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. Omar Daza Hernandez 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	Natalie Poerba, 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.

PARISH OUTREACH PHONE NUMBER

416-580-3982



Matthew 22.34-40

Pre-Authorized Giving (PAG) Program

Do consider contributing your offertory offerings using the PAG program. The advantage for you is your contribution is taken out automatically each month and your support to the parish is assured even when you are away. The program helps the parish to plan better through the regular and dependable flow of contributions. Contributions are withdrawn from your account on the 20th day of each month. Enrollment forms are available on the parish website at stchristophersmi.archtoronto.org. Questions? Please call the Parish Office at 905-822-1171 and we shall be delighted to assist.

THANK YOU

FOODThe Compass food drive was a hugeSuccess. The parishioners of St. Christopher'sdonated more than 3,100 pounds of food!

We are also most grateful for all the helping hands who made loading and unloading of the food an easier task.

Thank you all!

CHURCH BULLETIN ADVERTISING

Liturgical Publications will be setting up the advertisements for our church bulletin. The advertising will begin in January 2021 and supports the bulletin service. Please support the bulletin and advertise your product or service. Call Liturgical Publications at 905-624-4422.

Prayer Corner

This week, please pray for the following people: **For those who are sick:** Linda McNeil Olga Storoschuk

For those who have died:

Leonel De Sousa James Lever Vincent Varghese Fr. Thomas McReavy Evelyn Michaud MASS TIMES AT ST. CHRISTOPHER PARISH

Saturday Sunday Sunday Sunday 5PM 8AM 10AM NOON

Daily Mass Monday-Saturday at 9 am

Sunday Masses

There have been a number of changes to the way we celebrate mass, all designed to promote a safe environment for our parish community to gather and worship. We have distance measures in place in the pews and in the aisle, a procedure for the reception of Holy Communion that has been approved by provincial health officials, as well as a rigorous sanitizing routine. Congregations singing is restrained for the time being to minimize the potential spread of the virus. We must remain vigilant about concern for our neighbour during this time. Wearing a mask is **essential** and sanitizing your hands is a **must**.



K of C Bottle Bank Fundraiser

The Knights of Columbus invite all to participate in the annual Bottle Bank fundraiser campaign supporting local charities and food-banks. The 'banks' will be available in the church vestibule after all masses **Oct 31/Nov 1** and **Nov 7/8** for pickup. We will ensure strict safety protocols are in place for the distribution of the banks, as well as their return, which will be scheduled for early Jan 2021. Please consider supporting this annual campaign which helps raise vital funds to support those in need within our local community.

25 October 2020

What is happening at St. Chris!!!

CONFESSIONS

Our confessions for the time being are by appointment only. If needed, please call the Parish Office at 905-822-1171 to book your appointment with either Fr. Scott or Fr. Omar. Thank you.

Sacramental Preparation 2020-2021

Preparation programs for this coming year are still being planned. We hope to have more information available to parents and schools in the late fall describing how we will be delivering instruction for First Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation. Please pray for all those in our parish who will be preparing to celebrate sacraments this year.

Rite of Initiation for Children

This year 9 children participated in our Rite of Initiation program. Now that Baptisms are once again being scheduled in parishes, these children will soon become members of the Church. Praise God! If your child is over the age of 7 and has not been Baptized but desires to become part of God's family, please contact Michelle at 905-822-1171 for more information.

Family Gatherings

This was an interesting year for our families. We gathered together for meals and instruction during February and March, preparing for First Reconciliation, but had to suspend our gatherings before being able to celebrate First Reconciliation. Catechetical instruction for First Communion went online during April and May. Now that we are able to celebrate sacraments again, First Communions will be celebrated in October and November.

Confirmation

If your child is in grade 7, or is 12 years or older, and plans to celebrate Confirmation this year, please be advised that preparation classes will be delayed until early into the New Year. More information will be made available in the coming months.

Next two weeks at St. Christopher's Parish

Monday, 26 October 10:00 am - Mass (Loreto Lasam Jr. - D)

Tuesday, 27 October 9:00 am - Mass (Annamarie Carnevale - D)

Wednesday, 28 October 9:00 am - Mass (Michael Denis - D)

Thursday, 29 October 9:00 am - Mass (Joan Gulline - D)

Friday, 30 October 9:00 am - Mass (Peter Gronski - Spec. Int.)

Saturday, 31 October 9:00 am - Mass (Tomasa & Ignacio Morandarte - D) (Jim Allan - D) 5:00 pm - Sunday Mass

Sunday, 1 November Sunday Masses - 8:00am, 10:00am & 12noon

Monday, 2 November 9:00 am - Mass - All Saints

Tuesday, 3 November 9:00 am - Mass - All Souls

Wednesday, 4 November 9:00 am - Mass (Pasquale Battaglia - D)

Thursday, 5 November 9:00 am - Mass (Joan Gulline - D)

Friday, 6 November 9:00 am - Mass (Joseph & Mary McKenna - D)

Saturday, 7 November 9:00 am - Mass - (Linda McNeil - Spec. Int.) 5:00 pm - Sunday Mass

Sunday, 8 November

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

Youth Ministry is up and Running

Our initial plan was supposed to be an in-person gathering but, with all the new rising cases of COVID-19 in Peel, it was decided with Fr. Scott to move our ministry online.

All our sessions will run from 6:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. Please note that every 1st and 3rd Thursday it is an EDGE night and every 2nd and 4th Thursday will be a Jr EDGE night. There are no ministry nights on the 5th Thursday of the month. Reminders will be sent either the day before or the morning of.

Parents who have teenagers: our Lifeteen program will be held online every 1st and 3rd Sunday from 5:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m.

Please note that your child **needs to be registered** in order to be included in the online group. All registration forms are on our parish website. Thank you!!



