

THE VOICE
ST. CHRISTOPHER'S THIS WEEK
MARCH 28, 2021

THE SUNDAY OF THE PASSION: PALM SUNDAY

Today's Hymns

Prelude

Processional –

Gospel *Processional*:

Gospel *Recessional*:

Offertory Hymn

Communion Hymn

Communion Hymn

Recessional –

Postlude

“All Glory Laud and Honor” (vs 1,2,3)

“Here I Am, Lord” (vs 1,2)

“Here I am, Lord” (vs 3)

“I Am The Bread of Life” (vs 1-5)

“I Have Decided To Follow Jesus” (vs 1-3)

“When I Survey The Wondrous Cross” (vs 1-4)

Organ
Hymnal 154
Insert
Insert
Organist
SOP 36
SOP 37
Hymnal 474
Organ

Holy Week Schedule:

April 1st – Maundy Thursday – 6:00pm (Stripping of the Altar)

April 2nd – Good Friday Stations of the Cross – 12 noon

April 2nd – Good Friday Service – 6:00pm

April 3rd – Holy Saturday/Easter Vigil – 7:30pm (starting outside, weather permitting)

April 4th – Easter Sunday – 9:30am (bring flowers for the flowering of the Cross!).

Upcoming Events:

May 1st: Parish Clean up workday

May 23rd: Pentecost Sunday! St. Christopher's 52nd Anniversary Celebration with the opening of the time capsule! POC: Jayne Doxsey

June 20th: Visit by Bishop Hector Monterosso
If interested in Baptism or Confirmation, please contact the office

St. Chris's Preschool is open!!!

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!)
(254) 526-8380
<http://www.stchrisps.com>
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Fr. Steve's New Office Hours

With the recent water damage comes the chance to reimagine and update our Church and School campus. With that also comes the opportunity to re-think how we are doing the good work of being the "Church". So, I am setting new office hours beginning Wednesday, April 7! I will take appointments until 6:00 PM. Debbie or Julia will fit you in!

Whatever is on your mind... let's talk!
The Kingdom is calling all of us!

Birthdays

March 28th – Mary Stewart

March 30th – JoAnn Carthey

March 30th – C.J. Dammon

March 30th – Aramis Brewington

March 31st – Jayne Doxsey

April 1st – Beverly Guyton

We are gearing up for a big celebration this May!

St. Christopher's was founded on January 6, 1969. We are throwing a party *to celebrate our past and our future!* Clear your calendar for our **50th Anniversary Celebration**, AND the opening of **our 1996 Time Capsule**, on **Pentecost Sunday, May 23, 2021!**

We'll have an outdoor worship and a reception! Details to follow! Please bring your old photos and remembrances, and your ideas for the next 50 years!

There'll be a Mini-Outreach Auction in the Parish Hall!

****The planning committee will meet today, this Sunday, March 28th, right after the service. Everyone interested is welcome to attend.**

Our March Outreach Ministry
The Food Care Center

Please help replenish their shelves, by placing non-perishable items in the box in the Narthex. A list of needed items is available.

Our April Outreach Ministry
Habitat for Humanity

Please bring any donations of paper goods. They use these items when they provide lunch to work crews building homes. Other opportunities to serve include donations of building supplies you might have left over from a project, volunteering in the Re Store or helping on a work crew.

Ministry Schedule

- Altar Guild: March 28th & Holy Week – Teams A & B,
April 4th – Team C (Easter Sunday)
- Readers/Lectors: March 28th – Palm Sunday - George & Judy Van Riper, Jayne Doxsey
April 1 – Maundy Thursday-Judy Van Riper
April 2 – Good Friday-Noon – Barnett Carthey
Good Friday 6pm – Larry Taylor
April 3 – Holy Saturday-Penny Gillespie, Barnett Carthey
April 4th – Barnett Carthey, Michael Blomquist (Easter Sunday)
- VOD/Ushers: March 28th – Jayne Doxsey (Palm Sunday)
April 1 – Maundy Thursday-Judy Van Riper
April 2 – Good Friday-Larry Taylor
April 3 – Holy Saturday-Holly Miller
April 4th – Jay Sproul (Easter Sunday)

Ushers/VODs:

Please count attendance and model 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 and sign the form after the service.

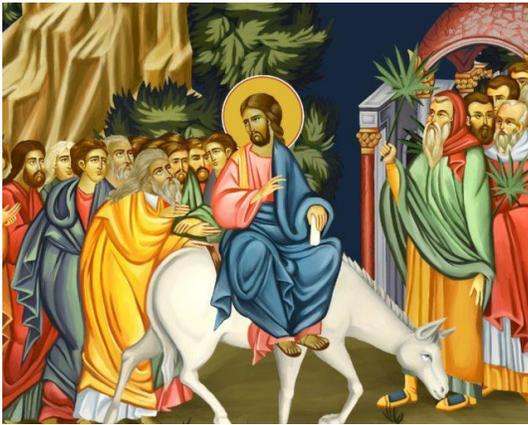
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***Time, Treasure and Talent ... Your ongoing and generous support is vital.
Thanks, y'all!***

When ordering from Amazon, go to www.smile.amazon.com and enter St. Christopher's Episcopal for the charity of your choice. A portion of sales will go to St. Chris.

HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday-Palm Sunday marks Jesus' victorious entry into Jerusalem. He entered riding a donkey and the people welcomed him using palm fronds. They laid down the leaves (and their own cloaks too!) on the ground as Jesus entered the city. Palms are considered as signs of peace and victory, and Jesus' entrance being marked by these plants point towards the incoming peace and victories that the people were hoping for.



Good Friday- Good Friday commemorates the death of Jesus on Calvary, the site just outside the walls of Jerusalem, where Jesus was crucified. It falls on the Friday before **Easter**. Most Christian denominations recognize Good Friday as a holy day, with many, including members of Catholic, Eastern Orthodox and Lutheran faiths, fasting and attending church services. But there is so much more to this holiday than just these religious rituals. Good Friday is, for many, an intensely personal day of prayer and devotion.



Maundy Thursday-Christians mark Maundy Thursday, which commemorates the Last Supper, every year on the Thursday before Easter. It's also known as Holy Thursday, Covenant Thursday, and the Thursday of Mysteries in various traditions.

Maundy refers to the foot-washing Jesus provided the apostles prior to the Last Supper. Christians around the world mark the day with a special mass and prayers.

The word "Maundy" itself comes from an Anglo-French word derived from the Latin "mandatum," which means "commandment."



Holy Saturday Easter Vigil.

Holy Saturday commemorates the day that Jesus Christ lay in the tomb after his death, according to the Christian **bible**. It is the day after Good Friday and the day before **Easter Sunday**.

The **vigil** begins between sunset on Holy Saturday and sunrise on **Easter Sunday** outside the church, where an **Easter** fire is kindled, and the Paschal candle is blessed and then lit. As the candle proceeds through the church, the small candles held by those present are gradually lit from the Paschal candle.



Easter Day- Easter is the single most important holy day throughout Christianity. It celebrates the resurrection of Jesus Christ — a central belief for Christians worldwide and the focal point of their faith. Religious scholars believe the event occurred three days after the Romans crucified Jesus in roughly 30 AD. Christians therefore derive hope that they too will experience a resurrection in heaven. Easter falls on the first Sunday after the first full moon after March 21.



Easter 2019



2021 is well underway! Everyone at St. Chris's matters. Every gift of time, treasure and talent helps us to advance our community in its commitment to serving the Kingdom of God. Yours in his service, Fr. Steve

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