

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

Administrator:	Rev. Joseph Rodrigues
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 Parish Hall at 7:30 pm. 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

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	Colleen Klein, 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. (also live) & 12:00 noon

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday to Saturday: 9:00 a.m.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday at 10:00 a.m. or by appointment

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

Second Sunday of Lent

CANDLE OFFERING INCREASE: We are happy that the lighting of our three-day votive candles at the statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary remains popular: not only on weekends, but also through the week when the church is open for mass and private prayer. As the suggested offering hasn't increased for more than 15 years, and due to yet another recent increase in the cost of the candles, we will be raising the suggested offering to **\$4.00 per candle** as of the **March 12/13** weekend. Thank you for your understanding.

We are looking to recruit new members to the **Ministry of Altar Servers**. This ministry is open to all youth, aged 8-18, and who have received their First Holy Communion; training is provided. This is a wonderful way for young Catholics to experience and participate in the faith. Please contact Levy at lramos@archtoronto.org for more details and to register.


Children's Liturgy of the Word is now being offered in-person again. For now, it will only be at the Sunday 10am mass. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Levy at lramos@archtoronto.org.

The Fresh Start Project

The Fresh Start Project began in November 2019. Its purpose is to help individuals and families have an easier transition from a shelter to a home by filling their cupboards, shelves and drawers with needed items – both new and gently used. Recently, they moved 12 clients of our partner, The Compass, into their new apartments in Lakeshore Lofts.

Further information can be found on their website: <https://www.thefreshstartprojectontario.com>

DO YOU HAVE BLESSED PALMS AT HOME FROM PREVIOUS YEARS?

 We ask that you bring your blessed palms which you brought home last year or previous years. Please place them in the container provided at the front of the church.

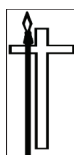
New Beginnings Divorced & Separated Group

Friday March 18th & 25th - 7:30 pm in the Hickey Lounge. All welcome. Please contact Joanne at 416-566-5633 for more information and/or to register.



Prayers for the Sick/Deceased at St. Christopher's Parish

If you or a family member is sick or deceased and would like to be prayed for, please contact the Parish Office at 905-822-1171 or email us at stchristophersmi@archtoronto.org. Names will be added to our Prayers of the Faithful on the weekend the week the call/email is received.



Stations of the Cross: Join us every Friday evening during Lent for the Stations of the Cross at 7pm, followed by mass at 7:30, and Holy Hour with Evening Prayer from 8-9pm. Every week, a different parish group will lead the Stations.

Lenten Day of Confession at St. Christopher's

is on **Wednesday, March 30**. There will be several confessors available throughout the day beginning at 10am. There will be a Reconciliation Liturgy at 7pm, followed again by individual confessions. We encourage you to avail yourself of the sacrament of Reconciliation, especially as the great celebration of Easter is quickly approaching.

Several pandemic restrictions have lifted, including social distancing. We are back to full capacity and can resume many of the pre-pandemic procedures and activities, such as congregational singing, dual communion procession line and full use of each pew. A reminder that masks **MUST** be worn while in the church.



Be sure to check out our website and social media for regular updates on parish activities and news from the Archdiocese:

<https://stchristophersmi.archtoronto.org/>

Securities as a Charitable Gift Option

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NOTE FROM FR. JOSEPH...

Saturday morning confessions are back!!!!

Regular **Saturday morning Confessions** have resumed at 10 am in the church. No appointment needed.



Holy Week at St. Christopher's

Palm Sunday

Saturday, April 9: 5:00 pm

Sunday, April 10: **8:00 am**, 10:00 am & 12:00 noon

Holy Thursday, April 14

Solemn Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper : 7:30 pm

Good Friday, April 15

Celebration of the Lord's Passion

11:00 am & 3:00 pm

Stations of the Cross - 7:00 pm

Holy Saturday, April 16

Easter Food Blessing: 2 pm

The Great Vigil and First Mass of Easter: **8:00 pm**

Easter Sunday, April 17

Resurrection of the Lord

8:00 am, 10:00 am & 12:00 noon

***Please note: The 8:30am Mass has been changed to 8am on Palm Sunday & Easter Sunday and The Great Vigil on Saturday from 8:30 pm to 8 pm ***

Lenten Series at St. Christopher's

The parish is offering a four-part series on the Seven Deadly Sins and the Seven Lively Virtues, produced by Bishop Barron and his Word on Fire evangelisation productions. The program runs on Tuesday evening from 7-9pm in the hall, beginning March 8 until March 29. There is no cost for the program but we ask that you register by emailing Michelle at mbrylowski@archtoronto.org or by calling the office. This program is a beautiful and meaningful way to deepen your own spiritual life and to engage with other parishioners.



R.C.I.A.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

A WARM WELCOME TO OUR BAPTIZED CANDIDATES

In response to God's grace, six baptized candidates are preparing to celebrate sacraments of initiation at Easter. Today they formally express their desire to deepen their relationship with Christ and the Church.

Let us pray to the Lord for them and for ourselves.



Come and See Weekend

Day Retreat - March 19, 2022 (9 am to 3:30 pm)

at St. Augustine's Seminary

Inviting single Catholic men 18 years and older, to cultivate a deeper prayer life and relationship with Jesus Christ. Register online at www.vocationstoronto.ca/comesee. For more information, please contact the Office of Vocations via email: vocations@archtoronto.org.

Weekly Mass Intentions

Mon, March 14, NO 9 am mass

Tue, March 15, 9 am - † Shawn MacIntosh

Wed, March 16 9 am - † Kazimiera & Andrew Patrzalek

Thurs, March 17, 9 am - † Bogdan Wrona

Fri, March 18, 9:00 am - † Albert Kruk

7:30 pm - † Estela Lagrimas

Sat, March 19, 9 am - † Pilar Alcantara

Sat 5 pm mass - People of the Parish

St. Joseph

Sunday, March 20, 8:30 am - Ana De Souza - Spec. Int. 3rd Sunday of Lent

10 am - † John Poleschuk

12 noon - Philomena Jose - Special Intention

What's happening at St. Chris

14 - 20 March, 2022

Tue, March 15 - 7:00 pm - Virtues - Hall

Fri, March 18

7:00 pm - Stations of the Cross - Church

7:30 pm - Mass - Church

8:00 pm - Adoration - Church

7:30 pm - New Beginnings - Hickey Lounge

Ukraine Humanitarian Relief

Ukraine has been plunged into war after the Russian invasion last week, resulting in widespread violence and a looming humanitarian crisis. In response to the request of parishioners, the Archdiocese of Toronto has launched a humanitarian relief effort to help the Ukrainian people at this time.

Those wishing to help may do so in the following ways:

- Online through the Archdiocese of Toronto website: www.archtoronto.org
- By phone via the Development Office-416-934-3411
- Through the parish, making cheques payable to: St. Christopher's Parish – Ukrainian Humanitarian Relief

Please continue to pray for the Ukrainian people and all those who suffer under the human tragedy of war. Thank you for your continued assistance.



LENTEN FOOD DRIVE for The Compass

We will be holding our annual Lenten food drive in support of The Compass at all masses on **April 2nd & 3rd**. Please bring your food donations to church on that weekend. Food drives like this help us provide all the nonperishable food and household items needed. Thank you!



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