

# 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             |
| Ministry with Maturing Adults: | Sue Merko                   |
| 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](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

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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

### LENT & the 4 Practices

Next Wednesday, we enter into the Season of Lent. During this season, we have added practices that help us to grow closer to God and deepen our own spiritual lives.

#### Fasting

The practice of fasting and abstaining from meat is a traditional way to maintain the penitential character of Lent. In Canada, Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fasting and abstaining from meat.

But it is more than just developing control around food. Spiritual fasting reminds us of our hunger for God. We may want to reflect on some of these opportunities for fasting: fast from judging others, fast from anger, fast from worry, fast from idle gossip. This Lent, let us fast and become more alert to the activities of God in our life.

#### Abstaining

**Abstaining** from meat is for those 14 years of age and older. **Fasting** is for those 18-59 years of age. In the purest of definitions it means to refrain from eating meat as an act of penance and sacrifice. In Canada on the other Fridays of Lent, other than Good Friday we MAY substitute abstinence from meat with special acts of charity or piety. You may wish to cut down on meals and join those innumerable people in our community and across the world who cannot afford to eat meat and the money saved you can dedicate to an organization that helps those in need. You may also think about making a meal and bringing it to someone who is sick or homebound.

#### Prayer

When we pray we raise our minds and heart to God, in short we converse with God. Lent is an opportunity to make a more conscious effort to pray daily and with more regularity. Make Sunday Eucharist the source and summit of your week. Possibly this Lent look at the readings before you come to celebrate. Make a decision to gather with your family for the Stations of the Cross each Friday, or come to our Lenten Reflection series. This Lent, begin to read a passage of Scripture daily.

#### Almsgiving

The giving of Alms is much more than giving money to the poor or your favourite charity. We can give of our time, our talent and our treasure. Time: We can give time to our children, our parents, our grandparents. We can volunteer at a parish event or other organization. Talent: All have been blessed with talents. We can cook a meal for shut-ins, offer to help someone with spring cleaning, or with their homework. Treasure: How do you share your treasures, both the things that you own and the money you earn? Could you offer more of a donation during Lent?

***To what Lenten Practices  
will you remain faithful this Lent?***

### Lenten Luncheon

Come and join us every **Wednesday** during Lent from **12 noon to 1 p.m.** for a simple lunch of soup and bread. As we eat a meal together, we will share ideas about how we can make Lent an experience of love and grace. If you are curious about how to make Lent a positive way to prepare for Easter, we believe that sharing with fellow parishioners will give us wonderful ideas for finding a meaning and direction for our Lenten journey.

Father Scott will be contributing his famous pot of soup each week. If you would like to make a pot of your own homemade soup to share with us, please feel free to add it to our lunch menu.

Our Lenten luncheon will be served on Wednesday, March 4, 11, 18, 25 and on Wednesday, April 1 at 12 noon sharp in the parish hall.

Coming this month...

#### **The Journey to Joy**

program for Maturing Adults



#### **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

### Prayer Corner

This week, please pray for the following people:

**For those who are sick:** Margaret Foley

**For those who have died:**

Margaret Mary Forget    Margaret Johnston  
Gilda Ciccarelli        Debbie Jollymore



MATTHEW 5:44

*Jesus said,  
Love your*

# ENEMIES



## ASH WEDNESDAY

February 26

MASS TIMES: 9:00am; 12:30pm; 7:30pm

### ShareLife How has your gift to ShareLife made a difference?

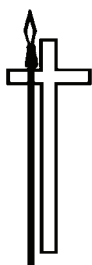
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## STATIONS OF THE CROSS



If you would like an opportunity for service hours or just want to have fun, join us on **Saturday, April 4th at 6:30 pm** in the church and **Good Friday, April 10th at 4:30 pm** in the hall to rehearse the Stations of the Cross. Acting, singing, or just be part of the crowd,.... There is a part for everyone!!

The Stations will be presented Good Friday, April 10th at 7:30pm.

### Church Bulletin Advertising

Liturgical Publication will be setting up the advertisements for our parish bulletin. The advertising will begin April 2020 and supports the bulletin service. Please support the bulletin and advertise your product/service by calling Liturgical Publications at 905-624-4422.

Parish Outreach Number: 416-580-3982

**Items needed:** Room Air purifier, Fan, Room divider, Book shelves, Smart tv, Meat grinder and Step stool.

## This Week at St. Christopher's Parish

### Monday, February 24

7:45 pm - K of C General Mtg. - Mail Hall

### Tuesday, February 25

9:00 am - Mass (Cathy Stamper - D)

(Sue Merko - Spec. Int.)

9:30 am - Tuesday Morning Coffee - Msgr. Hickey Lounge

5:30 pm - K of C Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner-Hall

7:00 pm - Choir Rehearsal - Church

7:00 pm - Legion of Mary - JC Room

7:00 pm - New Beginnings - Msgr. Hickey Lounge

### Wednesday, February 26

9:00 am - Mass (James Pierce - D)

9:30 am - Bible Sharing - JC Room

12:30 pm - St. Christopher School Lenten Mass

1:00 pm - Knit 'n Natter - Msgr. Hickey Lounge

7:30 pm - RCIA - Main Hall

7:30 pm - Mass

### Thursday, February 27

9:00 am - Mass (Annamaria Carnevale - 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 28

9:00 am - Mass (Hans Brenninkmeyer - D)

7:00 pm - Mass (Anna Kisilewicz - D)

7:30 pm - Stations of the Cross - Church

### Saturday, February 29

9:00 am - Mass (Maureen Honan - Spec. Int.)

(Da Silva Family - Spec. Int.)

(Elzbieta Jagiello - D)

(Johanna Sarmany—Spec. Int.)

(Leonardo Logiudice - D)

9:30 am - Family Gathering - Main Hall

10:00 am - Sacrament of Reconciliation - Church

5:00 pm - Sunday Mass

6:30 pm - LifeTeen - Main Hall

### Sunday, March 1

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

### Church Community Volunteers (CCV)

is a registered charity that provides important services to people in this community as they navigate the challenges of old age or diminished health. Specifically, we offer transportation to and from medical appointments for those who have no other way to get there. We also support health and fitness activities for residents of Sheridan Villa.

If you are interested in volunteering or if you know someone who could use our services, please reach out to us. We are actively seeking volunteers for our programs including driving, telephone reception and fun and fitness at Sheridan Villa. For more information, please call (905) 822-3377 or email us at [ccvenquiry@gmail.com](mailto:ccvenquiry@gmail.com)

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