



As we begin the New Year, we will begin publishing a much shorter version of the monthly newsletter until such time that we can resume normal operations and services in person at St. Christopher's.

A blessed and Happy New Year to all!

From The Senior Warden...

EPIPHANY

Our new church season for 2021 began on 29 November – Advent (which means coming). It was a four Sunday week event marked by Hope, Love, Joy and Peace as we also began to prepare for the Feast of the Nativity, that is the birth of Jesus. Christmas, our second season which began on Wednesday, 25 December and will last until January 6th, 2021. On Christmas, we celebrated the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Epiphany begins on January 6th and marks the beginning of our third Christian season and will end on 17 February – Ash Wednesday. Our “colors” for Epiphany will be Green (for Hope) which is also the color of all living things in God's creation. This day is also observed as a time of focusing on the mission of the church in reaching others by “showing” that Jesus is the Savior of all people. It is also a time of focusing on our Christian community and fellowship.

Epiphany has also come to be known as “Three Kings Day”. The Three Kings have come to be known as “The Magi”. The Magi arrived in Jerusalem guided by the Star in the East. The Magi brought with them three gifts – gold, frankincense and myrrh. Each gift is symbolic in its own right: The Gold is symbolic of Christ's kingship and royalty; the frankincense (incense) symbolic of his divinity and myrrh is symbolic of his humanity. We will give thanks to our Father in Heaven for revealing himself in Jesus our Christ.

Epiphany will end on 17 February Ash Wednesday as our next season Lent, will begin on 21 February. During our season of Epiphany, we will also celebrate the Baptism of our Lord Jesus Christ (10 January), the Presentation of our Lord Jesus Christ in the Temple also known as Candlemas (2 February). During this season, we can also celebrate Las Posadas. Las Posadas commemorates the journey of Mary and Joseph as they sought shelter. and to focus on our fellowship with others and our Christian community.

*In Christ,
Joe Maldonado
Senior Warden*

From the Administrator...

A Blessed and Happy New Year to everyone, and as we begin a new chapter in our ministry, let us ever have hope and faith in our Lord even in these difficult and uncertain times.

My thanks to Rev. Canon Lee Curtis, Rev. Alex Reyes, and Deacon Katie Hudak for conducting our online Zoom services and for their care of our congregation. For the time being, our services will continue via Zoom as the COVID-19 positivity rate here in El Paso, although briefly has dropped below 10%, has not remained below that rate. We receive regular updates from the Diocese and once we are safely able to return to limited in-person services, I will inform everyone.

If you have family members or friends who would like to attend our Zoom services, please send me their email so that I can include them in the Zoom invitations and links. Everyone is welcome, and being online, it doesn't matter where in the country they live (or the world)!

Our **Annual Church Meeting** will be held on Sunday, January 24, following the 10:00 a.m. worship service. I encourage everyone to attend and remain on Zoom for this meeting.

I recently sent out the current roster for *Safeguarding Our Children* certification. Please check the roster and see if you need to recertify. Even though we are not meeting in person at this time, it is required that we keep our certifications up to date.

Peace,
Holly Truesdale, Administrator



JANUARY PRAYER LIST

Please keep these members and friends of St. Christopher's in your daily prayers...

Lois Kelley (Member), John Navidomskis and Family, Laura Salcido, Martha and Albert Cano (Members), Paula Dominguez (Member), Virgie Shinn (Member), Robert Soto (Member), Patty Lane (Member), Luis Garcia (Member), Linda East (Member), Mary Reyes (Cano), Roger McNeil (Mowad), Kevin Salcedo, Joe Heidrick (Shinn), Fernando Peña, Christy Darling, Jerry Brown (Shinn), Hank Hosford (Mowad), Noah Rios, Carlos Rubio, Sr. (Navidomskis), Octaviano Tavares (Rodriguez), Donna Hvizdos (Hudak), Alyson, Mariann Chavez (Shinn), Bob St. Jean (Truesdale), Roman Morales and family, Estela and Jesus Salcido, Sammie Garcia (Shinn), Chasaidy Cantrell (Truesdale), Lorin Garcia (Navidomskis), Patti Tobin (Navidomskis)

Almighty God, we commend to your care and keeping all of the men and women of our armed forces at serving at home and abroad and their families and friends

Please contact Holly to add or delete names

*Happy
Birthday*

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Augie Vega 5 Carol Garcia 15

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LIKE US ON FACEBOOK!**



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WORSHIP SERVICES

Sunday

Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m. via Zoom

Thursday

Eucharist & Healing 10:00 a.m. via Zoom

No in-person services at this time



**St. Christopher's
Soup Kitchen**

is closed at this time due to COVID-19

***BISHOP OF THE DIOCESE
OF THE RIO GRANDE
The Right Reverend Michael B. Hunn***

CLERGY AND STAFF

***The Reverend Alejandro Reyes
Associate Priest***

***The Reverend Miguel Ramirez
Associate Priest***

***Holly Truesdale
Parish Administrator***



VESTRY

***Joe Maldonado - Senior Warden
Virgie Shinn - Junior Warden
Carlisle Navidomskis
Bruce Truesdale***

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

***Administrator
and Church Office***



***9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Monday through Friday
Due to COVID-19
the Administrator is operating
the Church Office from
her home
852-3954 or 252-2475***

***Do not hesitate to call her 24/7
in the event of an emergency
or in pastoral need***

ST. CHRISTOPHER'S MISSION STATEMENT

***Our Mission, as vessels indwelt
by the Holy Spirit, is to proclaim
the Gospel and teach the Faith;
to bring Christ's healing power to
those who are wounded and hurting;
to share our blessings with those in
need; to administer the Holy
Sacraments; and to live our lives to
God's glory, sharing the love of
Jesus Christ with all people.***

