

SAINT CHRISTOPHER CATHOLIC CHURCH

May 24, 2020

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Worship Schedule

Morning Prayer 7:00 AM Mon-Thurs
Daily Mass 7:15 AM Mon-Thurs
Saturday Vigil 4:00 PM
Sunday Mass 8:00 & 10:00 AM
Vietnamese Mass 3:00 PM Sunday

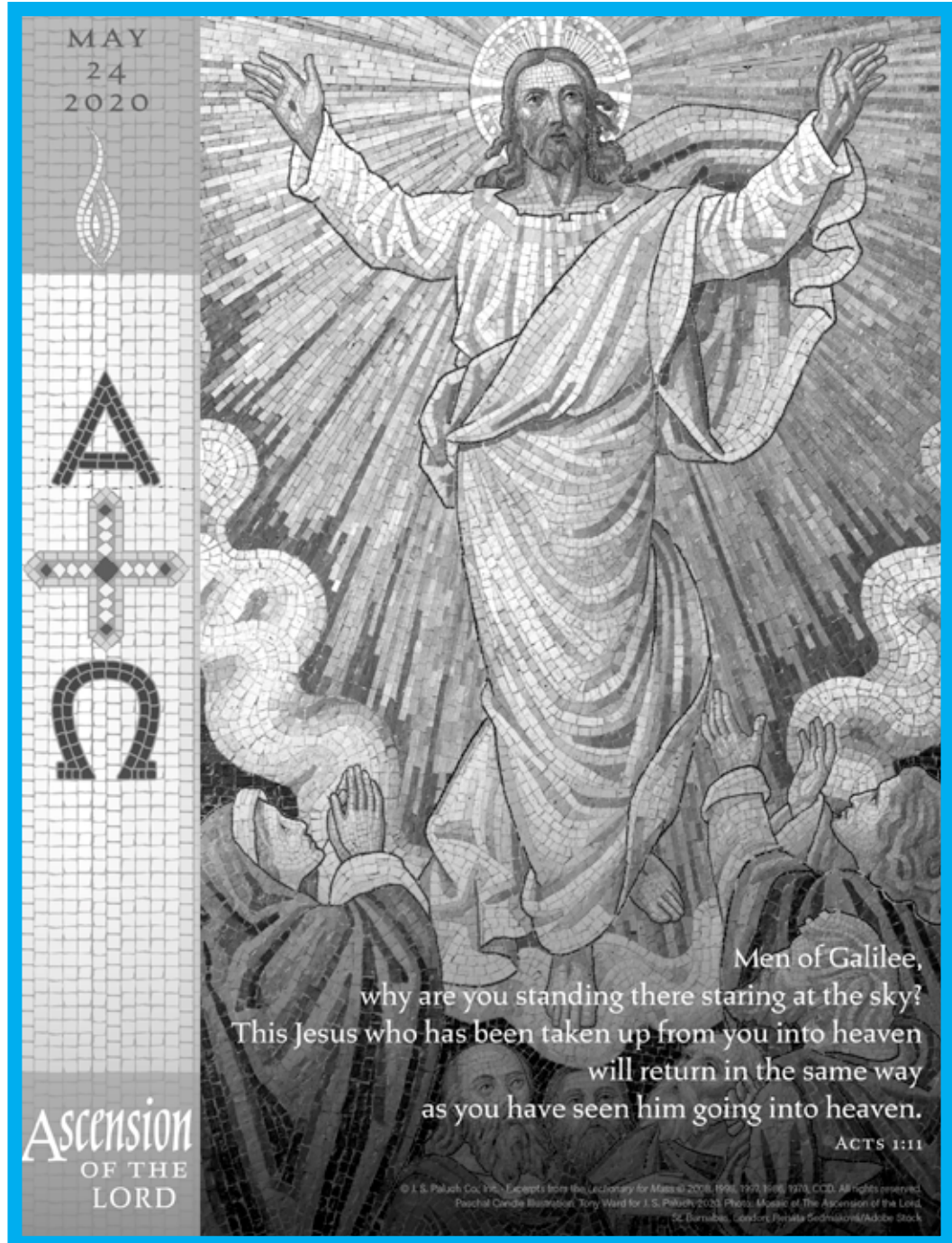
Confessions After Daily Mass,
approx. 7:45 AM
3:00-3:30 PM Saturday

Rosary 7:00 PM Tuesday
Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday
7:45-8:45 AM
Rosary at beginning

1st Friday of the Month
1:00-3:00 PM
September - June

Welcome New Parishioners! If you would like to register or you have changed your address, please fill out the form on page 5.



Our Parish Prayer

Heavenly Father, we pray for all of the people and programs of St. Christopher Parish. Unite us as a community of believers and grant us the wisdom, grace, and strength to do your will. We ask this through Christ Our Lord. AMEN.

Our Mission

We are a Roman Catholic parish whose members live and proclaim the saving message of Jesus Christ.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, May 23

4:00 PM Pauline L. Cushion, 25th
by Her Family

Stephanie Cadwell Walsh
by Jeanne Berube

Sunday, May 24

8:00 AM Ellen Mary Toomey
by Kenneth I. Spaulding and
Scott G. Carr Families

10:00 AM For the people of the parish

3:00 PM Vietnamese Mass

Monday, May 25

7:15 AM The staff and volunteers of
the parish and school
by St. Christoher Parish

Tuesday, May 26

7:15 AM Garnetta Wood
by Elizabeth Cote

Wednesday, May 27

7:15 AM Jeanne Paquette
by Jeanne Berube

Thursday, May 28

7:15 AM Frank Duffey
by John & Mary Mann

Friday, May 29

No Mass on Fridays

Saturday, May 30

4:00 PM Sheila Neverett
by Sr. Joan Messier

Sunday, May 31

8:00 AM For the people of the parish

10:00 AM Peter Munsell
by Dennis & Janet Murphy

3:00 PM Vietnamese Mass

The Sanctuary Lamp Burns This Week:

For the people of the parish

Altar Bread and Wine:

The Altar Bread, which will become the Body of Our Lord Jesus Christ at all Masses during May, will be offered for the people of the parish.

Arrangements can be made to donate the monthly Altar bread and wine in honor of a loved one by contacting the rectory at 882-0632 during business hours. Mass intentions can also be scheduled by calling the rectory.



Upon Returning to Mass

As life in our country begins a gradual process of 'opening back up', as Catholics we are hopefully most eager to return to the wellspring of grace that we receive at the Holy Mass. As dioceses in our area release plans to reinstate public Mass, it gives us hope that our diocese won't be too far away from doing the same but at the moment of writing this letter we do not have any official news just yet.

In the second reading of Mass this weekend, St. Peter writes words of encouragement and hope for the fledgling Church which was emerging in the midst of persecution and martyrdom. He helps us understand our sufferings in light of coming glory - when we encounter the pain of the cross it is to prepare us for the inexplicable joy of resurrection. He tells us:

Rejoice to the extent that you share in the sufferings of Christ, so that when his glory is revealed you may also rejoice exultantly. ~ 1 PT 4:13-16

These last couple of months have been a sharing in the sufferings of Christ, especially in our separation from our Eucharistic Lord. Christ felt a tremendous human suffering in feeling separated from the Father on the cross, even though in reality He and the Father are One. We have felt a small share of that suffering during the quarantine, and it is a suffering that we are all eager to pass through. Among the different types of ways we can experience pain and suffering, spiritual pain is always the most difficult.

We can look forward to our reopening of Mass with expectant joy and longing, trusting that if we offer to God the sufferings of these past months they can be of special spiritual power for ourselves and the Church. God lets no suffering go to waste when we offer it to Him in love. Let us not forget that God only permits suffering in our lives if it will lead to our sanctification and His glory. I hope each of us is willing to let God use the sufferings of these past months for His greater purposes for our lives.

I am excited to be with you at the altar soon and please continue to pray that Christ's Church will be ready to receive Him at Mass with awe, reverence, and deep gratitude!

***In Christ,
Fr. David***

Until further notice...

St. Christopher Church

will be OPEN

for prayer

**Monday to Friday
9:00 AM to 3:00 PM**

*Please use the
side door to
enter the church!*

Vita et Caritas Award Nominations

Know an inspiring and dedicated volunteer? Nominate them for the Vita et Caritas Award! The Diocese of Manchester is currently seeking nominations for the Vita et Caritas Award, given to a volunteer at a non-profit organization who makes significant contributions that help transform the lives of women, children and families. The recipient will be honored on September 10th at the annual Bishop's Summer Reception, and the non-profit organization will receive a \$2,500 grant. For more information: www.catholicnh.org/vca.

Has Something Changed?

Have you moved or changed your phone number or email address? Help us stay in touch by calling the parish office at 603-882-0632 to update your parish record!

From the Families of Nazareth

Being Christ's Disciple

"When Saint Paul says that we must die with Christ in order to live with Christ, it is not a matter of voluntary ascetic practices through which we can obtain secret satisfaction, but it is really a matter of dying to our egoistic self."

*Andre Daigneault, The Way of Imperfection
(Ft. Collins, CO. IAMF, 2016) pg.92.*

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 19:1-8; Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab; Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27; Ps 68:10-11, 20-21; Jn 17:1-11a

Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38; Ps 68:29-30, 33-36ab; Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11; Jn 17:20-26

Friday: Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab; Jn 21:15-19

Saturday: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Ps 11:4, 5, 7; Jn 21:20-25

Sunday: Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1, 24, 29-31, 34; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13; Jn 20:19-23

Catholic Charities NH Update

In this challenging and unprecedented time, Catholic Charities NH continues to serve the needs of the vulnerable across New Hampshire. While most of our physical locations are closed, all of our programs remain operational. Our staff is working remotely and is accessible to serve individuals and families facing increasing hardship during this difficult period. If you have any questions or require assistance, please contact 603-669-3030 or visit us online at www.cc-nh.org/programs.

Support for Separated & Divorced

Divorce and separation can be painful experiences. Support groups are available to those who are seeking healing, comfort, and empowerment. Visit www.catholicnh.org/support for a listing of groups. Do you know someone who is going through a separation or divorce? Please consider passing this information along to them.

Parish Giving During COVID-19

The operation of the parish continues to rely upon your generosity through the offertory collection. It is important that we continue our parish giving at this time. Please consider the following ways to support St. Chris during this challenging time:

- If you give by cash in the offertory collection, we highly encourage you to please sign up for online giving. This is the most efficient way for us to enable the parish to maintain its financial obligations uninterrupted. You can sign up for automated payment or make individual gifts online at <https://stchrisparishnh.org/giving/>
- If you typically put envelopes in the collection basket, please consider mailing them to us or dropping them in the mail slot of the office door.
- If you are in a position to give more, we would ask you to prayerfully increase your giving in the weeks ahead or consider making an additional gift.

We're Here for YOU at St. Christopher Parish!

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Monday - Friday 9:00-3:00

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Bulletin submissions are due one week before publication.



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May 17, 2020 Offertory
(No public masses)

Offertory Envelopes	\$3,410.00
Loose Offertory	\$50.00
Faith Direct	\$1,540.00
Total	\$5,000.00
Easter	\$50.00
(total to date \$16,079.00)	
Ascension	\$35.00
(total to date \$307.00)	
Holy Places	\$25.00
(total to date \$546.00)	
Catholic Relief Services	\$5.00
(total to date \$581.00)	

**Thank you
for supporting
your Spiritual Home!**



Family Connection to this Week's Gospel

Gospel Reading: Matthew 29:16-20

Jesus charges his disciples to make disciples of all nations and promises to be with them forever.

Just as Jesus sent his disciples to make disciples, our family, the domestic Church, is called to bear witness to the life of discipleship. That act of witnessing can take many forms. First and foremost our family should call people to discipleship by the example of our love for one another. That example is only the beginning; our love must extend beyond the family, reaching out to others and to the world.

Together with your family, identify one or more ways in which your family lives the life of Christian discipleship. Thank God for the blessing of the opportunity to be able to show God's love. Then read together today's Gospel, Matthew 28:16-20. Discuss what Jesus sends his disciples to do. Work together to identify one or more ways in which your family would like to do a better job bearing witness to the life of discipleship. Choose one of those ways and work together to make it happen. Pray as a family for the grace to be witnesses to the world of the life of discipleship. Pray together the Lord's Prayer.

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For Vocations

"...and they have kept your word." If you think God may be offering you the grace of serving Him and His people as a priest or in the consecrated life, write Father Matthew Mason at mmason@rcbm.org.



**VBS Coming Soon!
Rocky Railways
2020!**

July 27-July 31, 2020
8:30 AM -11:30 AM

**Thank You to
Our Bulletin Advertisers**

A sincere "Thank You" to all of our loyal advertisers who continue to support our parish bulletin. The bulletin is one of our main communication tools with our parishioners. It provides inspirational words from Fr. David, Mass intentions, news, and events. We are thankful that this crucial communication piece is provided at no cost thanks to generous advertising support. Please say thanks to our sponsors!

**Looking for volunteers to add to our crew
and get this train rolling!**

Come join us for a rockin' good time aboard the Rocky Railways VBS train... where God's strength always pulls us through! Dancing, music, crafts, snacks and games galore as we hear and learn how Jesus pulls us through! We will need lots of volunteers to make this event happen- please email cmercurio@stchrisparishnh.org if you are age 18+ and want to help us make an amazing trek! Youth volunteer slots will be filled as soon as we have our 18+ crew assembled!



Knights of Columbus

Are you Catholic, charitable and looking to serve God? We are too! Go to KofC.org/Joinus for more information on how you and your family can become part of the largest, Catholic, fraternal organization in the world.



Diary of a Little Soul — WEEK 33

I weigh a little over 5 pounds; that's more than a whole bag of sugar! I'm really becoming plump, my wrinkles are disappearing, and my skin is getting softer and smoother. This is how God designs sweet baby skin that Mom and Dad will love to touch, kiss, and smell!

Let him kiss me with kisses of his mouth! More delightful is your love than wine!

Song of Solomon 1:2

Corpus Christi Corner

The Pantry continues to be open on Mondays and Wednesdays from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM. If you are in need of food or assistance, please call us at 882-6372.

We are giving out pre-made grocery bags of food. We have been quite busy and have a dedicated group of volunteers to serve our clients.

We are blessed to have the support of the Catholic parishes in Nashua. Even though the churches are closed, we continue to receive food from them, including St Christopher Church. We cannot thank you enough for your continued support. With help from all of you, we are able to keep our doors open. During the month of April, 205.1 pounds of food were donated from St Chris, with a value of \$343.00.

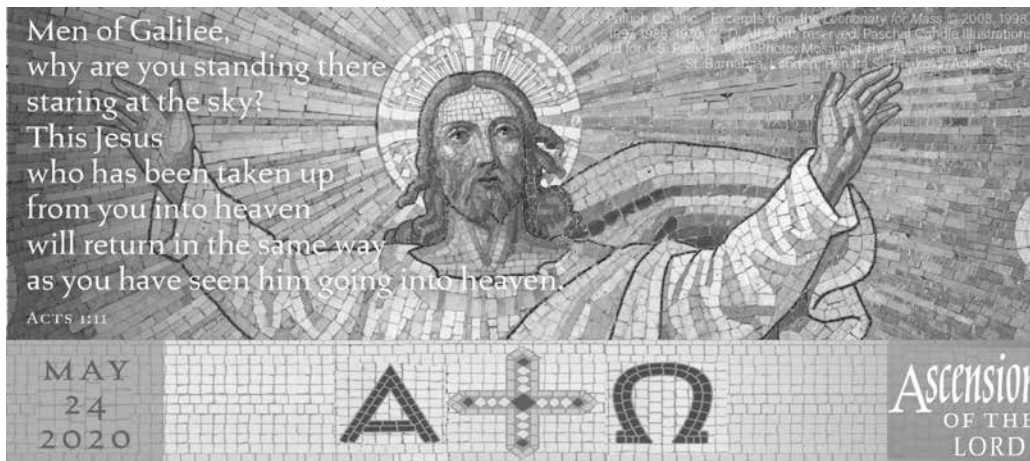
If you are able to donate food, it can be dropped off at the church during the hours the church is open for prayers. Our supplies are low on the following items: chicken noodle soup, canned carrots, mixed vegetables, juice boxes, jelly, toilet paper, deodorant, popcorn, pop tarts, granola bars, gravy, Hamburger Helper, and bar soap. If you would prefer to send us money, there are envelopes tucked under one corner of the collection basket. Thank you all so much!!

Rice Bowl Grants

2020 Rice Bowl grants are available for any Catholic program or organization that alleviates local poverty (food pantries, St. Vincent de Paul, etc.). There is no deadline to apply and requests can be made up to \$4,000. To apply, visit <https://www.catholicnh.org/assets/Documents/Community/CRS/Application-RiceBowlGrant.pdf>

Mass Intentions

Parishioners may request memorial masses for loved ones, as well as sponsoring the Sanctuary Lamp for a week, by contacting the rectory at 882-0632, Monday through Friday from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Suggested donation is \$10 and mass cards are available. Arrangements can also be made to donate the Altar bread and wine for a month.



When we hear an excerpt from a particular Gospel, it is easy to get the details and stories from all the Gospels all mixed up and combined into one. Theologian Gerhard Lohfink called this "making Gospel soup!" To understand today's Gospel passage, we must realize that this is material particular to Matthew and in his telling it takes place right after the Resurrection. There has been no "doubting Thomas" or any of the other stories that we've heard since Easter.

How often have you made a plan at an event, saying, "If we get split up, just go back to the car and wait" or "Stay at the fountain in the mall—I'll find you!" Earlier in Matthew, Jesus told the women at the tomb to tell the disciples, "If something happens, head back to Galilee" (28:10). This was the game plan and was both a geographic reference and a spiritual one. "Go back to what you know, what you remember." They were confused and hurting, but did as Jesus said, returning to Galilee, specifically to the mountain where they had a powerful experience with him before. That would make it understandable that the disciples showed up but were a bit leery or doubting.

YOU'VE GOT THIS

Put yourself in the disciples' shoes. This is May, the season of graduations, new jobs, new cars, marriages, and so many other transitions as young people strike out on their own. Jesus reminded the disciples, "I have the power, and I've been teaching you for three years. Now you have the power. Go. Make Disciples. Baptize in the name of the Trinity. Teach them what I taught you." Surely the disciples were frightened, and Jesus must have felt both fear and pride. This was the moment that happens in every lifetime. It was time for these disciples, these students, his "children" to become the masters. And how did he reassure them? As parents and teachers and mentors have been doing for centuries. He smiled and reminded them, "Behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age." Or as we might say, "You've got this."

Today's Readings: Acts 1:1–11 Ps 47:2–3, 6–7, 8–9; Eph 1:17–23; Mt 28:16–20

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*Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands.
Protect them as they protect us.
Bless them and their families,
For the selfless acts they perform,
For us in our time of need.
And give us peace.
We ask this in the name of Jesus, Our Lord
and Savior. Amen.*

Please pray for the following service people from our parish:

Children of William & Yvette Berthelotte:
LTC Brian Berthelotte (Army);
LtCol Mark Berthelotte (USAF);
LCDR Brad Berthelotte (Navy)

Grandson of William & Yvette Berthelotte:
Cpl. Matthew Berthelotte (USMC)

Son of John & Alana Kocsis:
SSG. John Kocsis III (Army)

Son of Joseph & Sue Strob:
Maj. Rob Strob

Grandson of Pat & Kaye Heffernan:
Sgt. Eamonn Garber (USMC)

Son of David & Patricia Taylor:
SFC James Taylor (Army)

Grandson of Lorraine St. Pierre
PFC Alexander St. Pierre (Army)

Sons of Laurie Kopka and Grandsons of Madeleine Kopka:
AT2 Michael Allard (Navy)
AME2 Joseph Allard (Navy)

Daughter of John Soltis:
Lt.Col. Kristen Soltis (USAF)

Granddaughter of Dan & Sue Tracy:
1Lt Brittany DesLauriers (Army)

Grandson of Betty Batey:
Captain Nick Batey USAF

Nephew of Karen Narkis:
AMT3 David P. Narkis (Coast Guard)

To add to our military prayer list, email bulletin@stchrisparishnh.org or call the Rectory at 882-0632.

**St. Christopher Parish
Community Outreach**

Parish Prayer Line

*Overwhelmed by life, by care?
May we help with our prayer?*

St. Christopher's Prayer Line --
24/7 from us to Heaven!

Go online to

www.stchrisparishnh.org

Send email to

prayerhotline@
stchrisparishnh.org

Prayer Shawls

Our prayer shawl ministry, Creating for our Community, gathers once a month to knit, crochet, and pray as they create beautiful prayer shawls. If you know of someone who could benefit from the gift of a Prayer Shawl, whether they are having difficult time, or simply need the comfort of Prayer wrapped around their shoulders, please contact the rectory at 882-0632.

Outreach Ministry

If you are homebound and cannot attend Mass and would like to receive communion, please call the Rectory 882-0632.

Senior Companions

Are you homebound? Would you enjoy a visit? Your parish wants to stay connected with you! If St. Christopher is your spiritual home, how about a visit from one of your fellow parishioners? To arrange a visit, please call the Rectory at 882-0632.



Saint Madeleine Sophie Barat

(1779-1865)

The legacy of Madeleine Sophie Barat can be found in the more than 100 schools operated by her Society of the Sacred Heart, institutions known for the quality of the education made available to the young.

Sophie herself received an extensive education, thanks to her brother Louis, 11 years older and her godfather at baptism. Himself a seminarian, Louis decided that his younger sister would likewise learn Latin, Greek, history, physics and mathematics—

always without interruption and with a minimum of companionship. By age 15, she had received a thorough exposure to the Bible, the teachings of the Fathers of the Church and theology. Despite the oppressive regime Louis imposed, young Sophie thrived and developed a genuine love of learning.

Meanwhile, this was the time of the French Revolution and of the suppression of Christian schools. The education of the young, particularly young girls, was in a troubled state. Sophie, who had discerned a call to the religious life, was persuaded to become a teacher. She founded the Society of the Sacred Heart, which focused on schools for the poor as well as boarding schools for young women of means. Today, co-ed Sacred Heart schools also can be found, along with schools exclusively for boys.

In 1826, her Society of the Sacred Heart received formal papal approval. By then she had served as superior at a number of convents. In 1865, she was stricken with paralysis; she died that year on the feast of the Ascension.

Madeleine Sophie Barat was canonized in 1925.

Reflection

Madeleine Sophie Barat lived in turbulent times. She was only 10 when the Reign of Terror began. In the wake of the French Revolution, rich and poor both suffered before some semblance of normality returned to France. Born to some degree of privilege, Sophie received a good education. It grieved her that the same opportunity was being denied to other young girls, and she devoted herself to educating them, whether poor or well-to-do. We who live in an affluent country can follow her example by helping to ensure to others the blessings we have enjoyed.

Welcome! Please use this form to register!

St. Christopher Parish welcomes all visitors to our Spiritual Home! If you are interested in joining the parish, please complete the form below and either drop it in the Offertory Basket or mail it to the Rectory. One of our Parish staff members will be in touch. Registration forms are also available online at www.StChrisParishNH.org.

Name _____ Email _____

Address _____

Phone _____



**Become
Part of
Our
Church
Family**

About Our Catholic Faith:

A Brief Introduction to the Pentateuch

The Books of Moses, also known as the Pentateuch or the Torah, are the first five books of the Old Testament: Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy. These texts are sacred in both the Jewish and the Christian traditions and hold a preeminent place in the Old Testament because of their teachings and stories, as well as the personages they feature. The Torah also helped shape morality, religious observance, culture, and art across centuries and empires. Each book of the Torah has unique features and contributes distinctively to this first section of the Bible.

The first book, Genesis, takes its name from the Greek word for generation or origin. In Hebrew it is called *bĕrē'šit*, which means “in the beginning” — the first words of the book. The first 11 chapters focus on teaching the truth about human persons and the world as created by God. They also detail the entrance of sin into the world and the effects it has on human beings, their relationship to God, and their relationship to one another. In Chapter 12, “salvation history” truly begins, as God calls Abraham to go to a land that he does not know. Abraham responds in faith, and God promises to make Abraham a great nation, blessing all the peoples of the earth in him. The rest of Genesis moves through the story of Abraham, then his son, Isaac, followed by Isaac’s two sons, Jacob and Esau. The story of Joseph and his brothers finishes the book of Genesis. In this memorable saga, Joseph saves Egypt and the surrounding lands from famine and, in so doing, saves his family in Canaan from starvation and destruction. The entire family moves down to Egypt and dwells there.

The book of Exodus picks up generations later. The pharaoh of Egypt does not know Joseph and his story, even though the Hebrews have become quite numerous. Fearing an insurrection, the pharaoh reduces them to slave labor. Moses is then sent by God to converse with Pharaoh and secure the people’s liberation from slavery. Their deliverance happens after a dramatic 10-plague duel which can be understood as divine warfare. The God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob does battle with the gods of the Egyptians, represented by various natural elements and animals. One by one, the Lord defeats the gods of Egypt. Finally, Pharaoh sends the people away, but then changes his mind, causing the famous scene of the crossing of the Red Sea. The waters miraculously opened up, allowing the Hebrews to pass through, but then collapsed upon the Egyptian forces to their utter ruin and destruction.

In their new found freedom, the descendants of Abraham, under the guidance of Moses, go to Mount Sinai, where the covenant between God and the Israelites was formally established. From this covenant we still have the Ten Commandments and the foundation of morality. The rest of the book of Exodus includes details about the covenant, the building of the tabernacle and the Ark of the Covenant. There is also an episode that describes the defection of the Israelites from the covenant where Moses intercedes for the people and God reestablishes their bond with him.

The book of Leviticus is at the center of the Torah. This emphasizes its importance — the center of a section or of a book is a sign of its value. This makes sense, because Leviticus explains the laws of sacrifice, along with the distinctions between what is profane and what is holy. “Profane” does not mean “bad” — it only means that such an object cannot mediate God’s presence and holiness. Leviticus provides the framework for the people to live the covenant, with all of its proper sacrifices, in order to truly become God’s holy people.

The book of Numbers describes the journeying of the Hebrew people in the wilderness, as they move from Mount Sinai to the edge of the land of Canaan, and then have to journey in the desert for another 40 years. This time of purification often has been interpreted as an analogy of the spiritual life. Each person must go through life as a preparation and a purification, a journey of faith, hope and love.

The last book of the Pentateuch is Deuteronomy, a name which means “second law,” and it presents a series of discourses given by Moses to the people of Israel on the plains of Moab. At this point, they have finished the 40 years’ journey and are preparing to enter into the land of Canaan. Moses prepares the people by recalling for them their history up to this point in time; he also reminds them of their obligations and God’s blessings upon them. He warns them, too, about the consequences of infidelity. Thus, the Pentateuch closes with a sense of foreboding: God is always faithful ... but will the people be so as well?

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Prayer to Saint Michael

St. Michael, the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, cast into hell, Satan and all the other evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

Prayer for Vocations

O Holy Spirit, Spirit of wisdom and divine love, impart Your knowledge, understanding, and counsel to youth that they may know the vocation wherein they can best serve God. Give them courage and strength to follow God’s holy will. Guide their uncertain steps, strengthen their resolutions, shield their chastity, fashion their minds, conquer their hearts, and lead them to the vineyards where they will labor in God’s holy service. Amen.

Prayer for Priests

Gracious and loving God, we thank you for the gift of our priests. Through them, we experience your presence in the sacraments. Help our priests be strong in their vocation. Set their souls on fire for your people. Grant them the wisdom, understanding, and strength they need to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. Inspire them with the vision of your Kingdom. Give them the words they need to spread the Gospel. Allow them to experience joy in their ministry. Help them to become instruments of your Divine grace. We ask this through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns as our Eternal Priest. Amen.

In the Words of
Pope Francis

“If we are transparent before the Lord like a crystal, His light – the light of mercy – will shine in us and, through us, in the world.”

Pope Francis I @ Pontifex
May 19, 2020