



FIRST IN-PERSON CHURCH SERVICE AT ST. CHRISTOPHER'S

Hallelujah! On Sunday, May 9 at 10:00 a.m., we will hold our first in-person church service since March 15, 2020! Canon Lee Curtis will celebrate Holy Eucharist for us that morning. However, as we are still in the Phase II COVID plan, we do have to operate under certain protocols:

1. Everyone must wear a mask. Disposable masks will be provided on the table in the narthex in case someone forgets theirs.
2. Hand sanitizer will be provided on the table. It is highly recommended that sanitize upon entering and leaving the church.
3. Single sheet "bulletins" can be picked up upon entering the narthex.
4. Upon entering, the usher will take you to your seating. Every other pew has been blocked off. Household units may be seated together in a pew. Single persons can be seated 2 to a pew, one at each end of the pew.
5. 2 of the Book of Common Prayer will be in the holder in each pew for your use, or you may bring your personal copy if you have one.
6. There will be music during the service, but at this time, singing is still not allowed.
7. At the Peace, please stay in place. You can pass the Peace by waving or other no-contact sign.
8. Please remain in place for Communion. The priest will bring communion to you. For the time being, wafers only will be given in small plastic baggies.
9. Before leaving at the end of the service, please remove all items that you brought in, including bulletins, personal Prayer Books, and also the baggy that your wafer was in. Please do not leave anything on the pew. A trash can will be provided in the narthex for disposal of bulletins, baggies, etc.
- 10 At the end of the service, please exit immediately starting with the back rows first. You may congregate and visit once you are outdoors.

Until there more restrictions lifted, Coffee Hour in Rice Hall cannot be held.

The bathroom off of the narthex may be used. If the bathroom is in use, please wait at the door of the Bride's Room until the person comes out. Sanitizing products and hand-washing soap will be there for use. Directions for sanitizing the commode will be posted above it, and Clorox wipes will be provided.

This looks like a lot, but these are practices that we all have been following for

more than a year. Be assured that your clergy and lay ministers will be masked and sanitized for the protection of all.

For those unable to attend in-person services, we will also continue to provide a simulcast Zoom link so that the service can still be viewed.

At this time, Canon Lee has asked that the only in-person services will be Sunday services. The 10:00 a.m. Thursday Eucharist and Healing service, for the time being, will continue to be via Zoom only.

On another note, the Food Box distribution outreach has been a big success! Over 200 boxes of quality food from farmer's markets boxed and provided by Segovia Distributors have been given out. Segovia has been delivering to St. Luke's Episcopal Church in La Union, New Mexico each week.

Vestry member Eddie Cowling has picked up St. Christopher's share and brought them to the church. He, Carlisle Navidomskis, Martha and Albert Cano, Navin Navidomskis, Brooke Navidomskis, and Violet Navidomskis have all been involved in the weekly drive-up distribution and delivery to those unable to come to the drive-up. Our thanks to all of them for their hard work and for helping to make this outreach a success!

Food Box distribution will continue through the month of May each Thursday between 12:30—2:00 p.m. Let your family, friends, and neighbor know! Please enter from Riverside Dr. at the drive-way next to the pecan grove, stay in your car, and wear your mask. Your box will be brought to you. Exit is through the back parking lot on to Pecan St.

We look forward to seeing all of you on May 9th in person!

*Yours in Christ,
Holly Truesdale, Administrator*



MAY PRAYER LIST

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

Martha Cano (Member), **Erika Dominguez** (Member), **Paula Dominguez** (Member), **Virgie Shinn** (Member), **Luis Garcia** (Member), **Linda East** (Member), **Mary Reyes** (Cano), **Roger McNeil** (Mowad), **Kevin Salcedo**, **Joe Heidrick** (Shinn), **Carmen Olivas** (Garcia), **Fernando Peña**, **Christy Darling**, **Jerry Brown** (Shinn), **Hank Hosford** (Mowad), **Noah Rios**, **Carlos Rubio, Sr.** (Navidomskis), **Octaviano Tavares** (Rodriguez), **Donna Hvizdos** (Hudak), **Mariann Chavez** (Shinn), **Shenay Moore** (Truesdale), **Roman Morales and family**, **Estela and Jesus Salcido** (Salcido), **Sammie Garcia** (Shinn), **Chasaidy Cantrell** (Truesdale), **Lorin Garcia** (Navidomskis), **Tom Truesdale** (Truesdale), **Norene Pitman** (Friend), **Claudia Salas** (Bishop).

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

**Happy
Birthday**

lease contact Holly to add or delete names

MAY BIRTHDAYS

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

ANNIVERSARY

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Diocese of the Rio Grande COVID-19 Frequently Asked Questions

Why have DRG re-opening guidelines moved so slowly?

Loving God and loving our neighbors has meant that we need to do everything we can to keep our communities safe- and corporate worship the way we used to do it was one of the least safe things we could do during the early stages of the pandemic. Going slowly and learning best practices has kept the most vulnerable among us safe. We have not had a single outbreak of COVID-19 in any of our congregations! And that is because of our good work together.

Where are we now?

Vaccinations are here, they are safe, they are effective, and they are available to any adult who wishes to be vaccinated. Covid cases are decreasing across the country and many parts of our Diocese are leading the way nationally in Vaccination rates.

Where are we going?

Soon all who want vaccination will be fully vaccinated, and we will approach “herd immunity” in the USA. As more and more are vaccinated, risk for everyone goes down we will be able to gather safely in larger groups- even singing in Church! (While still wearing masks.)

When will we get there?

Assuming the current trends hold by Mid-July all who want to be will be fully vaccinated, and we can expect to re-open to our pre-Covid numbers. Increases in viral transmission rates and viral variants could delay this even further. We’re not out of the woods yet.

I’m vaccinated! Can’t we drop restrictions for vaccinated folks?

Our churches don’t exist for our members, they exist to be a sign of God’s love to anyone who encounters us. Making decisions about worship and programming based on who is vaccinated and who is not creates in groups and out groups and that prevents us from fully loving our neighbors, and that Gospel call is worth waiting a bit longer for.

Questions? Comments? Let us know at <https://dioceserg.org/contact>



Diocese of the Rio Grande

Registration is Now Open 2021

“Home is where the heart is.” Come find your heart and your home among friends at Camp Stoney this summer! With two weeks of Camp Stoney North at Bishop’s Ridge, near Santa Fe, and one week of Camp Stoney South at Sacramento Mountain Camp, near Cloudcroft, there is a week for you!

Who: Rising 3rd Graders through rising 12th Graders register as campers. Young Adults (ages 18+) apply to serve on staff.

What: Good Food, New Friends, Old Friends, Outdoor Games & Activities (GaGa Ball!), Arts & Crafts, Archery, Challenge Course, Daily Siesta, Worship & Bible Study.

When: July 11 - 16, Bishop’s Ridge, Santa Fe
Register Here: <https://givingtools.com/give/1215/3062>

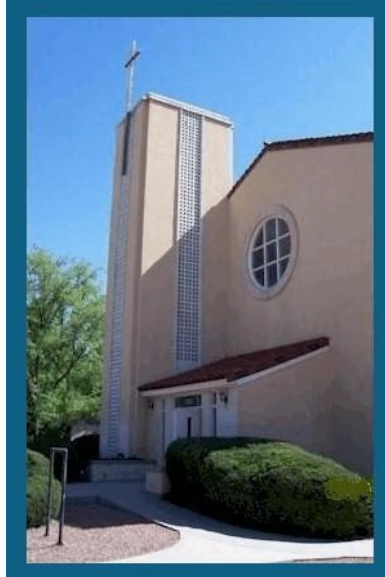
July 18 - 23, Bishop’s Ridge, Santa Fe
Register Here: <https://givingtools.com/give/1215/3094>

July 25 - 30, Sacramento Mountain Camp, near Cloudcroft
Register Here: <https://givingtools.com/give/1215/3095>

Cost: Sliding scale fee \$350/\$450/\$550. Early Bird discount. Scholarships Available.

Contact Br. Angel Roque for more information: brangel@dioceserg.org

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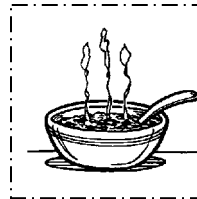
Sunday

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 Edward Cowling***

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.***

