

OUR VOICE

ST. CHRISTOPHER'S THIS WEEK

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WEEK OF JANUARY 31ST – FEBRUARY 6TH

Today's Hymns

Prelude

Processional – *"Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates" (vs 1,2,5)* **Hymnal 436**

The Gloria

Hymnal S-280

Gospel Processional: *"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" (vs 1,2)* **Hymnal 686**

Gospel Recessional: *"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" (vs 3)* **Hymnal 686**

Offertory Hymn *"Make Me A Servant" (signed by Elly & Kylie Hess)* **Mara. 177**

Fraction Anthem (Breaking of the Bread) **Hymnal S-154**

Communion Hymns: *"Let Us Break Bread Together" (vs 1-3)* **Hymnal 325**

"Shepherd Of Souls, Refresh And Bless" (vs 1-4) **Hymnal 343**

Recessional – *"O for A Thousand Tongues To Sing" (vs 1-6)* **Hymnal 493**

Postlude

Organ

Calendar:

- Friday, Feb. 26th – Saturday, Feb. 27th - The 172nd Diocesan Council – Virtual Event
For more information: Website: <https://www.edotcouncil2021.com>
- Election Results:
Our new *Vestry* members are Jayne Doxsey, John "Jay" Sproul and Judy Van Riper (our new Senior Warden)! Please welcome them! Our Council Delegates are JoAnn Carthey, Dana Karcher, & Beth Bodkin, while our alternates are Barnett Carthey & Viretta "Penny" Gillespie.
- Fr. Steve's will offer a book study, March 3-31, from 2:00pm to 2:45pm, on both Facebook LIVE and in-person. The book is: Uncommon Decency, by Richard Muow. It's readily available & inexpensive through [AmazonSmile](https://www.amazon.com/s?ref=ast_sml). A New Zealand Eucharist will follow if requested.
- **We are gearing up for a big celebration this May!**

St. Christopher's was founded on January 6, 1969 and we are throwing a party to celebrate! Keep your calendar clear for our **50th Anniversary Celebration**, AND opening our **1996 Time Capsule**, on **Pentecost Sunday, May 23, 2021!** We'll hold an outdoor worship service, along with an outdoor reception! Details to follow, as the date approaches. Please contribute to our celebration ... search out your old photos and remembrances of St. Christopher's and its members to share with all of us!

- **Our January Ministry** is the **Mission Soup Kitchen**. The Kitchen will gladly accept donations of food or unused personal care items. Refer to the list and place your donations in the box in the narthex.
- **Our February Ministry** is **Honduras Good Works**. They need hotel/travel size soap, shampoo, toiletries, hair "pretties", combs, grooming items, etc. You may also drop off any school supplies, pens, backpacks, scissors, etc. Please place these items in the box in the Narthex. They will distribute these items when they resume their packing parties.

Links:

- Hymn lyrics: see the Worship Guide, and <https://hymnary.org/hymnal/EH1982>
- For our scripture readings, see www.lectionarypage.net
- Our Facebook page, www.facebook.com/stchriskilleen

Services:

Check Out Our Virtual Service !!

- **Services are both Live and Virtual ("Facebook Live"), at 9:30, each Sunday!**
- *Please remember:* Our gathering limit is 50 – and let's hit that number! We all wear Masks, practice Social Distancing, and sanitize our Hands.
- Pew sheets, readings, and worship guides are available during office hours, by email, on our website, or on our Facebook page.

Ministry Schedule

Altar Guild: Jan 31st – Team A , Feb 7th – Team B

Readers/Lectors: January 31st – George & Judy Van Riper
February 7th – Barnett Carthey, Penny Gillespie
February 14th – Jayne Doxsey, Michael Blomquist

VOD/Ushers: January 31st – VOD – Steve Bodkin
February 7th – VOD – Larry Taylor/Judy Van Riper
February 14th – VOD – Jay Sproul/Jayne Doxsey

Ushers/VODs: *Please count attendance. Make sure we practice Covid safety protocols. Turn on/off the lights, light the altar candles before, and extinguish them after, each service. Count the offertory receipts with our Treasurer, Valerie, and sign the form after the service.*

Please Support St. Christopher's !!

2021 is going to be a great year! Working together, with God's help, and our great new Vestry, we've already begun to see a new vision, and to gather the tools we'll need to help St. Christopher's be all that we are called to be! Join us!

Time, Treasure and talent ... Your ongoing and generous support is vital. Thanks, y'all!

Fr. Steve's Thoughts:

Now that the election brouhaha is past, let's turn our hands, our hearts, and our wills back home, to St. Christopher's, our Parish Home. We've cleaned up, repaired and painted, and our Home is more beautiful than it's been in years! Do you hear our bell ring? Time to invite our friends and neighbors to come see! We've room for 50 each Sunday... let's fill the house (safely, of course!).

One God, one Church and one family.

In His Love, - Fr. Steve

St. Chris's Preschool is in session!

Come for a tour! Call them or visit their webpage.

- Registration - 18 months through Kindergarten - is ongoing.
- Sign up online, <http://www.stchrisps.com/admissions.html>
- Tue, Wed, Thur, 8:45-2:15pm (before and after school care available!)

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Birthdays

Jan. 31st - Doris Bearden

Feb. 2nd - Aaron Hess

Feb. 6th - Roger Murray

February 2nd - Feast of the Presentation of Jesus at the Temple (Candlemas)

Candlemas (aka "Candlemass"), may also be known as the Feast of the Presentation of Jesus Christ, the Feast of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary, or the Feast of the Holy Encounter! Under any of these names, Candlemas is based on the Biblical account of Jesus' presentation in the Temple (Luke 2:22-40), at which time his mother, Mary, would have sought ritual purification, by presenting a lamb, a young pigeon or a dove as a burnt offering. (Leviticus 12:1-8). Candlemas usually falls on or near February 2 ... 40 days after Christmas!

Some Christians remove their Christmas decorations on or about the Twelfth Night (Epiphany Eve), while others choose Candlemas. On Candlemas, many Anglicans, Methodists, Lutherans, Orthodox and Roman Catholics bring their candles to their local church, where they are blessed and then used for the rest of the year, as symbols of Our Lord, Jesus Christ -- the Light of the World.

Month of February

February might be the shortest month of the year, but it's chock-full of beloved holidays from Groundhog Day (Feb 2), Valentines' Day (Feb 14), Presidents' Day (Feb 15), Mardi Gras (Feb 16), and to Ash Wednesday (Feb 17).

[American Heart Month](#)

[Black History Month](#)

[Canned Food Month](#)

[Great American Pie Month](#)

[National Bird Feeding Month](#)

[National Children's Dental Health Month](#)

Week of February 1-7

[Tinnitus Awareness Week](#)

January 31

[National Backward Day](#)

[National Hot Chocolate Day](#)

February 1

[National Freedom Day](#)

February 2

[Candlemas Day](#)

[Groundhog Day](#)

February 4

[World Cancer Day](#)

February 5

[World Nutella Day](#)

February 6

[Time to Talk Day](#)

Managing Coronavirus in the Diocese of Texas – January 2021

For more information, see the Diocesan website: <https://www.epicenter.org/health-resources/>.

Updated Guidelines for congregations and worship:

<https://www.epicenter.org/updated-guidelines-for-congregations/>

Other Resources:

- [CDC Guidelines](#) – Patients currently under quarantine, must remain in isolation unless at least seven days have passed from when COVID symptoms first appeared, and are fever-free for 72 hours (without fever-reducing medication), and have neither shortness of breath nor a cough. See, also, the Information at www.cdc.gov
- [Veterans Crisis Hotline](#) | Call 1-800-273- 8255, text 838255, or visit <https://www.veteranscrisisline.net>

Texas Governor's Office latest COVID news: [Governor Abbott's Proactive Response To COVID-19](#)

About availability of Vaccines: https://www.bellcountytexas.com/publicnotice_detail_T3_R370.php

Go here for updates on testing and vaccines: <https://www.bellcountyhealth.org/>