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

St. Christopher	Antoinette Hilario, Princ.	905-822-0721
St. Helen	Paul Basran, Princ.	905-822-4564
St. Louis	Laura DiGiambattista, Princ.	905-822-8251
St. Luke	Linus O'Neil, Princ.	905-274-2760
Iona Catholic S.S.	Carl Cini, Princ.	905-823-0136





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.

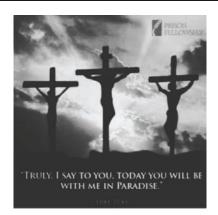
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By request through the parish office.

PARISH OUTREACH PHONE NUMBER 416-580-3982

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Advent Reflections with Carolyn Burles & Lilia D'Ovidio

Sunday, Nov. 24th 2:00 pm-3:30 pm (in Msgr. Hickey Lounge)

"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 9:45 am -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.

A Warm Welcome to our catechumen seeking to be a member of our Church (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) Last Sunday we welcomed an adult who is

seeking to deepen her spiritual life within our Catholic Christian faith community. We joyfully celebrate the first liturgical Rite in her journey towards Christian initiation into the Roman Catholic Church.

The **Rite of Acceptance into the Order of Catechumens** gives candidates for Baptism an opportunity to publicly express their desire to come to know God and the way of the Gospel. In return the church blesses them and marks them with the sign of the cross.

We acknowledge her desire to become one with us, warmly welcome her into our faith community, and promise our prayerful support.

Carmel Heights Christmas Bazaar

Sunday, November 30 from 9:30 am to 2:00 pm

Carmel Heights, 1720 Sherwood Forrest Circle, Mississauga. Our Christmas Bazaar: Christmas trees, decorations, jewelry, white elephant, craft items, religious items, pictures framed, vases, etc.

Prayer Corner

This week, please pray for the following people:

For those who are sick: Liz Allan

For those who have died Fordil Khan Eileen Tauskela Doris O'Brien

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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

Bishop Barron on the Mass

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. November 27 is our last one. All are welcome!

Christmas Pageant Rehearsals for t



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.

ANNUAL PRE-CHRISTMAS RELIGIOUS SALE This Weekend after all Masses

- Religious Articles & Books
- Advent Candles
- Christmas cards & cakes sold by K of C
- Right-to-Life Christmas Cards
- Sunday Missals 2019/2020 (Living with Christ)
- St. Christopher's T-Shirts.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

to usher at the 10 am mass. If able to assist, please contact the parish office at 905-822-1171. Thank you.



Knights of Columbus upcoming event

Children's Christmas Party: Sunday, Dec. 8



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?

<u>Gift Cards:</u> 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).



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 25

9:00 am - Mass (Lalitha Miranda - D) 9:40 am - Rosary Apostolate Mtg. - Msgr. Hickey Lounge 10:00 am - Yoga Chair Class - Main Hall 5:30 pm - Confirmation - Main Hall 7:00 pm - Youth Choir practice - Church 7:45 pm - K of C General Mtg. - Main Hall

Tuesday, November 26

9:00 am - Mass (Agostino & Pasqua DeDominicis - D) 5:30 pm - Confirmation - Main Hall 7:00 pm - Legion of Mary - JC Room 7:00 pm - Choir Practice - Church 7:00 pm - RCIA - Msgr. Hickey Lounge

Wednesday, November 27

9:00 am - Mass (Annamaria Carnevale - D) 9:30 am - Bible Sharing - JC Room 7:30 pm - Bishop Barron on Mass - Main Hall

Thursday, November 28

9:00 am⁻ Mass (Gloria Cote - D) 9:30 am - Legion of Mary - JC Room 9:45 am - Morning of Reflection - Main Hall 7:30 pm - Choir Practice - Church

Friday, November 29

9:00 am - Mass (Joyce Gignac – D) 7:00 pm - New Beginnings - Msgr. Hickey Lounge

Saturday, November 30

9:00 am - Mass (Piermaria's sisters - D) (Leticia Co - D) (Avril Fernandes & Carmen De Melo - Spec. Int.) (Wong Family - Spec. Int.)
9:00 am - Confirmation Preparation - Main Hall
10:00 am - Sacrament of Reconciliation - Church
5:00 pm - Sunday Mass

Sunday, December 1

Sunday Masses - 8:30am, 10:00am & 12noon

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.

