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**Sunday, May 12, 2019**  
**Sunday of Easter**

**4th**

In today's first reading from the Acts of the Apostles we hear how Saints Paul and Barnabas are driven away from Antioch in Pisidia. They then turn to **the Gentiles who are "delighted ...and glorified the word of the Lord."** **This incident illustrates a fundamental principle of God's kingdom. Namely that the Gospel often involves a reversal of human principles.** So, for example, in this passage a persecution doesn't result in stopping the Word of God but actually leads to a spread of the Gospel. Other examples are many of Jesus sayings such as "The first will be last and the last will be first." and "If you want to save your life you need to lose it." St. Paul wrote: "It is when I am weak that I am strong." In the Christian life "failure" in a human way of thinking can lead to the greatest success. This principle applies preeminently to Easter. The "failure" of Jesus dying on the cross leads to His Resurrection and His triumph over sin and death. Therefore, Christians need not fear failure. The Lord can use it to bring forth new life.

**HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY** - Fr. Paul, Brother Stephen, Brother Gary and the entire staff of the parish wish each and every mother a VERY blessed and Happy Mother's Day. Thank you for all that you do.

**ORDINARY MASS SCHEDULE:**

**Saturday** - 4:00 PM,  
**Sunday** - 10:00 AM (Spanish) 12:00 (English)  
**Monday thru Friday** - 12:05PM

**MASS INTENTIONS:**

**Saturday, May 11, 4:00 PM – For the repose of James E. Dempsey, requested by John Dempsey**  
**Sunday, May 12, 10:00 AM - For the health of Ramona Reyes, requested by Regla Soto**  
**Sunday, May 12, 12:00 PM - For the University Parish of St. Christopher**  
**Monday, May 13, 12:05 PM - For the repose of Ann McCallum Mellor, requested by Tom Mellor**  
**Tuesday, May 14, 12:05 PM - For Msgr. Albert Contons as he celebrates his 95<sup>th</sup> birthday, requested by Fran Zaleskas**  
**Thursday, May 16, 12:05 PM - For the repose of Dorothy Harris, 5<sup>th</sup> month memorial, requested by parishioners**  
**Friday, May 17, 12:05 PM – For the health of William A. Dempsey, requested by John Dempsey**

**CONFESSIONS** – Saturday 3:15-3:45, ordinarily after the 10:00 AM Sunday Mass, and by request.

**BIENVENIDO PADRE CARLOS SUAREZ:** Damos la bienvenida de nuevo al P. Carlos Suárez de la Arquidiócesis de Boston, quien es el celebrante de la misa en español esta semana. P. Carlos fue ordenado para el servicio de la Arquidiócesis de Boston en 2011. Actualmente se desempeña como Asistente Director de la Oficina de Vocaciones de la Arquidiócesis. Gracias P. Carlos por estar con nosotros!

**MASSACHUSETTS BISHOPS STATEMENT** – The Bishops of Massachusetts recently released a statement about legislation pending on Beacon Hill seeking to expand abortion in the Commonwealth. A copy of this statement, and one issued by Cardinal Sean on this issue, are available in the back of the church.

**RECEIVING COMMUNION** – If one receives communion in the hand after receiving the consecrated host immediately **consume the host in the presence of the minister**. Thank you for your anticipated cooperation.

**SECOND COLLECTION** – This week's Second Collection assists with the costs incurred with the Spring maintenance of the grounds surrounding the church and rectory. Your support is greatly appreciated.

**SERVICE TRIP** - Experience a Service Retreat for adults in one of the poorest regions of our country on the annual Adult Appalachian Service Trip to Eastern Kentucky on July 13-20, 2019. An informational meeting will take place on **Friday, May 31<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 pm** to Our Lady Help of Christians Church, 573 Washington Street, Newton, MA (McPherson Room), or call Fr. Ed Riley @ 617-746-5425.

**MARRIAGE PREPARATION** – To view the listing of marriage preparation offerings offered by the Archdiocese visit [www.bostoncatholic.org/TransformedInLove](http://www.bostoncatholic.org/TransformedInLove). Para información sobre la preparación matrimonial en Español, llame a Hna. Elsa Narvaez Rodriguez (617)746-5792.

**WORD AMONG US** – **At the entrance of the Church are free issues (English & Español) of the Easter Word Among Us** a monthly publication that includes Mass readings, articles, daily reflections etc., They have been donated in support of St. Christopher as a University Parish. Feel free to take one!

**SPECIAL EASTER COLLECTION** – The Easter collection benefits our priests in good standing, especially our senior priests, (e.g. Fr. George) who have been helping others for decades, including people like Hector, a young man who was living in his car with little food to eat. Fr. Paul O'Brien encouraged Hector to follow his dream of attending college and was there to help him every step of the way. His is a remarkable story of hope. **Learn more and see Hector's story at [clergytrust.org](http://clergytrust.org)**. If you have not given to this collection and would like to envelopes are in the back of the Church or you can give online at **[clergytrust.org](http://clergytrust.org)**. Thank you!

**CORI FORMS** – All employees and volunteers (e.g. readers, Eucharistic minister, religious education teachers, ushers etc.) who assist at the Parish need to submit a CORI form annually. If you have not yet done so, please contact Megan at [admin@stchristopherchurch.org](mailto:admin@stchristopherchurch.org) to make arrangements to complete this required form.

**CADA JUEVES: ROSARIO & GRUPO DE ORACIÓN CARISMÁTICO (ESPAÑOL):** El Rosario a las 6:00 PM y el Grupo de Oración de 7:00 - 8:30 PM - Oraciones al Espíritu Santo, Perdón, Sanacion peticiones y cantos de alabanzas. Si desea hacer el Rosario en su casa, comuníquese con Jose Villalta (617) 749-6144. Para obtener información sobre el grupo de oración carismático, llame a Mercedes Vasquez al 857-237-2991 o Regla Soto al 617-319-2719.

**BAPTISM PREPARATION** – Jesus said: “Let the little children come to me.” The next scheduled date for the Baptism of children is **Saturday, May 25**. If you are interested in having a child baptized please contact Regla Soto, at 617-319-2719 to make the necessary arrangements.

**THANK YOU FROM FR. PAUL** – Thank you to all who have expressed sympathy on the passing of my father Frank. I, and my family, appreciate your kindness and we received much consolation from your cards, expressions of sympathy, support and assurance of prayers. Your expressions of sympathy and support made a sad situation so much more bearable. Thank you!

**2019 CATHOLIC APPEAL** – The 2019 Catholic Appeal Goal for St. Christopher is \$9,298. **To date \$4,462** has been contributed by parishioners. Thank you to all who have contributed. If you have not yet had the opportunity to donate there are envelopes in the back of the Church or you can visit [bostoncatholicappeal.org](http://bostoncatholicappeal.org). You can view the Appeal’s 5-minute video at their website, or at the Parish website. Thank you!

**PARISH CONTACT INFORMATION** – There are four parish email addresses. To contact Fr. Paul, please use **[pastor@stchristopherchurch.org](mailto:pastor@stchristopherchurch.org)**. For Parish Office items please use **[office@stchristopherchurch.org](mailto:office@stchristopherchurch.org)**. For Megan Haile, the administrative assistant, please use **[admin@stchristopherchurch.org](mailto:admin@stchristopherchurch.org)**. For UMass Boston Catholic Campus Ministry please use: **[campusministry@stchristopherchurch.org](mailto:campusministry@stchristopherchurch.org)**.

**OFFERTORY ENVELOPES:** Thank you to those who use offertory envelopes and/or who give a weekly sacrificial offering. If for some reason you do not receive the envelopes or if you are new to the parish, please let us know. If you have moved, please provide us with your new address. If you are not here on a weekend, please return your donation by mail or on the following weekend. Your weekly offertory is critical to the parish.

**OFFERTORY:** \$1,083.60