

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
Sacristan:	Narda Van Dyk



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



**Advent Reflections
with Carolyn Burles & Lilia D'Ovidio**

- 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.
- 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 night: **November 27. All are welcome!**

Cardinal Collins thanks you for living the Gospel

"Even before the foundation of the Toronto diocese in 1841, the Catholic community has been serving those among us who are poor, sick and marginalized. This legacy continues, stronger than ever, through ShareLife. Your support enables ShareLife agencies to provide mental health services, assist isolated seniors, aid young mothers, and offer summer camp opportunities for vulnerable youth. Without you, ShareLife could not fulfill its mission to live the Gospel by providing for those in need." – Cardinal Thomas Collins

Prayer Corner

This week, please pray for the following people:

For those who are sick:

Joe & Eileen Tauskela Teresa Masellis

For those who have died

Daniel Langloise

**"It is Advent and, along with Nature,
we are a people waiting."**

Gertrude Mueller Nelson

Join us for a morning to reflect on the gifts that Advent brings to us - anticipation, hope, and becoming. We will meet after daily Mass on **Thursday, November 28th** in the parish hall to have coffee and to spend the morning with our former pastoral assistant, Carolyn Burles, 9:45 to 11:30 a.m. Elevator is available if anyone requires assistance.

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



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!



Knights of Columbus upcoming event

Children's Christmas Party: **Sunday, Dec. 8**



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.



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 & Loblaws*)

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.

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

Parish Outreach Number: 416-580-3982

Item needed: used vacuum cleaner.

This Week at St. Christopher's Parish

Monday, November 18

9:00 am - Mass (Victoria Pascual - D)
10:00 am - Yoga Chair Class - Main Hall
5:30 pm - Confirmation - Main Hall
7:00 pm - Youth Choir practice - Church
7:30 pm - K of C Exec./Serv. Mtg. - Msgr. Hickey Lounge

Tuesday, November 19

9:00 am - Mass (Abbey Leon - 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 20

9:00 am - Mass (Frank Yorke - D)
9:30 am - Bible Sharing - JC Room
7:00 pm - Mothers' Group mtg. - Msgr. Hickey Lounge
7:30 pm - K of C 4th degree - Main Hall

Thursday, November 21

9:00 am - Mass (Deceased Legionaries)
9:30 am - Legion of Mary - JC Room
6:00 pm - Edge - Main Hall
7:30 pm - Choir Practice - Church

Friday, November 22

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

Saturday, November 23

9:00 am - Mass (Deceased Legionaries)
(Neil Pereira - D)
(Timothy Gauthier - D)
(Anna & Henry De Souza - Spec. Int.)
10:00 am - Sacrament of Reconciliation - Church
5:00 pm - Sunday Mass
Annual Pre-Christmas Sale after Mass in the Main Hall
6:30 pm - Life Teen - Msgr. Hickey Lounge

Sunday, November 24

Sunday Masses - 8:30am, 10:00am & 12noon
Annual Pre-Christmas Sale after all Masses - Main Hall

Starting NEXT weekend

2020 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

(regular donation boxes & PAG special collection boxes) will be available in the Parish Hall.

If you are currently using 2019 envelopes, there will be a 2020 box of offertory envelopes for you identified with your name & address. The boxes will all be in alphabetical order. Please make a point to pick up your box asap. As well, please only start using them in **JANUARY 2020**.

If you did not use a box of envelopes this year, and would like a set for 2020, please call Eleonora at 905-822-1171 during parish office hours.

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