

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. Omar Daza Hernandez
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

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

Third Sunday in Lent



"A Samaritan woman came to draw water. Jesus said to her, 'Give me to drink.'"

John 4:8

PARISH CONFESSION DATES



Tuesday, March 31st

10:00 am to 11:30 am

7:00 pm to 8:30 pm

Monday, April 6th at 7:00 pm

Tuesday, April 7th at 7:00 pm

Wednesday, April 8th at 7:00 pm

There will be NO scheduled Confessions for the remainder of Holy Week.

ShareLife Living the Gospel by helping young mothers

Kristen was 17 when she found out she was pregnant. Worried she wouldn't be able to graduate from high school, she reached out to Rose of Sharon. At this ShareLife-funded agency she was able to focus on school work with the help of child minding by the agency. Kristen graduated and was accepted into the medical administration program at Seneca College. "Without Rose of Sharon," says Kristen, "there's no way I would have believed college was a possibility."

March 29 is ShareLife Sunday. Please give generously.



St. Christopher's **Knights of Columbus** would like to thank all the parishioners and their families who contributed to our recent

Bottle Bank campaign. Thanks to your generous donations, we were able to raise over \$3,500, and the monies raised help us to continue to support many worthy charities in our own community.

New Beginnings Presents: **Annulments 101**

St. Christopher's Church

Monday March 30, 2020 @ 7:00 pm

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

Register at: <https://annulstc.eventbrite.ca> or call Arcangelo Limanni (416) 587-7687

Prayer Corner

This week, please pray for the following people:

For those who are sick:

Henrika Vandevalk Danielle Peterson
Tony Rosario

For those who have died:

Mary Kelly Michael De Pinto Joao Amaral



CELEBRATION OF THE SCRUTINIES

Our Elect, who are preparing for Baptism at Easter, will celebrate the Scrutinies over the next 3 Sundays. Surrounded with the prayer of our Christian community, they look at what might be obstacles to their relationship with Jesus.

The Church provides for these prayers to be said, helping us to understand that healing is a process which does not happen all at once.

Along with our Elect, let us all ask God to free us from every evil and strengthen us in what is good.

The Journey to Joy (program for Maturing Adults)

Week 6: Faith and Reflection

You may attend all or as many of the sessions that interest you. Join us **every Thursday morning at 10 a.m. in the hall** 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

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 18, 25 and on Wednesday, April 1 at 12 noon sharp in the parish hall.

Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre

Women's Lenten Retreat March 20-22, 2020

Theme: In the Spirit of Quietude

Where: Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre, Mississauga

For more information please call 905-278-5229.

WEEKDAY MASS

Monday - Thursday: 9:00am

Friday: 9:00am & 7:00pm

Saturday: 9:00am

Lenten
Schedule

RECONCILIATION: Saturdays at 10:00am

STATIONS OF THE CROSS:

Following Mass on Friday evenings:

Mar 20, 27, Apr 3 & 10

Proposed Expansion of Euthanasia

On Monday, February 24, 2020, the federal government introduced Bill C-7, an Act to Amend the Criminal Code (Medical Assistance in Dying).

**Nurture Life, Oppose Death on Demand!
Contact Your Member of Parliament Today!**

The federal government has tabled legislation to expand what they refer to as medical assistance in dying but is more accurately called euthanasia/assisted suicide. More than 13,000 Canadians have been euthanized since 2016. New legislation would make assisted death available to those without life-threatening illnesses including those with disabilities and those no longer capable of making decisions for themselves. Some Canadians may even be euthanized on the same day they make the request. Visit www.helptheliving.ca to send a letter (prepared for you) to your Member of Parliament expressing deep concern. The process takes less than 5 minutes. More information can also be found at: www.archtoronto.org/euthanasia. We continue to pray and advocate for the vulnerable among us.

Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Preventative Measures in Place

The Archdiocese of Toronto continues to work with health officials to monitor the local situation regarding active cases of the coronavirus (COVID-19). At this time, Cardinal Collins has asked all parishes to implement the following measures:

- At the Sign of Peace, refrain from shaking hands – a simple bow, nod or “Peace be with you” to your neighbour is appropriate.
- For parishes offering communion under both species, forgo the distribution of the Precious Blood from the chalice for the congregation at this time.
- Parishes should ensure that those distributing communion wash their hands or use hand sanitizer before and after the distribution of communion.

Please also continue to practice healthy hygiene – wash your hands with soap or use hand sanitizer regularly, remain home if you are sick, sneeze/cough into your sleeve and avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth. Let us continue to care for ourselves and one another as we pray for all those impacted worldwide by COVID-19

This Week at St. Christopher's Parish

Monday, 16 March

9:00 am - Mass (Andrew & Kazimiera Patrzalek - D)
9:40 am - Rosary Apostolate Mtg. - Msgr. Hickey Lounge

Tuesday, 17 March

9:00 am - Mass (Cathy Stamper - D)
9:30 am-Tuesday Morning Coffee - Msgr. Hickey Lounge
11:30 am - Mixed Bridge - Main Hall
7:00 pm - Choir Rehearsal - Church
7:00 pm - Legion of Mary - JC Room
7:00 pm - New Beginnings - Msgr. Hickey Lounge

Wednesday, 18 March

9:00 am - Mass (Noel Devost - D)
12:00 pm - Lenten Lunch - Hall
1:00 pm - Knit 'n Natter - Msgr. Hickey Lounge
7:00 pm - K of C 4th degree - Main Hall

Thursday, 19 March

9:00 am - Mass (Cathy Stamper - D)
9:30 am - Legion of Mary - JC Room
10:00 am - Journey to Joy - Main Hall
7:30 pm - Choir Rehearsal - Church

Friday, 20 March

9:00 am - Mass (Alejandro Libaque - D)
7:00 pm - Mass (Josephine Lim - D)
7:30 pm - Stations of the Cross - Church

Saturday, 21 March

9:00 am - Mass (Andrew Campbell - D
(Dorothy Michaud & Frances O'Malley - D)
(Henrika Vandevalk - Spec. Int.)
10:00 am - Sacrament of Reconciliation - Church
5:00 pm - Sunday Mass

Sunday, 22 March

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

PARISH REVENUES AND EXPENSES FOR 2019

*A heartfelt thank you to all who have been
so generous throughout 2019*

A detailed statement of revenues and expenditures for 2019 is available at the front entrance of the church.

MEMBERS OF ST. CHRISTOPHER'S PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL

Bob Boone Jeannette Briggs David Denomme
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Colleen Paterson

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.

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