

# OUR VOICE

## ST. CHRISTOPHER'S THIS WEEK

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Office Hours Monday-Thursday 9 am – 3 pm

WEEK OF MARCH 7<sup>TH</sup> – 13<sup>TH</sup>

THE 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN LENT

### Today's Hymns

#### Prelude

Processional – *"I Come With Joy To Meet My Lord" (vs 1,4,5)*

Gospel Processional: *"There's A Wideness In God's Mercy" (vs 1,2)*

Gospel Recessional: *"There's A Wideness In God's Mercy" (vs 3)*

Offertory Hymn

Communion Hymn *"Let Thy Blood In Mercy Poured" (vs 1-4)*

Communion Hymn *"Let Us Break Bread Together" (vs 1-3)*

Recessional – *"Guide Me, Oh Thou Great Jehovah" (vs 1-3)*

#### Postlude

#### Organ

Hymnal 304

Hymnal 470

Hymnal 470

#### Organist

Hymnal 313

Hymnal 325

Hymnal 690

#### Organ

### Calendar:

- Fr. Steve has started a book study, on Wednesdays, March 3-31, from 2:45pm to 3:30pm, 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 in the mail!
- 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 both our past and our future!* 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!** We will have both an outdoor worship service and a reception! Details to follow! Please contribute to our celebration ... search out your old photos and remembrances, and bring your ideas for the next 50 years! (Possible Mini-Outreach Auction included!)
- Our March Ministry is the Food Care Center. The holiday donations are nearly depleted! Please help replenish their shelves, by placing non-perishable items in the box in the Narthex. A list of needed items is available.

### Birthdays

March 11<sup>th</sup> – Lenore Guyton

## **Water Damage**

In late February, during the big freeze, nicknamed Snowmageddon, St. Christopher's suffered serious and complicated water damage from three frozen broken pipes, over three separate days. The damaged areas include much of the Education Wing, as well as the Sacristy, the Vestment room, and the Nave.

Through the arduous labor of a few our brave and hardy souls, many large shallow pools of water were evacuated, while professional remediation teams were *en route*. Insurance claims and discussions are underway. The search for contractors to repair damages from sheetrock to carpet, to cement floors, to damaged pews, is underway. The process of restoration will take quite some time, both because of its complexity and because so many other persons are requiring similar services.

All of this is sad. It is hard. It is exhausting. It is frustrating. These are times that test both our faith and our patience. Thus, I ask each person who calls St. Christopher's his or her parish home, to offer both prayers and patience, both skills and financial support. There is much to do!

We will bounce back, with lessons learned. When it is safe, we will joyfully regather. Until then, stay tuned to our Sunday services on Facebook (or In-Person in the Parish Hall), and direct any questions to the office, or your Wardens, Judy and Michael.

May the Lord's every blessing, and the peace which passes all understanding, be upon us.

- *Fr. Steve*

### **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 will continue to be both Live and Virtual (“Facebook Live”), in the Parish hall at 9:30, each Sunday!**
- *Please remember: Our gathering limit is 50 – 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: March 7<sup>th</sup> – Team B, March 14<sup>th</sup> – Team C

Readers/Lectors: March 14<sup>th</sup> – Jayne Doxsey & Penny Gillespie  
March 21<sup>st</sup> – Dave & Holly Miller  
March 28<sup>th</sup> – George & Judy Van Riper (Palm Sunday)

VOD/Ushers: March 14<sup>th</sup> – Larry Taylor or Michael Blomquist  
March 21<sup>st</sup> – Judy Van Riper  
March 28<sup>th</sup> – Jayne Doxsey (Palm 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.*

**Please Support St. Christopher’s !!**

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

**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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**The Preschool had their Scholastic Book Fair this past week.** Thank you for shopping at our book fair this week! We have extended our online book fair until March 20th. Feel free to send this link to grandparents, aunts, uncles, etc.

The Virtual fair starts 3/7/21 and runs through 3/20/21. Books delivered straight to you and we get 25% back for those orders. <https://www.scholastic.com/bf/stchristopherps>

**Month of March**

[Irish-American Heritage Month](#)  
[National Nutrition Month](#)  
[National Women's History Month](#)

**March 7<sup>th</sup>**

[National Cereal Day](#)

**March 8<sup>th</sup>**

[International Women's Day](#)

**March 9<sup>th</sup>**

[National Barbie Day](#)

[National Meatball Day](#)

**March 10<sup>th</sup>**

[National No Smoking Day](#)

[National Pack Your Lunch Day](#)

**March 11<sup>th</sup>**

[National Funeral Director and Mortician Recognition Day](#)

**March 12<sup>th</sup>**

[Alfred Hitchcock Day](#)

[National Girl Scout Day](#)

**March 13<sup>th</sup>**

[National K9 Veterans Day](#)

**Managing Coronavirus in the Diocese of Texas – February 2021**

**Texas Winter Storm info:** <https://www.epicenter-prepare.org/winter-storm>

For more information, see the Diocesan website: <https://www.epicenter.org/health-resources/>  
COVID-19 Vaccinations: <https://www.epicenter.org/article/helping-ensure-access-to-the-underserved-through-new-covid-19-vaccination-hub-at-texas-southern-university/>

COVID-19 Hub on the Diocesan Website: <https://www.epicenter.org/resources/covid-19-hub/>

**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/>