

From the Rector...

Dear Brothers And Sisters,

Alleluia Christ is Risen!!!

We are celebrating a new liturgical season now, different color, more festive music, a different spirit in our fellowship. After the **Paschal Triduum**, or The Three Days, is the period of three days that begins with the liturgy on the evening of Maundy Thursday, reaches its high point in the Easter Vigil, and closes with evening prayer on Easter Sunday, we conclude with a Marvelous Easter Sunday. Now we'll be preparing for the Feast of Pentecost, which this year 2019 will be Sunday June 9. I am inviting you to enjoy this season of Easter and prepare as well for our next big Christian celebration: **PENTECOST**.

Thanks to all ministers who made the **Paschal Triduum** possible, this required a lot of time and preparation, energy and time consuming, I really appreciate your love and passion to serve Our Lord in the church of Saint Christopher's. One special thanks to our new priest Fr. Alex Reyes who was celebrating his First Holy Week as a Priest in the Episcopal Church.

Also I want to remind you about our Kitchen Renovation Project, our tentative date for blessing and re-opening is schedule for May 5. More information will be providing it in the days to come.

*In Christ Risen,
Fr. JJ +*

Aleluya, Crist ha Resucitado!!!

Empezamos con un Nuevo tiempo litúrgico, color litúrgico diferente, una musica más festiva y con un diferente espíritu en nuestro convivir como comunidad. Después del Triduo Pascual, es decir, los tres días de la Semana Santa, Jueves Santo, Viernes Santo y la Vigilia de Sabado Santo, para concluir con la fabulosa celebración de el Domingo de Pascua. Ahora lo que viene en seguida será la Fiesta de Pentecostés, que este año 2019 caerá el Domingo 9 de Junio. Los invito a disfrutar esta temporada de Pascua y comenzar a prepararse par nuestra siguiente gran celebración: **PENTECOSTES!**

Gracias a todos los ministro que hicieron possible el **Triduo Pascual**, pues esto requiere de mucho tiempo de preparación, energia y tiempo. Realmente aprecio su amor y passion para server al Señor en la Iglesia de Saint Christopher's. Una gracia especial a nuestro nuevo sacerdote el Padre Alex Reyes, que celebró su primer semena santa como sacerdote en la iglesia episcopal.

Aprovecho para recordarle de nuestro proyecto de renovación de la cocina. Nuestra fecha tentaiva para la bendició e inauguración es el 5 de Mayo. Mas informació será enviada después.

*En Cristo Resucitado,
Padre JJ +*



From the Senior Warden...

ASCENSION

As our Easter Season begins to draw to its end, we look forward to Ascension Day which occurs on or about the fortieth (40th) day from Easter. This day will be when our Lord Jesus will leave his earthly home. Ascension Season will last only about ten (10) days and then Pentecost will start.

Until Ascension Day (30 May), our remaining six Sundays of the Easter Season will have our Old Testament Lessons primarily come from the Act of the Apostles whereas our New Testament readings will primarily come from the Book of Revelations. The “OT” lessons begin with Jesus’ charge to the twelve apostles to spread the Gospel throughout the world while Peter summarizes the life, crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus. Peter gives scriptural proof that Jesus is the Messiah, the savior whom God promises in the Old Testament to send to save the Jews from their adversity. Our New Testament readings from the Book of Revelations are from the message that Jesus gives to John for the seven churches in Asia. One church will undergo intense suffering (Rev 2:10), one has kept its word (Rev 3:8) and the other five have been faltering in their loyalty to Jesus. The Lord warns them that he is the righteous judge and knows their deeds and for them to repent.

ASCENSION DAY

This is a Christian holiday that observes the ascension of Jesus Christ into heaven. This day comes about 39 days after the crucifixion of Christ when Jesus rises into Heaven. According to Christian tradition, Jesus told his disciples that they would see his ascension. The most detailed account of this even is found in the Acts of the Apostles. In Acts, Jesus was near Mount Olivet when he told his disciples to spread his message and/or teachings around the world. When Jesus finished, he was taken by a cloud after which two angels said that He would return for a Second Coming.

MOTHER’S DAY **(May 12)**

Mother’s Day is a time of commemoration and celebration of our Mother’s. It is a time of breakfast in bed, family gatherings and crayon scribbling “I love You’s.” It is this day when we all want our Mothers to take it easy, relax and basically take the day off while we all do the work such as cooking and household chores.

Mother’s Day can be traced back to the ancient Greeks and Romans who held festivals in honor of the mother goddesses Rhea and Cybele. Our (U.S.) Mother’s Day was created by an Anna Jarvis in 1908 and officially became a U.S. holiday in 1914. Ms./Mrs. Jarvis, following the death of her mother, conceived of Mother’s Day as a way of honoring the sacrifices all mothers make for their children.

***Yours in Christ,
Joe Maldonado, Senior Warden***

On this Mother’s Day, we give thanks to God for the divine gift of motherhood in all its diverse forms.

Let us pray for all the mothers among us today; for our own mothers, those living and those who have passed away; for the mothers who loved us and for those who fell short of loving us fully; for all who hope to be mothers some day and for those whose hope to have children has been frustrated; for all mothers who have lost children; for all women and men who have mothered others in any way—those who have been our substitute mothers and we who have done so for those in need; for the earth that bore us and provides our sustenance. We pray this all in the name of God, our great and loving Mother. Amen.

—from Women’s Common Prayers: Our Lives Revealed, Nurtured, Celebrated (Morehouse Publishing, 2000)

Happy Birthday

MAY BIRTHDAYS

Patty Mowad 3 Eddie Pichardo 5
Rosie Bishop 6 Cesar Gonzalez, Sr. 6
Martha Cano 16 Max Espino 17
Rosario Bernal 27 Chuy Rodriguez 28
Kayden Anderson 30

ANNIVERSARY
Lew and Rosie Bishop 3

MEETINGS

Wednesday, May 1
10 am Bible Study in Spanish

Saturday, May 4
9:30 am SW Deanery Meeting

Sunday, May 5
11:30 am Vestry Meeting

Saturday, May 11
9:00 am Financial Audit
(Audit Committee in Founders' Room)



2019 Summer Camp Schedule

All sessions will include traditional camp activities as well as various activities related to the theme for that week. Drop off is at **4 pm** on the first day of each camp and pickup is at **10 am** of the last day of each camp.

Family Camp **June 13-16**

(All Ages: parent/s required)

Families participate in traditional camp activities as well as a chance for families to share in quality time while sharing and growing in their faith together. The long weekend provides a great way to introduce younger children to camp and for alumni to come back.

Summer Fun Camp **June 17-22**

(Ages 8-12, Grades 3-7)

Enjoy Camp activities like Archery, Arts & Crafts, Field games, Swimming, Campfires, Bible Study and much more while exploring who you are in Christ.

Adventure (Excursion) Camp **June 23-29**

(Ages 12-17, Grades 7-12)

Teens are invited into God's creation through wilderness hiking, sleep under the stars, white-water rafting, visiting New Mexico's treasures and other activities! This camp will help teens explore their relationship with Jesus through Bible study and Worship.

For more information and registration:

www.bishopridge.org/camp-stoney.html

Narnia: The Voyage of the Dawn Treader **June 30 - July 6**

(Ages 8-12, Grades 3-7)

Campers grow in their relation with Christ as they explore the world of C.S. Lewis's Narnia. Campers will participate in themed arts and crafts projects, participate in Worship and bible Study as well as spend the week reenacting one of C. S. Lewis' iconic books through costumed skits.

Harry Potter: The Chamber of Secrets **July 7 - 13**

(Ages 8-13, Grades 3-8)

A fantasy camp that explores the Christian themes found in J.K. Rowling's Harry Potter, through Bible Study and worship. Play Quidditch, visit Diagon Alley, put on a skit, make themed craft projects, participate in classes, swim, hike, and take archery lessons all at Camp Stoney's version of Hogwarts.

Superhero Camp **July 14 - 20**

(Ages 12-17 Grades 7-12)

This camp explores the Christian virtues and themes found in Superhero comics. Find your inner Superman, Wonder Woman, Peter Quill, Gamora, which ever Superhero is in your heart. Enjoy themed crafts, games, swimming, hiking, and archery.



MAY PRAYER LIST

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

Martha and Albert Cano and family (Member), Carol Garcia and family (Member), Mariana Bernal, Deacon Ken Anderson (Member), Katie Hudak (Member), Patty Lane (Member), Luis Garcia (Member), Mary Reyes (Cano), Ray Vega (Vega), Gary Welsh, Richard and Kathy Schofill (Truesdale), Kevin Salcedo, Joe Heidrick (Shinn), Christie Lechuga (Perez), Fernando Peña, Christy Darling, Jerry Brown (Shinn), Hank Hosford (Mowad), Octaviano Tavares (Rodriguez), Donna Hvizdos (Hudak), Maria Morgan (Anderson), Irma Lopez (Mowad), John Hudak (Hudak), Skip Bambrook, James Mowad (Mowad), Bill Fields (Fields), Heather (Navidomskis), Manuel Vida, Helen Bell (Hudak), Bunky Mitchell, and Mrs. Mitchell, Alyson (Navidomskis), Mariann Chavez (Shinn), Cristy Kime (Middleton), Bob St. Jean (Truesdale), Roman Morales and family

Almighty God, we commend to your care and keeping all of the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad: Capt. Matthew Barchie USAF, Sgt. Charles Barden, Charles East, Navy, Matthew Barnes, Jerry Carreon, Adam Garcia, Navy, Magie Gonzalez, Lt. Jody M. Daniels, Navy, Roberto Salgado, Mark Logan, USAF, PFC Jose Gonzalez, Oscar I. Gonzalez, Comd. Darren Rich, Oscar Camuniz, SP Woody Needler, Dr. Richard Nahouraii, Army, PO2 Chester B. (Chip) Thomson IV, SST. Tim Hayes, Raymundo Ubina,

*The families and friends of all who are serving at home and abroad
Please contact Holly to add or delete names*

OUR MINISTRIES

ACOLYTE MEETINGS

Acolyte Meetings will be held on Sunday, May 19 & 26 immediately after the 10:00 a.m. service. All acolytes, experienced and new, please attend these important meetings! There will be training, as well as setting up new monthly schedules for serving.

-Joe Maldonado, Acolyte Lay Minister

SUNDAY TELLERS NEEDED!

At least 2 more tellers for Sundays are needed! Duties include counting the Offering, recording, and preparing the deposit. New tellers will be trained by the Treasurer and experienced tellers. This is a vital ministry! Please let Holly know if you are willing to serve.

The newly renovated kitchen is scheduled to reopen after the Blessing on Sunday, May 5

SOUP KITCHEN

(Menus are subject to change)

Saturday, May 11

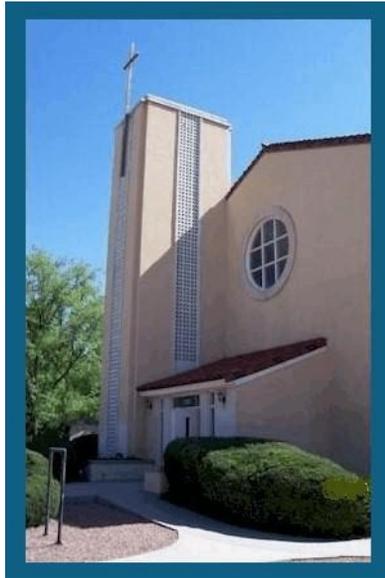
Gloria Rodriguez and Raquel Gonzalez Menu:
Soup, Salad, Sincronizada, Postre

Saturday, May 18

Carol Garcia and Denise Anderson Menu:
Soup, Salad, Torta, Postre



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WORSHIP SERVICES

Sunday

Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m.

Thursday

Eucharist & Healing 10:30 a.m.



St. Christopher's

Soup Kitchen

Outreach

11:00 a.m.

2nd & 3rd Saturday of each month

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

**CLERGY AND STAFF
The Reverend Canon José J. Bernal
Rector**

**The Reverend Miguel Ramirez
Associate Priest**

**The Reverend Alejandro Reyes
Associate Priest**

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



**Holly Truesdale
Parish Administrator**

VESTRY

Joe Maldonado - Senior Warden

Virgie Shinn - Junior Warden

Carlisle Navidomskis

Bruce Truesdale

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Rector

9:00 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.*

