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

Meetings happening virtually via Zoom every third Thursday at 8pm. For more information, please email 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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| 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 |

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SUNDAY EUCHARIST Saturday: 5:00 p.m. Sunday: 8:00 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



R.C.I.A.

meetings online for ZOOM adults interested in becoming Catholics ARE HAPPENING on Tuesday evenings!

This is an opportunity to meet with others in a step by step process to encounter the person of Jesus Christ, His mercy, His love, and His directive to love our brothers and sisters as He loved us.

Ask questions, participate in dialogue, hear the Gospel, take time for prayer.

If you, or anyone you know would like to join us, please contact the parish office.



ZOOM meetings online ARE HAPPENING! (Wednesday mornings, 10:00 - 11:00 am) After meeting for several weeks outside, we have decided to "move inside" for the winter.

If you would like to join us, please contact the parish office.

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.

Prayer Corner

This week, please pray for the following people: For those who are sick: Carmen Hyles Michael Yip Barry Nowoselski For those who have died:

William Wright Deacon George Wilson **Updated Parish Office Hours**

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 9:30 am to 3 pm (closed for lunch 12:30pm to 1:30 pm)

CONFESSIONS

Confessions have been temporarily suspended due to new Peel Public Health restrictions.

CHRISTMAS CARING AND SHARING **INFORMATION UPDATE**

With regret, we announce that due to the challenges presented by the current public health situation, St Christopher's annual appeal for gift cards to assist the less fortunate will not take place this year.

However, the need to reach out to those in need is great. Many families are suffering economic hardship due to the loss of jobs and restrictions necessitated by the pandemic. Ever more people are turning to foodbanks to help feed their families.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

If you are in a position to do so and would like to help support struggling families this Christmas, we encourage you to make a direct donation to The Compass.

The Compass, with its tireless staff and volunteers, has done an outstanding job during these challenging times. They have created a safe and healthy procedure to ensure that their clients still are able to receive the essential food they need.

As more families are forced to seek help from The Compass this year, we encourage their website you to go on (thecompass.ca) and check out the options available to donate and support them in their efforts. For those who are unable or who prefer not to go online you may send a cheque to:

The Compass, 310 Lakeshore Road West. L5H 1G8

God bless you all.



First Week of Advent is November 29 !!!

Advent Wreath Prayer

The following prayer may be said each evening of the week before the evening meal or at a time when the family is gathered together:

Loving God, source of all Light, hurry and send your spirit to us so that, noticed or unnoticed, we may give warmth and light to each person we meet this holy season. We ask this, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sacramental Preparation 2020-21

If you have a child who is at the age to receive First Reconciliation and First Communion and/or Confirmation please note that our programs will begin in the new year. Our feeder schools will be email blasting with details. For more information regarding parent meetings, registration and program details please visit St. Christopher's website or call Michelle at the parish office.

RCIA for children

If your child has not been baptized and feels called to explore this possibility within the Catholic tradition please contact Michelle at the parish office for more details. Catechetical sessions will begin in the New Year.

First Communion Masses

We warmly congratulate the 70 children who have spent this past year in preparation to join our community at the Eucharistic table! First Communion masses were celebrated throughout the fall and were beautiful moments of deep encounter with Jesus. We pray that the Lord bless them abundantly. We ask that you keep their families in your prayers and that you continue to support them in their faith development.

Virtual Christmas Concert

You are invited to join in the festive sounds of the Advent-Christmas season with members of St. Christopher's Music Ministry! Mark your calendars for Sunday, December 13. More information will be available in the following bulletin and on St. Christopher's website.

Next two weeks at St. Christopher's Parish

Monday, 23 November 10:00 am - Mass (Cathy Stamper - D)

Tuesday, 24 November 9:00 am - Mass (Henry De Souza—Spec. Int.)

Wednesday, 25 November 9:00 am - Mass (Joan Gulline - D)

Thursday, 26 November 9:00 am - Mass (Oliver Turley - D)

Friday, 27 November 9:00 am - Mass (Annamaria Carnevale - D)

Saturday, 28 November 9:00 am - Mass - Deceased Legionaires, Gloria Cote (D), Marianna Ziolkowska (D) 5:00 pm - Sunday Mass

Sunday, 29 November Sunday Masses - 8:00am, 10:00am & 12noon

Monday, 30 November 9:00 am - Mass (Neil Pereira - D)

Tuesday, 1 December 9:00 am - Mass - (Bill Wright - D)

Wednesday, 2 December 9:00 am - Mass (Joan Gulline - D)

Thursday, 3 December 9:00 am - Mass (Elvazia Russo - D)

Friday, 4 December 9:00 am - Mass (Irene Hendricks - D)

Saturday, 5 December 9:00 am - Mass - (Piermaria Soda (D) 5:00 pm - Sunday Mass

Sunday, 6 December

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!!

