

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

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

Happy 2nd week of Advent!



Advent Wreath Prayer

Two purple candles are lit and the following prayer is said:

Loving God, Source of all Light as we prepare, for the coming of Your Son, let us reflect your life in all that we say and do. Give us the strength to change our ways, rid ourselves of angry thoughts, bitter words, and selfishness and anything that distracts us from Your light in us. Amen.



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.

PRE-AUTHORIZED GIVING (PAG)

Just as your home must be maintained and your family cared for while you are away, so also your parish home and family need your on-going care and support. To make your financial support seamless, consider participating in the Pre-Authorized Giving programme.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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

Prayer Corner

This week, please pray for the following people:

For those who are sick:

Norbert Miranda Fr. David Connolly



CARING & SHARING

**** THIS WEEKEND ****

Please drop off gift card donations at any mass **this weekend** or drop off at parish office on Monday, December 9th.

A big thank you from all who will benefit from your Caring & Sharing.



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.**

GRIEF & LOSS RETREAT DAY

Saturday, Dec. 14th, 2019

During this retreat day at Queen of Apostles in Mississauga, our loving God will attentively walk with us and gently lead us to experience His healing touch. Endings can become beginnings. Call 905-278-5229.

CHRISTMAS COLLECTION

This collection will be taken up at all Christmas Masses. Envelopes are available at all the doors.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

2019/20120 SUNDAY MISSALS \$ 4.00/each

available in the Religious Books & Articles Store on weekends and the Parish office during the week.

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.

Hello concert goers! Due to the severe weather on December 1st, Justin and his choir decided to postpone the Christmas concert/sing-along for safety reasons. The show must go on and so it has been re-scheduled for **Sunday, December 15th at 4:00 p.m.** Come and ring in the Christmas season with cheerful song and merriment. Refreshments will be served after the concert. There is no ticket price, but a good will offering will be collected to help a young man in Kenya pursue his university studies.



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

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.

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).

Accommodation needed by Dec 20th/2019. For a single mature lady. If able to help, please call 647-760-7295. God bless and thank you.

This Week at St. Christopher's Parish

Monday, December 9

9:00 am - Mass (Wieslaw Hutny - D)

10:00 am - Yoga Chair Class - Main Hall

5:30 pm - Confirmation - Main Hall

7:30 pm - First Communion Meeting - Church

Tuesday, December 10

9:00 am - Mass (Abbey Leon - D)

5:30 pm - Confirmation - Main Hall

7:00 pm - Legion of Mary - JC Room

7:30 pm - First Communion Meeting - Church

Wednesday, December 11

9:00 am - Mass (Joyce Gignac - D)

7:00 pm - Choir Practice - Church

7:00 pm - Mothers' Group Mtg. - Msgr. Hickey Lounge

Thursday, December 12

9:00 am - Mass (Fr. Scott Young - Spec. Int.)

9:30 am - Legion of Mary - JC Room

7:30 pm - Choir Practice - Church

Friday, December 13

9:00 am - Mass (Eutiquia Lopez - D)

6:00 pm - Edge - Main Hall

Saturday, December 14

9:00 am - Mass (Piermaria's family - Spec. Int.)

(Rita McCallum - D)

(Marcilia De Souza - D)

(Kenneth Arathoon - D)

9:00 am - Confirmation preparation - Main Hall

10:00 am - Sacrament of Reconciliation - Church

5:00 pm - Sunday Mass

Sunday, December 15

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

1:00 pm-K of C/FAM JAM children's Christmas party-Hall

3:00 pm - Christmas pageant rehearsal - Church

4:00 pm - Justin's concert - 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. 24th at 4:00 p.m.



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