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. Joseph Rodrigues 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

Tuesday evening via conference call

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	Andrea Milanetti, Princ.	905-822-0721
St. Helen	Kelly Barton, 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. (also live) & 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

PARISH OFFICE NOW OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Monday to Friday 9 am to 1 pm

COVID-19: Maintaining Best Practices

While many Ontarians are now fully vaccinated, the rise in COVID-19 cases, particularly the Delta strain, makes the future unpredictable. We encourage all parishioners to continue to practice social distancing, frequent handwashing/sanitizing and to wear masks when interacting with people outside your bubbles. A reminder that masks are mandatory inside the church and must be properly worn while attending mass. Do what you can to prevent the spread of the virus.

CONFESSIONS

Confessions by appointment only. Please call the parish office at 905-822-1171 or email stchristophersmi@archtoronto.org to book yours.

Confirmation Celebrations

At the end of September, St. Christopher's will celebrate Confirmations for almost 70 young people. Confirmation is the final sacrament of initiation (Baptism and Eucharist are the first two), which makes the person a full member of the Catholic Church. Confirmation is very important in the life of a Catholic because it enriches them with a special strength of the Holy Spirit. Confirmed Catholics are to be true witnesses in the world, spreading and defending the faith by word and deed (CCC 1285). Please keep the candidates in your prayers!



Hear ye! Hear ye! LADIES MARATHON BRIDGE

We are looking for new members after Thanksgiving Holiday weekend for Bridge. If interested, please call Betty Pellegrin at 905-822-1584 or Kay Keenan at 905-822-4887 for more information.

Prayer Corner

This week, please pray for the following people: For those who have sick: Margaret Broden

For those who have died:

Helen Tseng Claudette DeVoe Anne Kean Tom Baldassarre Sylvia McPhee PRAVER BEGINNINGS "Behold, I make all thing new" Rev. 21:5

FAITH LOVE COMMUNITY Separated, Divorced?

If you are struggling ... you don't have to do this alone.

New Beginnings, is a ministry dedicated to assisting those who have suffered a loss through, separation and divorce. Together... we explore our grief, experience healing and renew our faith.

St. Christopher's - Support Group Start Date: Friday, October 1st 7:30pm to 9:30 pm in the Parish Hall

For more information and to register, please contact: Joanne Ross at 416-566-5633



Sunday, October 03 2021 after the 12 Noon Mass

Location: Lakeshore/Clarkson Road intersection (just outside of the CIBC Bank)

Respect Life Sunday, come out to LIFECHAIN. Show the community that EVERY Life is sacred and that Moms and their Babies deserve better than abortion. Witness to the **Truth** and **Pray** for an end to this inhumane practice which snuffs over 100,000 innocent lives annually in Canada.



Are you, or someone you know, THINKING ABOUT BECOMING A CATHOLIC?

Our weekly Tuesday evening interactive meetings will **begin September 28th**. Please contact the parish office at 905-822-1171 or <u>stchristophersmi@archtoronto.org</u> to register or for further information.

Through our RCIA gatherings and participation in Sunday Mass, adults come to learn about and experience Christian life, specifically our Roman Catholic tradition. Meet with others in the step by step process to encounter the person of Jesus Christ, to come to know his love, and to love our brothers and sisters as he loves us. Ask questions, participate in dialogue, hear the Gospel, take time for prayer.

Sacramental Preparation

Registration for First Reconciliation & First Holy Communion (grade 2+) and Confirmation (grade 7+) is now open. Parents are asked to visit the parish website for details and to download the registration form. Registration closes September 26. Preparation classes begin in October. Please email Michelle Brylowski with any questions or further inquiry at <u>mbrylowski@archtoronto.org</u>. Feel free to forward this information to friends, family, and neighbours with children who may be interested in preparing and celebrating their sacraments at St. Christopher's parish this coming year.

Baptism for Children (7+)

Parents of children who wish to enter the Catholic Church are encouraged to contact Michelle Brylowski to set up an appointment to speak about what is involved in the process for initiation into the Church. A personalized preparation plan will be tailored to your child's needs. Please email Michelle Brylowski at mbrylowski@archtoronto.org.

First Communion Celebrations

By the end of September, 120 children will have celebrate their First Holy Communion at St. Christopher's! Please keep the children and their families in your prayers. This simple prayer can be said every day, especially on Sundays: O God, your love for us, your children, is beyond our understanding. You feed us with the gift of your body and blood as food for the journey. Strengthen our faith in you and our love for you. Keep all your children close to your loving heart, in unity with your Son through the Holy Spirit. Amen.

MASS TIMES AT ST. CHRISTOPHER PARISH

SaturdaySundaySundaySunday5PM8AM10AMNOON

Daily Mass Monday-Saturday at 9 am

Next two weeks at St. Christopher's Parish

Monday, 27 September 9:00 am - Mass (Annamaria Carnevale - D) 7:00pm - Confirmation - Church

Tuesday, 28 September 9:00 am - Mass (Maria Luyten - D) (deceased members Minkowsky Family-D) 7:00pm - Confirmation - Church 7:30pm - RCIA - Hall

Wednesday, 29 September 9:00 am - Mass (Presciutti & Frasca Families - D) 9:30 am - Bible Sharing 7:00pm - Confirmation - Church

Thursday, 30 September 9:00 am - Mass (Dominga & Tadeo Family - D) 7:00pm - Confirmation - Church

Friday, 1 October

9:00 am - Mass (Peter & Jozefa Malarczuk - D) 7:00pm - Confirmation - Church 7:30pm - New Beginnings - Hall

Saturday, 2 October 9:00 am - Mass (Mildred & Rodolfo Bangquiao - D) (Stephen Jose - D) (Mary Clark - D) 5:00 pm - Sunday Mass

Sunday, 3 October Sunday Masses - 8:00am, 10:00am & 12 noon

Monday, 4 October 9:00 am - Mass (Jerry Kennedy - D)

Tuesday, 5 October 9:00 am - (Joseph Bator - D) 7:30pm - RCIA - Hall

Wednesday, 6 October 9:00 am - Mass (Maria Rosa Lages - D) 9:30 am - Bible Sharing

Thursday, 7 October 9:00 am - Mass (Abbey Leon - D)

Friday, 8 October 9:00 am - Mass (Raymond Boissonneau - D) 7:30pm - New Beginnings - Hall

Saturday, 9 October 9:00 am - Mass - (Nilla Russo - D) 5:00 pm - Sunday Mass

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

The month of October is dedicated to Our Lady of the Rosary. Please join with our parishioners as we say the Rosary online, from **Friday**, **October1 to Friday**, **October 29th**. You will find us on the parish website at <u>stchristophersmi@archtoronto.org</u>.

