

Today's Gospel prediction is the middle one of three separate predictions by Jesus of his passion as recorded in St Mark's Gospel. In all three of these predictions Jesus speaks only to the disciples when He and the disciples are travelling from one place to another. This setting reflects the interior or spiritual journey that the disciples are on.

The disciples consistently misunderstand or ignore Jesus, being preoccupied with their own concerns. Today the disciples start arguing about which of them is the more important. They should have been asking themselves how they would cope with Christ's passion and preparing themselves for the consequences. Instead they argue about their rank and position, each one wanting to push himself forward. In this they show that they have plenty of ambition.

Ambition is not always a bad thing. It can be very good. However, there is a negative side to ambition. Unrestrained ambition can take over our whole lives, it can become an end in itself. Ambition is good if kept in check, but bad if we let it get out of control.

In our second reading St James warns his people that jealousy and ambition can play havoc with the Christian community. He says that ambition can sow dissent and anger within the congregation.

He tells them that the best antidote to unrestrained ambition is prayer. James says we should begin to pray for the things that we really need such as a spirit of humility and peacefulness.

Jesus invites His disciples to leave aside worldly ambition; leave aside any kind of aggression or animosity towards others; leave aside jealousy and envy; and leave aside the values of this world.

Their task will be to adopt the values of the Kingdom of God and to embrace attitudes of humility, respect, vulnerability, prayerfulness, truthfulness, love and hope. For it is in these things that the Kingdom of God consists.

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

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***September 22, 2018***  
**Twenty-Fifth 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 29, 2018**

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**Readers:** S. Mahon / B. Rindler / W. Allen  
**Altar Servers:** F. Schuch / A. Stucker  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** L. Savastano / J. Vaughn

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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; 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**

**September 15, 2018**

Parish: \$ 333  
Building Fund: \$ 125  
Electric Bill: \$ 100

Sat. Night Service / Bilingual Service: 38 / 20

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**MASS INTENTIONS**

**September 22, 2018**

For the repose of the soul of **Sally Deese**;  
Requested by **Marie Cottrell**.

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Our hearts and prayers go out to Dave and Rose Duchon on the death of their son Leo. We have been praying for him for a while and now he is at peace with the Lord. Visitation is Sunday, tomorrow from 5 – 6 pm at Moody's Funeral Home; we will pray the rosary with Father Michael at 6:00pm. The Requiem Mass will be held here at St. Christopher's on Monday at 10:00am.

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The St. Christopher Ladies' Guild will have its' annual **Garage Sale** October 5<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> this year. Please bring your clean saleable items to the church hall after the funeral on Monday and put them in the larger classroom.

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

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**Oct 6<sup>th</sup>** **Reader:** M. Criswell / **Alternate Reader:** P. Dalton  
**Altar Servers:** TBA / TBA  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** D. Hailey / L. Savastano  
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**Oct 13<sup>th</sup>** **Reader:** P. Dalton / **Alternate Reader:** R. Germann  
**Altar Servers:** TBA / TBA  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** D. Hailey / J. Vaughn