

# OUR VOICE

## ST. CHRISTOPHER'S THIS WEEK

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## WEEK OF FEBRUARY 7<sup>TH</sup> – FEBRUARY 13<sup>TH</sup>

### Today's Hymns

#### **Prelude**

Processional – *“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”* (vs 1 & 4)

Gospel Processional: *“Be Thou My Vision”* (vs 1,2)

Gospel Recessional: *“Be Thou My Vision”* (vs 3)

Offertory Hymn

#### **Fraction Anthem (Breaking of the Bread)**

Communion Hymns: *“O Bless The Lord, My Soul!”* (vs 1-6)

*“Beneath The Cross of Jesus”* (vs 1-3)

Recessional – *“O God, Our Help In Ages Past”* (vs 1,2,5,6)

#### **Postlude**

#### **Organ**

Hymnal 423

Hymnal 488

Hymnal 488

Piano/Organ

Hymnal S-154

Hymnal 411

Hymnal 498

Hymnal 680

#### **Organ**

### Calendar:

- Friday, Feb. 26<sup>th</sup> – Saturday, Feb. 27<sup>th</sup> - The 172<sup>nd</sup> Diocesan Council – Virtual Event  
For more information, visit the Diocesan website: <https://www.edotcouncil2021.com>
- Fr. Steve 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](#). A New Zealand Eucharist will follow if requested.
- Please look for your St. Christopher's Giving statement for tax year 2020 to pick up on Sunday! It will be sent through the mail if not picked up.
- **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 **50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration**, AND the opening of **our 1996 Time Capsule**, on **Pentecost Sunday, May 23, 2021!** An outdoor worship service will be held, 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!

- Diocesan Council will be virtual, on February 26-27. Please pray for our delegates, Beth Bodkin, JoAnn Carthey, and Dana Karcher (alternates are Barnett Carthey and Penny Gillespie).
- **Our February Ministry** is **Honduras Good Works**. They need hotel/travel size soap, shampoo, toiletries, hair "pretties", combs, grooming items, etc. Any school supplies, e.g., pens, backpacks, scissors, are always welcome. You can place these items in the box in the Narthex.
- While we can't have a Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, due to Diocesan COVID restrictions, we will have a **Eucharist -- and the Imposition of Ashes** – on **Ash Wednesday, February 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM.**

### **Links:**

- Hymn lyrics: see the Worship Guide, and <https://hymnary.org/hymnal/EH1982>
- For our scripture readings, see [www.lectionarypage.net](http://www.lectionarypage.net)
- Our Facebook page, [www.facebook.com/stchriskilleen](http://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: February 7<sup>th</sup> – Team B, February 14<sup>th</sup> – Team C

Readers/Lectors: February 7<sup>th</sup> – Barnett Carthey, Penny Gillespie  
February 14<sup>th</sup> – Jayne Doxsey, Michael Blomquist  
February 21<sup>st</sup> – Dave & Holly Miller

VOD/Ushers: February 7<sup>th</sup> – VOD – Larry Taylor/Judy Van Riper  
February 14<sup>th</sup> – VOD – Jay Sproul/Jayne Doxsey  
February 21<sup>st</sup> – VOD – Holly Miller

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 !!**

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

## **Fr. Steve's Thoughts:**

*Wow.* Just as soon as the election dust clears, we begin to prepare for Lent, a time of quiet reflection and penance.

In our loud, violent, vulgar world, a little quiet and reflection, with penance and love mixed in, may be just what we need.

Come back home, to St. Christopher's. Bring your family and your friends to this safe, loving and welcoming place! Join us in a moment of peaceful reflection, as we look ahead.

What is the Lord calling us to do this year?

One His Peace,

- Fr. Steve

### **Come for a tour of St. Chris's Preschool !!!**

#### **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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**\*\*A special note! Our Freddie's Fundraiser that we recently had helped us quite a bit! We made \$458.77 from Freddy's and received matching donations totaling \$2300. For a total of 2758.77. We are open to any further matching donations. Thanks to all who came out and supported us at Freddy's!!**

### **Birthdays**

**Feb. 7<sup>th</sup> – Christine Messing**  
**Feb. 8<sup>th</sup> – Maggie Van Meter**  
**Feb. 9<sup>th</sup> – Jane Melvin**  
**Feb. 13<sup>th</sup> – Karla Faulkner**

## **Month of February**

Even though February is the shortest month of the year, it's chock-full of beloved holidays like Groundhog Day (Feb 2), Valentines' Day (Feb 14), Presidents' Day (Feb 15), Mardi Gras (Feb 16), and, of course, **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](#)

### **February 7<sup>th</sup>**

[National Send a Card to a Friend Day](#)

[Super Bowl Sunday](#)

### **February 8<sup>th</sup>**

[National Boy Scout Day](#)

### **February 9<sup>th</sup>**

[National Pizza Day](#)

### **February 10<sup>th</sup>**

[National Umbrella Day](#)

### **February 11<sup>th</sup>**

[International Day of Women and Girls in Science](#)

[National Clean Out Your Computer Day](#)

### **February 12<sup>th</sup>**

[Abraham Lincoln's Birthday](#)

[Chinese New Year](#)

### **February 13<sup>th</sup>**

[World Radio 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](http://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](https://www.bellcountytexas.com/publicnotice_detail_T3_R370.php)

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