



## From the Rector...

*Dear Brothers and Sisters,*

This Lent I feel myself being drawn to the Cross. Do you? Different people resonate with the varied strands of our faith in different ways, and I've always been focused more on the Incarnation and all of Jesus' life and work, of which Good Friday is just a part.

However, this Lent, due to the many losses and struggles in our society and in our community, and in our world, and the very dark parts of human nature being exposed on the national political stage, I've felt myself being led back to the foot of the Cross. I've wanted to stand with Jesus there in sadness and confusion and wrestle in prayer with how his death speaks to us now, in 2018. How does what happened then save us today? How does it unite us more deeply to God?

The series of worship services of Holy Week (really one service in several installments) are the Church's invitation to each and every one of us to ask these same questions as we walk again the path of Jesus' suffering and death.

Every time I enter into Holy Week with my heart and soul open, I find God touches me in a different way. I invite you to join with the rest of the Body of Christ for all of this Holy Week — Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil or Easter morning — as we contemplate the journey Christ's human body took — and journey together as his risen Body into Resurrection life.

*A Blessed Lenten Season and Holy Week to all,  
Fr. Bernal +*

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### **EASTER MEMORIALS AND THANKSGIVINGS**

If you would like to contribute to lilies for the Altar on Easter Sunday, Please write your check to St. Christopher's with "Lilies" on the memo line

Forms for memorials and thanksgivings are in the yellow pocket posted on the bulletin board in Rice Hall

Please print your name and the names of those included in your memorial or thanksgiving

You do not need to contribute to the lilies to have your memorial or thanksgiving included in the Easter Sunday bulletin

The deadline for submitted forms to Holly is March 25, Palm Sunday to be included in the Easter Sunday bulletin

Thank you!

## From the Senior Warden...

We are now into the third week of lent, which brings to mind a very significant event that occurred towards the end of our Lord's ministry. That event is the washing of his disciples' feet. As Jesus told his disciples, He came to serve, not to be served; and in doing so, He taught them the importance of ministering to others.

In last month's issue of *The Wayfarer*, Father J.J. shared Father Scott's article on Influential Leadership. Father Scott was the presenter for the Vestry and Leadership retreat held on January 20. Father Scott brought with him, a very treasured piece of scriptural sculpture; that of Jesus washing one of the apostles' feet. He set it on a table during his presentation. The purpose of this was to remind us that serving is about who we serve, not about us.

What *is* very important about us as a congregation and as individuals, is to ask ourselves: why are we here? When organizations have a project or a mission to accomplish, most start with brainstorming to develop a vision statement and eventually a mission statement. These are usually reached by asking what, how, and why questions. As a congregation, the first question asked should be: why? Why are we here? The answer should be: to serve our Lord by serving others in the propagation of His Word, and by ministering to the sick and those in need.

Then, come the next questions, which are how and what? How do we accomplish this? What must we do to accomplish this? Every Sunday, after the Service, we are dismissed with the admonition to "Go in peace to love and serve the Lord" or, "The Worship is over, the Service begins". These words should not ring empty, they are not just words in the BCP. These should be words that each individual should live by because Jesus calls us *all* to be his witnesses. We can do this in our individual lives and as a congregation.

We should recall that Stewardship has three components which are time, talents, and treasure. All of these components are very important for the Church to accomplish its mission. These three components are like the legs of a three-legged stool, the stool cannot stand with two or one legs; it needs all three for strength and stability.

St. Christopher has about 29 ministries that almost every member of our congregation can be involved in. Two of these, The Healing Service and the Bible Study are beneficial to congregation members who need physical as well as spiritual healing, and for those that want to learn more about the scriptures and how they apply to our everyday lives. We should know more about our faith so "...that we will not be deceived by those who try to lead us astray...".

Our faith is not a spectator event, it is a hands-on, everyday, life-long activity. With all due respect, I acknowledge those who cannot serve because of health reasons, or work and school activities. I also want to acknowledge and thank all who do serve in one or more of our ministries, and to all for continuing to be faithful to their pledges.

In January of 2017, when I was appointed by Father J.J. as Senior Warden; I told the congregation that I was honored to serve, and that I would need their patience and assistance as I undertook this important ministry. I also asked the outgoing Sr. Warden, Bruce, to guide me as I learned and grew into the role. I am into my second year as Sr. Warden, and I am still learning. Most ministries are OJT (on the job training).

To those that may not want to serve because they are intimidated or may be apprehensive of whether they can do the job, I leave you with this thought: "The expert in anything, was once a beginner".

*Yours in Christ,  
Tony Moreno, Senior Warden*

## *March at St. Christopher's*

**YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S MUSIC MINISTRY**  
11:15 a.m. every Sunday after Holy Eucharist

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**  
6:00 p.m. Every Friday in Lent

**SATURDAY, MARCH 3**  
9:00 a.m. St. Christopher's Men's Group  
For all men and young adult men age 15 and up  
11:00 a.m. Liturgical Committee Meeting  
For all Liturgical Leaders and Worship Leaders  
Vestry Meeting will follow the Liturgical Committee Meeting

**SATURDAY, MARCH 24**  
10:00 a.m. Altar Guild  
Polishing and Preparation for Palm Sunday, Holy Week, and Easter Sunday

## *Holy Week at St. Christopher's*



**SUNDAY, MARCH 25 PALM SUNDAY 9:45 a.m.**  
*Congregation gathers in Rice Hall for Palm Sunday Processional*  
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist  
11:15 a.m. Coffee Hour and Stuffing of Easter Eggs  
Children's Music Ministry

**THURSDAY, MARCH 29 MAUNDY THURSDAY**  
6:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist with Footwashing  
8:00– 12:00 midnight Altar of Repose in the Chapel

**FRIDAY, MARCH 30 GOOD FRIDAY**  
12:00 noon Good Friday Liturgy  
6:00 p.m. GF Liturgy and Tenebrae with Nails of the Cross

**SATURDAY, MARCH 31 HOLY SATURDAY**  
6:00 p.m. The Great Vigil of Easter



*Easter Day*  
*Sunday, April 1*

*9:00 a.m.*

*Volunteers hide Easter eggs in the Pecan Grove*  
*Adults and teens are needed to help!*



*10:00 a.m.*

*Festive Holy Eucharist*



*11:00 a.m.*

*Church Family Easter Egg Hunt in the Pecan Grove*

*For children age 12 and under*

*Toddlers age 3 and under will hunt in the*

*playground*

*(Adults may accompany toddlers)*





**New Ministry at St. Christopher's  
CHILDREN'S MUSIC MINISTRY**



Greetings Everyone!!

I would first like to thank all the parents for letting me work with your children. I'm excited to be working with them. Also for the extra snacks, the kids have really enjoyed the special treatment.

In February I was able to meet twice with the kids. So far I have begun to introduce them to the rules and expectations of the class. The kids have also done some musical arts and crafts, which I plan to display soon so everyone can be amazed. For March my plan is to get the kids singing! We will begin by learning the musical alphabet and start practicing so that we can perform soon.

Parents:

I really need your help in getting the kids together after mass ends. I want to continue with all of us eating together and then going to the music room. The quicker they sit down, eat and clean then the quicker we can start. With your help I can be more efficient and not keep you waiting too much.

Thanks again everybody and if there are any questions or doubts, please let me know.

*Yours in Christ,  
Ana Bernal*



**MARCH  
BIRTHDAYS**

*Iker Herrera 2 David Garcia 9  
Christopher Brooks 10  
Deacon Ken Anderson+ 11  
Vicky Moreno 16 Joy Truesdale 24  
Holly Truesdale 26*

**2018 FIRST QUARTER  
INDIVIDUAL CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS**

Contribution statements for the first quarter of  
2018 will be available  
after April 1 (Easter Sunday)

If you would like a copy of your account  
statement, please email me at  
htnec@elp.rr.com or call 252-2475

Thank you,  
Holly

**MEETINGS**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 3  
9:00 a.m. MEN'S GROUP  
11:00 a.m. LITURGICAL  
COMMITTEE MEETING**

**VESTRY MEETING  
following the  
Liturgical Committee Meeting**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 24  
ALTAR GUILD For polishing and  
preparation for Palm Sunday, Holy  
Week, and Easter Sunday**

**BIBLE STUDY  
7:00 p.m. Tuesday, March 14 & 28  
Everyone is welcome!**



## MARCH PRAYER LIST

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

*Mary Hernandez (Member), Lew Bishop and family (Members), The Martinez family, Betty and Jim Holley (Members), Luis Garcia (Member), Mary Reyes (Cano), Ray Vega (Vega), Nora Butler (Gilbreath), Gary Welsh, The Schofill family (Truesdale) Kevin Salcedo, Joe Heidrick (Shinn), Christie Lechuga (Perez), Fernando Peña, Max & Levi Moreno (Moreno), Christy Darling, Leo Luevano (Maldonado), Jerry Brown (Shinn), Flor Alvarado (Bernal), Tamara Banda (Brooks), Octaviano Tavares (Rodriguez), Donna Hvizdos (Hudak), Maria Morgan (Anderson), Irma Lopez (Mowad), John Hudak (Hudak), Keni Langberg (Brooks), Mary Jensen (Brooks), David White (Brooks), Amanda Vallejo (Brooks), Skip Bambrook, Nancy Loiselle (Borrett), James Mowad (Mowad), Jo Ann Orr (Brooks), Bill Fields (Fields), Heather (Navidomskis), Merle Ipson (Brooks), Mike (Moreno), Karina Bernal (Bernal), Ruth Holley (Holley), Manuel Vida, Helen Bell (Hudak), Joe (Bishop)*

*Almighty God, we commend to your care and keeping all of the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad:*

*Sgt. Charles Barden, Matthew Barnes, Jerry Carreon, Sgt. Jean-Louis Bishop, Army, Adam Garcia, Navy, Magie Gonzalez, Lt. Jody M. Daniels, Navy, Roberto Salgado, Mark Logan, USAF, PFC Jose Gonzalez, Oscar I. Gonzalez, Comd. Darren Rich, SP Woody Needler, SST. Tim Hayes and the families and friends of all who are serving at home and abroad*

*We update our Prayer List as needed.  
Please contact Holly to add or delete names*

## OUR MINISTRIES



### ACOLYTE NEWS

Now that we are into the Lenten Season, Holy Week and Easter will soon be upon us. As Acolytes, we need to not only actively assist our celebrant, Father JJ and others, prior to and during worship service, but we must do so with dignity, humility and care. It is essential that we perform our duties with a responsible and diligent attitude.

Prior to the beginning of Holy Week, we will have a couple meetings to insure that all of our duties are completed without any problems. I ask that all present Acolytes join with me in insuring that our service duties are performed extremely well. Please see me if you wish to become an acolyte.

*Joe Maldonado  
Acolyte Master  
St. Christopher's Episcopal Church*

### SOUP KITCHEN

#### MARCH AT SOUP KITCHEN

**Saturday, March 10**

**Tony and Maria Moreno**

**Menu: Nopales Soup and Shrimp Tortitas**

**Saturday, March 17**

**Carol Garcia and Denise Anderson**

**Menu: Mexican Soup and Capirotada**

### EASTER EGG HUNT

**Donations of wrapped candy and plastic eggs are needed for the Easter Egg Hunt**

**You may bring your donations on Tuesday or Thursday mornings, or on Sundays**

**We will stuff the Easter Eggs during Coffee Hour on March 25, Palm Sunday**

**Volunteers are also needed to hide the eggs on Easter Sunday at 9:00 a.m.**

**CHECK OUT OUR  
WEBSITE AND  
LIKE US ON FACEBOOK!**



## **ST. CHRISTOPHER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

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**THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH WELCOMES YOU!**

**Email:**

**stchristopherselpaso@gmail.com**

**Website:**

**www.stchristopherelpaso.org**

### **WORSHIP SERVICES**

**Sunday**

**Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m.**

**Thursday**

**Eucharist & Healing 10:30 a.m.**



**St. Christopher's**

**Soup Kitchen**

**Outreach**

**at 11:00 a.m.**

**2nd and 3rd Saturday of each month**

### **CLERGY AND STAFF**

**The Reverend Canon José J. Bernal  
Rector**

**The Reverend Miguel Ramirez  
Associate Priest**

**The Reverend Kenneth Anderson  
Deacon (Ret.)**

**Holly Truesdale  
Parish Administrator**



### **VESTRY**

**Tony Moreno - Senior Warden  
Joe Maldonado - Junior Warden**

**Katie Hudak  
Carlisle Navidomskis**

**Alex Reyes  
Virgie Shinn**

### **CHURCH OFFICE HOURS**

**Rector**

**10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

**Tuesday through Friday**

**Fr. Bernal will be also available  
on Saturdays by appointment.**



**Administrator  
and Church Office**

**9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**

**Tuesday and Thursday**

**Administrator in Office at  
home on**

**Monday and Wednesday**

**852-3954 or 252-2475**

**Church Offices Closed on Friday**

### **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.*

