching of Christ as "the perfect law of freedom," which brings to fulfillment the law of Moses and extends the guidance—and freedom—of God's edifying teaching to all nations. In the gospel, our Lord reiterates that excessive focus on the external details of the law can cause us to lose our proper focus on the whole purpose of his divine instruction. We tend to seize upon minor points of observance which are easy to follow, but which distract us from the serious evils that lurk in our hearts. Instructed by our Lord today, let us abide freely in the "law of Christ," not deluding ourselves or judging others, but rather living as those who both hear the word of God and keep it.

Saint Christopher Catholic Church

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***September 1, 2018
Twenty-Second 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
September 8, 2018

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**Readers:** W. Allen / R. Germann / B. Rindler  
**Altar Servers:** J. Brayton / S. Brayton  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** D. Hailey / L. Savastano  
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September Sacristan: TBA
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; Leo Duchon; 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**

**August 25, 2018**

Parish: \$ 349  
Building Fund: \$ 150  
Candles: \$ 5

Sat. Night Service / Bilingual Service: 35 / NA  
Funeral: 49  
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MASS INTENTIONS

September 1, 2018

For the repose of the soul of **Sierra Rose Noud**;
Requested by **Bernie and Jean Noud**.
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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

We remember Don Briggs and pray for him and offer condolment for his family members. We continue on without him as we once knew and loved him in our midst. He is with us in a different way now.  
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Please think about all the tasks necessary to keep St. Christopher Church running smoothly. Next week, **September 6th** we will be handing out **Ministry Duties Cards** where you can indicate what ministry you would like to help in. During September/October, Father Michael will be giving short classes on the protocol for all ministries we have here. Please consider getting more involved and help with the smooth running of our parish.

Liturgical Ministers for Future Week(s)
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**Sept 15<sup>th</sup> Readers:** R. Germann / P. Dalton / M. Criswell  
**Altar Servers:** M. Mahon / S. Mahon  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** D. Hailey / J. Vaughn  
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Sept 22th Readers: R. Germann / W. Allen / M. Criswell
Altar Servers: J. Rindler / B. Rindler
Eucharistic Ministers: M. Mahon / S. Mahon