



# THE UNIVERSITY PARISH OF CHRIST SUN OF JUSTICE

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July 16,

2023:

Fifteenth Sunday in  
Ordinary Time

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## MASS/LITURGY SCHEDULE

### DAILY MASS

Mon—Thurs 5 PM

### WEEKEND MASS

SATURDAY VIGIL 5 PM

SUNDAY 10 AM ([livestream on YouTube](#))

The Sunday night Mass will resume in August.

**CONFESSION** The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available by appointment with Fr. Larry at [chaplain@rpi.edu](mailto:chaplain@rpi.edu) (Saturday Confession will resume AUG. 26)

## MASS INTENTIONS

Consider having a Mass said in thanksgiving, for the intentions of another person (ex. birthday), or, most common, for the repose of the soul of someone who has died. Complete the form [here](#) or a hard copy form can be found in the C+CC hallway.

## CSJ BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

Please join us for our next book discussion meeting on Wednesday, July 19, 6:30-8:30 pm in the lounge to discuss Matthew Kelly's book, "Life is Messy" Everyone is welcome to participate! Join us each month for a new book. Contact Grace Reale with questions or future suggestions at [graceereale@gmail.com](mailto:graceereale@gmail.com)

## COLLECTIONS

Your continued generosity is appreciated! Here are ways to give...

- Mail your collection envelope and/or your check **made payable to Christ Sun of Justice** or place in the collection basket.
- Make an [online donation](#) ("Mass donation" in the comments section.)
- Venmo: At offertory time (or any time, really!) you can use your Venmo app to give to "csjparish". If it is for a special collection, just note that in the comments box.

## A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE by Bud Ozar

The stress and anxieties of family life are like "thorns which choke off" any opportunity to reflect on God's presence in our lives. Notice in today's gospel Jesus "left the house" so He could connect with His Father. Grasp five minutes each day to appreciate God walking with you.

## MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

*Romans 12:6 "In his grace, God has given us different gifts for doing certain things well."*

**WELCOME PICNIC** The Welcome Picnic is scheduled for Sunday, September 3rd, after the 5:00pm Mass. Sign up sheets are posted in the hallway of the C+CC for set up, clean up, cooks, and food contributions. Please use the sign up sheet for food contributions so we have a variety of offerings. If you have any ideas or questions regarding the event, please contact Traci Griffin at [grif-fin.traci.a@gmail.com](mailto:grif-fin.traci.a@gmail.com). If you have always wanted to volunteer and didn't know what to do, this event is for you. It takes all of us to welcome the students of RPI back for the semester and it is also a great time for all of us to get to know each other and help grow our church community.

**COFFEE HOUR** During the summer months we will have a coffee hour after the 10 am Mass on the second Sunday of the month only. Help is always needed and a sign up sheet is posted on the bulletin board.

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES** Drive through food distribution: Tuesday, JUL. 25 at Lansingburgh Boys & Girls Club, 504 4th Ave, Troy. More information can be found [here](#) or for a ride please email Fran at [lighthousetroy1@aol.com](mailto:lighthousetroy1@aol.com)

## NOTES

**BLUE DOORS** We have recently removed our old blue fiberglass doors and will be offering them for sale to the highest bidder! We have 6 doors in various sizes and window options. We are accepting bids through the month of July and will award the sale on July 31, 2023. A site visit can be arranged to inspect the doors. Please contact Kevin at [krolik2@rpi.edu](mailto:krolik2@rpi.edu) or call 518-274-7793 for more information.

**OFFERTORY ENVELOPES** We have offertory envelopes available for the upcoming liturgical year for those who would like them. Please contact Mary Crangle Nagy at [cranglemary@gmail.com](mailto:cranglemary@gmail.com) or 518-439-5547 to arrange to get a box.

**OUR LADY OF VICTORY** Giant Parish Garage Sale Friday, July 14 and Saturday, July 15 9 AM—3 PM in the Parish Center (handicapped accessible) at 55 North Lake Ave, Troy. We have: Collectibles, Barbie dolls, Tools, Lawn & Garden, Christmas, Household Items, Cabinets, Bookshelves and so much more!

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Readings can be found in multiple ways:

- Web: <https://bible.usccb.org/>
- Sign-up for a daily email with a link to the day's readings: <https://bible.usccb.org/daily-bible-reading#subscribe>
- On the Hallow app
- In the Bible

**July 16 Sun:** Is 55: 10-11; Ps 65: 10, 11, 12-13, 14; Rom 8: 18-23; Matt 13: 1-23

**July 17 Mon:** Exod 1: 8-14, 22; Ps 124: 1b-3, 4-6, 7-8; Matt 5: 10; Matt 10: 34 – 11: 1

**July 18 Tue:** Exod 2: 1-15a; Ps 69: 3, 14, 30-31, 33-34; Ps 95: 8; Matt 11: 20-24

**July 19 Wed:** Exod 3: 1-6, 9-12; Ps 103: 1b-2, 3-4, 6-7; Matt 11: 25; Matt 11: 25-27

**July 20 Thurs:** Exod 3: 13-20; Ps 105: 1 and 5, 8-9, 24-25, 26-27; Matt 11: 28; Matt 11: 28-30

**July 21 Fri:** Exod 11: 10 – 12: 14; Ps 116: 12-13, 15 and 16bc, 17-18; Jn 10: 27; Matt 12: 1-8

**July 22 Sat:** Song 3: 1-4b or 2 Cor 5: 14-17; Ps 63: 2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 20: 1-2, 11-18

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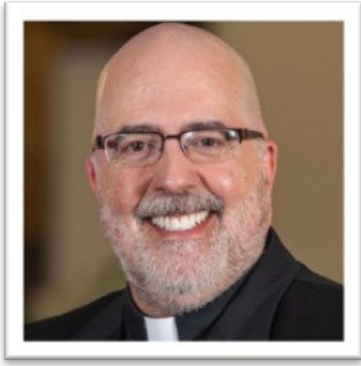
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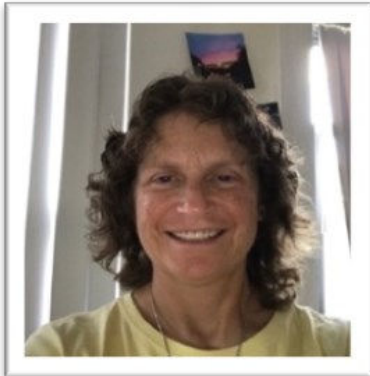
With the summer travel season upon us, many Catholics will begin their journeys and pilgrimages with a prayer for the intercession and protection of St. Christopher, the traditional patron saint of travelers. St. Christopher has always been one of the most popular saints, and one of the most mysterious.

According to legend, Christopher was a tall, Roman man, almost a giant. When he became a Christian, he sought out a saintly hermit, to ask what to do with his life. The hermit suggested he go to a local river with a dangerous crossing, and assist travelers across the swift current on his back. One day a small child asked to be carried across, and as Christopher carried him, he found him extraordinarily heavy. The child revealed himself to be Jesus Christ, who then baptized Christopher, and told him to plant his staff in the ground, where it became a fruit-bearing tree. When many people converted to Christianity because of this miracle, the local king had Christopher killed, and so he is venerated as a martyr. In Christian art and iconography, St. Christopher is depicted as a tall man, usually with a tree, branch, or staff, and carrying the Christ Child.

The difficulty with the legend of St. Christopher is that all we have is legend. There is no reliable historical verification of his existence. Even his name, which means "Christ-bearer" seems mythical. And his burial place is unknown-- which is unusual for a time when the graves of the martyrs were well marked, and venerated.

In 1969, the Vatican removed Christopher's feast day from the Church calendar. It never said he's not a saint, since we don't really have a process for such a declaration, but given his lack of historical attestation, his feast day and his cult have been suppressed.

If, while you're traveling, you feel like a prayer to St. Christopher is appropriate, I wouldn't worry about his status. I'm sure that in heaven there's someone named Christopher, who would be happy to interceded for you.



### SPIRITUAL SEEDS

by Tracy Watson, RPI Associate Catholic Chaplain

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#### Sacred Spaces

What does your sacred prayer space at home look like? What elements have you incorporated into it? How has it changed over time? What sorts of tips might you share with students when they return to campus at the end of August? I'd love to hear them!

Praying for you a good week! ~Tracy

#### Got a suggestion? A question?

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