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: Ministry with Maturing Adults 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 Sue Merko 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.

COMMUNION TO THE SICK & SHUT-INS Call parish office for home visit.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK By request through the parish office.

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PARISH OUTREACH PHONE NUMBER 416-580-3982





Silent Retreat for Women at Manresa Pickering Fri., March 13 to Sun., March 15 - 7 to 1 pm Manresa Jesuit Spiritual Renewal Centre 2325 Liverpool Rd., Pickering

Silent Retreat for Men at Manresa Pickering Fri., March 20 to Sun., March 22 - 7 to 1 pm Manresa Jesuit Spiritual Renewal Centre 2325 Liverpool Rd., Pickering

Phone: 905-839-2864 Email: registration@manresa.ca WEB: www.manresa-canada.ca Please call for more information

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED to take Holy Communion to the Roman Catholic residents at Sheridan Villa on Sunday mornings.

This ministry is done in pairs and you would be assigned to bring communion to the residents on <u>one floor</u> at the Villa. You would be scheduled about once a month. If you can help, please call the parish office. Thank you!



Happy Valentine's Day!

Young Disciples Retreat

Youth, male & female, aged 12-17 are invited to attend a Young Disciples Retreat themed Love in Service on Saturday, March 7 from 8:30-2:30 at St. Edward the Confessor parish in North York. The day will include Holy Mass, reflection talks, recreation, and lunch at no cost. Please register in the parish office and visit vocationstoronto.ca for more information on this wonderful retreat!

Prayer Corner

This week, please pray for the following people:

For those who are sick:

Estefania Presciutti Marion Wilson

For those who have died:

Lawrence Clement Deacon Joseph McTeague



World Day of the Sick

On February 11th, the Church celebrates WHEN I WAS I World Day of the Sick. If you have someone for whom you would like to pray, please fill out one of the cards with that person's name. Cards are

available on the table near the Baptismal font. Please place the card in the basket provided and we will pray for all whose names have been listed, at 9 a.m. Mass on Tuesday, February 11th.



Knit 'n Natter

Calling all knitters, whether you are a beginner or experienced.

If you knit or crochet, if you want to learn the basics of knitting, if you have a project

that you never quite finished, join us on Wednesday, February 12th in the Msgr. Hickey Lounge at 1 p.m. with your knitting projects to meet with fellow crafters. We hope to meet on consecutive Wednesdays to enjoy friendship and learning.

Coming this month...

The Journey to Joy program for Maturing Adults



Week 1: Loving and Respecting Yourself Joyful people accept themselves freely.

Week 2: Healing the Past.....Letting Go of Hurts Joyful people let go of the past.

Week 3: Let the Sunshine in Joyful people are positive thinkers.

Week 4:Using our gifts...Realizing our dreams Joyful people live out their passions and are excited about life.

Week 5: Moving On....Taking risks Joyful people are risk takers.

Week 6: Faith and Reflection Joyful people believe in a power greater than themselves.

You may attend all or as many of the sessions that interest you. Join us beginning February 13 every Thursday morning at 10 a.m. in the Msgr. Hickey lounge as we explore how to find and grow a more joyful spirit.

Programme facilitator: Barbara Ashcroft is a certified spiritual director (Regis College), retired educator, grandmother and a St. Christopher parishioner.

To register for the programme or to find out or about any of the sessions please call Sue Merko at the parish office, 905-822-1171

2019 Income Tax Receipts

were mailed this past Tuesday to those who have contributed more than \$50.00. Anyone who has contributed less than \$50 may request a receipt by contacting the parish office.

ShareLife Parishioners who participate in our parish's Pre-Authorized Giving Program (PAG) will soon receive a letter from ShareLife. If you are not currently making your ShareLife gift via PAG, you are encouraged to sign up. And, if you already use PAG for ShareLife, please consider increasing your gift to help those who rely on your generous support.



New Beginnings Presents: Annulments 101

Learn about the Catholic Marriage Tribunal, the annulment process and the Declaration of Nullity.

Key Note Speaker: Fr. Alex Laschuk, JCD, Ph.D. Location: St. Christopher's Church

Date & Time: Monday March 30, 2020 @ 7:00 pm Register at: https://annulstc.eventbrite.ca or call Arcangelo Limanni, MRE (416) 587-7687

Come and See Weekend March 13 - 15, 2020 at St. Augustine's Seminary

Inviting single Catholic men 17 years and older, to cultivate a deeper prayer life and relationship with Jesus Christ. Register online at <u>www.vocationstoronto.ca</u>. Registrants 17 years old require parental consent. For more information, please contact the Office of Vocations at 416-968-0997; or email: <u>vocations@archtoronto.org</u>.



Knights of Columbus Annual Mardi Gras Celebration

When: Sat., February 15th following 5 pm Mass
Games, Prizes, and Dancing
Dress up in your Mardi Gras best!
Food and Drinks included
\$20 adults/\$10 Youth (13-18)/free 12 & under
Limited number of tickets available



Theology on Tap For young adults 19-39

Next Meeting: Monday, February 10th @ 7 pm Subject: Divorce

With Fr. Alexander Laschuk, Judicial Vicar Where: Boston Pizza at 50 Courtney Park E. in Mississauga

This Week at St. Christopher's Parish

Monday, February 10

5:30 pm - Family Gathering - Main Hall 7:30 pm - K of C Exec./Serv. Mtg. - Msgr. Hickey Lounge

Tuesday, February 11

9:00 am - Mass (Peter & Jozefa Malarczuk - D) (Barbara Ferraro—Spec. Int.)
9:30 am - Tuesday Morning Coffee - Msgr. Hickey Lounge
7:00 pm - Choir Rehearsal - Church
7:00 pm - RCIA - Main Hall
7:00 pm - Legion of Mary - JC Room
7:00 pm - New Beginnings - Msgr. Hickey Lounge

Wednesday, February 12

9:00 am - Mass (Cathy Stamper- D) 9:30 am - Bible Sharing - JC Room 1:00 pm - Knit 'n Natter - Msgr. Hickey Lounge 5:30 pm - Family Gathering - Main Hall

Thursday, February 13

9:00 am - Mass (Claudette Johnson - D) 9:30 am - Legion of Mary - JC Room 10:00 am - Journey to Joy - Msgr. Hickey Lounge 6:00 pm - Jr. Edge - Main Hall 7:30 pm - Choir Rehearsal - Church

Friday, February 14

9:00 am - Mass (William Sy & Filomena Endrina - D)

Saturday, February 15

9:00 am - Mass (Maria Teresa Teles & Manuel Fontes-D) (Tom Carter - D) (Cathy Stamper - D) (Danuta Polenceusz - D) (Sr. Margaret McGrath - Spec. Int.)
10:00 am - Sacrament of Reconciliation - Church
5:00 pm - Sunday Mass
K of C Annual Family Mardi Gras following 5 pm Mass-Hall
6:30 pm - LifeTeen - Msgr. Hickey Lounge

Sunday, February 16

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

Dancing for The Compass

Dancing for The Compass was a big success on Saturday January 25. It was a sellout with over 250 people attending! \$2,395 was raised through the raffle and a total of \$5,915 can be turned over to The Compass. The food and raffle were kindly sponsored by Raymond James Ltd. Thank you for your support of this great community fundraiser!

Parish Outreach Number: 416-580-3982 Items needed:

Clothes drying rack and tree hanger, Shoe rack, Bundle buggy, Room Air purifier, Fan, Small step ladder, Folding table, Chest of drawers or dresser, Room divider, Book shelves, Smart tv and tv stand, Meat grinder and Printer. **Thank you.**

