

ST. CHRISTOPHER'S PARISH



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OUR MISSION STATEMENT

St. Christopher's Parish is a believing community committed to manifesting Christ's love through celebrating the sacraments, sharing gospel values, serving one another and all who hunger for Jesus.

PASTORAL TEAM

Pastor:	Rev. Scott R. Young
Associate Pastor:	Rev. Jaime Perea Castro
Permanent Deacon:	Deacon Terence Da Silva
Permanent Deacon:	Deacon Michael E. Minkowski
Pastoral Assistant:	Michelle Brylowski
Youth Minister:	Levy Anne Ramos
Music Director:	Michelle Brylowski
Parish Secretary:	Eleonora Bettio
Accounting:	Arnold Rego
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BAPTISM

Second and fourth Sunday of every month by appointment at 1:45 p.m. Parents are asked to take a baptismal class. You may prepare for the sacrament three months before the birth of your child.

MARRIAGE

Couples planning to be married must contact a priest one year in advance. They must also receive personal preparation for entering marriage. Do not book a hall or choose music until you have spoken to the priest. If either party has previously gone through any form of civil or religious marriage with another person, the priest is not permitted to set a date for the wedding until the Bishop's office has been consulted.

CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS & CHILDREN

Those wishing to become Catholic or learn more about the Catholic faith are invited to contact us.

LITURGY OF THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

At all weekend Masses.

MOTHERS' GROUP

Third Wednesday of the month in the Msgr. Hickey Lounge at 7:00 p.m. Contact: jen@catholicmomsgroup.com

BIBLE SHARING GROUP

Wednesday mornings in the JC Room at 9:30 - 11:15 a.m. Mid-September through May.

LEGION OF MARY

Thursday mornings in the JC Room at 9:30 a.m.
Tuesday evenings in the JC Room at 7:00 p.m.

EDGE YOUTH MINISTRY

For youths in Grades 6, 7, 8
First and Third Friday nights of the month in the parish hall from 7:00 to 9:00pm

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Fourth Monday of the month in the parish hall at 8:00 p.m.

RELIGIOUS BOOKS & ARTICLES STORE

Open after the Saturday 5:00 p.m. Mass and all Sunday Masses

PARISH SCHOOLS

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SUNDAY EUCHARIST

Saturday: 5:00 p.m.
Sunday: 8:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday to Saturday: 9:00 a.m.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 10:00 a.m.

COMMUNION TO THE SICK & SHUT-INS

Call parish office for home visit.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

By request through the parish office.

PARISH OUTREACH PHONE NUMBER

416-580-3982

Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



ANNUAL PRE-CHRISTMAS RELIGIOUS SALE Weekend of November 23/24 Parish Hall after all Masses **VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED**

- to help set up the hall on Saturday, November 23rd after the 9 am mass;
- at the sale - if you can help after one or two Masses that weekend, it would be appreciated!

If you can help on any of these dates with any of these projects, please call the parish office.

ATTENTION STUDENTS: *Opportunity for community service hours!*

Advent Reflections with Carolyn Burles & Lilia D'Ovidio

1. **Sunday, Nov. 24th from 2:00 pm to 3:30 pm**
in the church hall

"Advent: Another Way of Seeing"

Come with us to explore this season of anticipation. Take some time out for you! Meet new people. Breath & prepare.

2. **Thursday, Nov. 28th from 9:45 am to 11:15 am**
in the church hall

"A time out for stillness and peace"

Time for sharing, reflecting and contemplation... Give yourself a gift! Hope to see you there.

Bishop Barron on the Mass PROGRAM CONTINUES

The Parish is presenting a six part series on the Mass, based on a CD program made by Bishop Barron. The program discusses each element of the mass, explaining what these mean and why they are significant. Discussion is facilitated by Deacon Mike together with Deacon Miguel DaSilva from St. Martin of Tours Parish.

The program is being held Wednesday evenings in the Parish Hall at 7:30 p.m. and continuing on the following nights: **November 13 & 27. All are welcome!**

Upcoming events at St. Christopher's Parish Mass of Remembrance

Monday, November 11 at 7:30pm

Annual Pre-Christmas Religious Sale

Weekend of November 23/24 after all masses

The **Catholic Moms Group** will be meeting on **Wednesday, November 20th at 7pm**. We will be hosting Sonia Comisso who will be speaking on "How Faith Has Carried Me Through Family Illness and Hardship." Please RSVP to jen@catholicmomsgroup.com by November 18th .

Prayer Corner

This week, please pray for the following people:

For those who are sick: Ilse Luetke Mary Badali

For those who have died

Jim Allen Josephine Lim Elliott Turcott
Catherine Nemesfalvi Slawomir Laczcka



CHRISTMAS CARING AND SHARING

St. Christopher's has a long and meaningful tradition of reaching out to the less fortunate at Christmas and we invite you to become part of that tradition.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Choose an ornament from our 'Giving Tree' and help provide:

1. **Christmas dinner (white ornaments):** Donate grocery gift cards. Each family will receive an amount which reflects the size and makeup of their family. Client preferred Grocery stores: Metro (*Food Basics*) and President's Choice (*No Frills & Loblaw's*)

2. **Christmas gifts (coloured ornaments):** Donate department store gift cards in denominations of your choice. The gift cards for each child will be given to the parents who can then shop personally for their children. Client preferred Department store: WalMart.

**Please be aware when choosing gift cards that our clients use public transportation.

WHEN TO DROP OFF DONATIONS?

Gift Cards: please place in the collection basket at any mass, or bring to the parish office as soon as possible but **before December 9th, 2019**. This enables us to determine the number of families we can assist.

Please attach the receipt to the gift card and print the **\$\$\$ amount on each card**. (Please return unwanted ornaments for re-use. Thank you).

Donations to Compass (non perishable food and toiletries) Drop off in vestibule at anytime.

MANY THANKS ON BEHALF OF ALL WHO WILL BENEFIT FROM YOUR CARING AND SHARING

DO YOU NEED CHRISTMAS HELP

If your family needs help or if you know of anyone needing assistance at Christmas time, please call **416-580-3982**. Be assured that your identity and address will be kept strictly confidential.



Christmas Pageant

Rehearsals for the Children's Christmas Pageant will begin **Sunday, Nov 17th from 3:00 p.m. until 4:30 p.m.** and continue each Sunday until Christmas.

All children are welcome to participate. We will find a role for everyone! The Christmas Pageant Mass is on Dec. 24th at 4:00 p.m.

Knights of Columbus upcoming events

- Christmas Card & Cake Sale:
Nov 16/17 & 23/24
- Children's Christmas Party: Sunday, Dec. 8





Shepherds' Trust Collection

As members of our Catholic community, we regularly benefit from the tireless service of our priests. In this Jubilee Year of Mercy, we remember how they have been tangible instruments of the Lord's mercy in our lives. Called by God and ordained to care for His people, our priests serve our families, in churches, schools, hospitals, nursing homes, missions and on the streets. The Shepherds' Trust ensures our priests can live their retirement years with dignity.

The Shepherds' Trust collection will take place in all parishes in the Archdiocese during the weekend of November 16/17. Envelopes will be available in all the entrances of the church the weekend of November 9/10.

This fund does more than just support our priests in their retirement years; it represents a very tangible gesture of thanks for the blessings we have received. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.



We invite you to a
MASS OF REMEMBRANCE
Tomorrow, Nov. 11th at 7:30 pm

We will pray for all of our loved ones who have been called to Eternal life with our Lord, and in particular those of our parish family who have died this past year. Come with your families to celebrate together.

St. Christopher's Church family
Welcomes all senior parishioners to our
3rd Annual Christmas Luncheon
on Saturday, December 7th, 2019
from 12:00 am to 2 pm.

Young seniors, adult seniors and senior seniors are all invited. We have a limit of 70 persons so please call the office to reserve a place at the table. Our luncheon will be held in the Parish Hall

*****RSVP by Thursday, November 28th*****

For more information or to register for the lunch, please call the parish office at 905-822-1171 or smerko@archtoronto.org



First Communion & Reconciliation

The Sacrament of Reconciliation and First Communion are first offered to children in grade 2.

Our preparation for these sacraments begins in February 2020. First Communion parent information meetings:

Monday, Dec. 16th or Tuesday, Dec. 17th at 7 pm

This Week at St. Christopher's Parish

Monday, November 11

9:00 am - Mass (Fernanda Leone - D)
10:00 am - Yoga Chair Class - Main Hall
5:30 pm - Confirmation - Main Hall
7:30 pm - Mass of Remembrance - Church
7:30 pm - K of C - Exec./Serv. Mtg - Main Hall

Tuesday, November 12

9:00 am - Mass (Florisa & Amedeo Perfetto - D)
5:30 pm - Confirmation - Main Hall
7:00 pm - Legion of Mary - JC Room
7:00 pm - New Beginnings - Msgr. Hickey Lounge
7:00 pm - Choir Practice - Church
7:00 pm - RCIA - Meeting Room "A"

Wednesday, November 13

9:00 am - Mass (Suzanne & Chukri Karakand - D)
9:30 am - Bible Sharing - JC Room
7:30 pm - Bishop Barron on Mass - Main Hall

Thursday, November 14

9:00 am - Mass (Victor Lopez - D)
9:30 am - Legion of Mary - JC Room
7:30 pm - Choir Practice - Church

Friday, November 15

9:00 am - Mass (Martie Way - D)
7:00 pm - New Beginnings - Msgr. Hickey Lounge

Saturday, November 16

9:00 am - Mass (Amadeo Alcantara - D)
(Piermaria's husband - D)
(Barbara Doiron - D)
(Special Intention)
10:00 am - Sacrament of Reconciliation - Church
5:00 pm - Sunday Mass
K of C cards & Christmas Sale after Mass

Sunday, November 17

Sunday Masses - 8:30am, 10:00am & 12noon
K of C cards & Christmas Sale after Masses

Greetings. Noon mass music director Justin and friends will be hosting a **Christmas concert & sing-along on December 1st at 4:00 p.m.** in the sacristy to usher in the Christmas season. There is no ticket price but there will be a good will offering to raise money for a young man in Kenya to complete his masters. It will be a fun event with refreshments afterwards. Please mark it in your calendars. Thank you!

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