

# 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
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Pastoral Assistant:	Michelle Brylowski
Youth Minister:	Levy Anne Ramos
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Parish Secretary:	Eleonora Bettio
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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](mailto: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
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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

## First Sunday of Advent

Happy 1st week of Advent!



### Advent Wreath Prayer

The following prayer may be said each evening of the week before the evening meal or at a time when the family is gathered together:

*Loving God, source of all Light, hurry and send your spirit to us so that, noticed or unnoticed, we may give warmth and light to each person we meet this holy season. We ask this, through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Offering  
Envelopes

**2020 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES**  
(regular donation boxes & PAG special collection boxes)

are 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.

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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

### Thank you!! Thank you!!

A big thank you to all volunteers that helped with our Religious Christmas Sale last weekend. We couldn't do it without you!

### Prayer Corner

This week, please pray for the following people:

#### For those who have died

Anne Kerivan Harry Glowinsky Josephine Flech



### CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE



#### Fourth Sunday of Advent

Saturday, Dec 21: 5 pm  
Sunday, Dec. 22: 8:30 am, 10 am & 12 noon

#### CHRISTMAS EVE

Tuesday, Dec. 24:

Pageant: 3:30 pm

Mass times: 4:00 pm, 6:30 pm, 9:30 pm & 12 midnight

Christmas Caroling Concert: 9 pm

#### CHRISTMAS DAY

Wednesday, Dec. 25: 10 am & 12 noon

Thursday, Dec. 26: 10 am

#### Holy Family

Saturday, Dec. 28: 5 pm

Sunday, Dec. 29: 8:30 am, 10 am & 12 noon

#### SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

Tuesday, Dec. 31: 5 pm

Wednesday, January 1: 10 am & 12 noon

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS are hosting ...

### CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

**NEXT Sunday, December 8th**



All children are invited to have a visit with Santa in the parish hall after all Masses on Sunday December 8th **only**. Children need to be accompanied by a parent. There will be treat bags for children and a complimentary picture with Santa.

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS, ALTAR SERVERS, LECTORS & MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY Christmas Eve, Christmas Day & New Year's Masses

We need your help with these special celebrations. Please sign up in the sacristy. For the Ministers of Hospitality, your sign up poster is in the Usher's area.



### Theology On Tap

If you are between the *ages of 19 & 29*, have questions about faith and life, and enjoy a good brew every now and then, join Theology On Tap.

The schedule for events is posted on a bulletin board at all the entrances of the church.

West: Boston Pizza, 50 Courtney Park Dr. E., Mississauga  
**Monday, Dec. 9th, 2019 @ 7 pm:** "Sunday Worship & Sunday Rest" with Fr. Charles Egbulefu - Associate Pastor, Transfiguration of our Lord.



## CARING & SHARING

Christmas is a wonderful opportunity to share God's love with others in our community.

You are invited to extend your giving to the families we hope to help this year. Let us join together each of us giving a little, so that many others will awake to a merrier Christmas.

### PLEASE DROP OFF DONATIONS NEXT WEEKEND

**Gift Cards:** please place them in the collection basket, or bring to the parish office as soon as possible but *by December 9th, 2019.*

*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 The Compass:** Drop off in vestibule of church at any time.

### 2019 Income Tax Reminder

For income tax receipt purposes, all donations received by **January 2, 2020** will be included in your 2019 income tax receipt.

Any donations, even dated Dec. 2019, received after January 2, 2020 will be included in your 2020 income tax receipt. 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. 9th or Tuesday, Dec. 10th at 7:30 pm**

### ARCHDIOCESAN DAY OF CONFESSIONS

On **Wednesday, December 18th, 2019**, we will be celebrating a **Day of Confessions throughout the Archdiocese of Toronto.** Preparation for and the celebration of Confession allows us to set aside disruptive ways, to be renewed in heart and spirit, to be reconciled with our God who abounds with gracious, gentle tenderness.

On December 18th, in our parish, the schedule for confessions will be: **10:00 am to 12:00 pm & 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm.**

On **Friday, December 20th**, in our parish, the schedule for confessions will be at **7:00 pm** (last one before Christmas).

### This Week at St. Christopher's Parish

#### Monday, December 2

9:00 am - Mass (Imelda Hendrick - D)  
10:00 am - Yoga Chair Class - Main Hall  
5:30 pm - Confirmation - Main Hall  
7:00 pm - Youth Choir practice - Church

#### Tuesday, December 3

9:00 am - Mass (Elvazia Russo - 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, December 4

9:00 am - Mass (Imelda Hendrick - D)  
6:30 pm - St. Christopher School Advent Mass-Church

#### Thursday, December 5

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

#### Friday, December 6

9:00 am - Mass (Joe Robillos - Spec. Int.)  
9:30 am - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
11:00 am - Benediction

#### Saturday, December 7

9:00 am - Mass (Piermaria's parents - D)  
(Tadeo Family - D)  
(Jim Allan - D)  
(Josephine Lim - D)

10:00 am - Sacrament of Reconciliation - Church  
12:00 pm - Seniors' Christmas luncheon - Main Hall  
5:00 pm - Sunday Mass

#### Sunday, December 8

Sunday Masses - 8:30am, 10:00am & 12noon  
K of C children's Christmas party after all masses-Hall  
3:00 pm - Christmas pageant rehearsal - Church



### Christmas Pageant

Rehearsals for the Children's Christmas Pageant **Sundays from 3:00 p.m. until 4:30 p.m.** until Christmas.

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

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