

# 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](mailto: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

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| 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

## Third 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](mailto: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](mailto:lramos@archtoronto.org).



### 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](mailto:stchristophersmi@archtoronto.org). Names will be added to our Prayers of the Faithful on the weekend the week the call/email is received.



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

### Prayer Corner

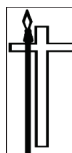
This week, please pray for the following people:

#### For those who are sick:

Salvatore Campo

#### For those who have died:

Domenico Calabrese Robert Pereira  
Fr. Edwin D'Souza Fr. Antoni Mendrela



**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. Starting Monday, March 21st the use of masks are no longer required.



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/>

## LECTORS, EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS, MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY & ALTAR SERVERS

*We need your help!*

Please sign up for Triduum celebrations with your ministry leader via email !!!

### Ways to support our Parish

Some suggestions how to support the Parish:

- Regular Sunday offertory envelopes;
- Pre-authorized giving (PAG) - automatic monthly withdrawal from your bank account,
- Occasional - pink Visitor envelopes/OR any plain envelope from home - please write your first and last name and full address.

Credit card/Online donations: go to our website [stchristophersmi.archtoronto.org](https://stchristophersmi.archtoronto.org) and click on DONATE.

*Thank you for your financial support especially during these challenging times. It is very much appreciated!*

**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 \*\*\*

**Weekly Mass Intentions**

**Mon, March 21, NO 9 am mass**

**Tue, March 22, 9 am** - Tom Stamper †

**Wed, March 23 9 am** - Felix Pinto †

**Thurs, March 24, 9 am** - Vency Fernandes †

**Fri, March 25** - *Annunciation of the Lord*

**9:00 am** - Ray Kanoza - Special Intention

**7:30 pm** - Anacleto Mancao Special Intention

**Sat, March 26, 9 am** - Noah Antonio Ferrugi †  
Annamaria Carnevale †

**Sat 5 pm mass** - Special Intention

**Sunday, March 27, 8:30 am** - People of the Parish  
*4th Sunday of Lent*

**10 am** - Holy Soul †

**12 noon** - Abbey Leon †

**What's happening at St. Chris**

*21 - 27 March, 2022*

**Tue, March 22**

7:00 pm - Virtues Lenten Programme - Hall

7:00 pm - RCIA - Hickey Lounge

**Wed, March 23**

9:30 am - Bible Sharing - JC Room

7:30 pm - Mothers' Group - Hickey Lounge

**Thurs, March 24**

6:00 pm - Edge - Hall

6:30 pm - Choir Rehearsal - Church

**Fri, March 25**

6:00 PM - Confirmation Activity - Hall

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

**Sun, March 27**

1:30 pm - LifeTeen - Hall

2:00 pm - Baptism - Church

**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](mailto: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.



**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!



**NOTE FROM FR. JOSEPH...**

Saturday morning confessions are back!!!!

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

**\*\*\*NEW - HOLY HOUR - \*\*\***

Our faith is centered on the Eucharist: the real presence of Christ who promised to remain with us always, and who gives himself to us as nourishment for our bodies and for our salvation for our souls; devotion to the Eucharist is - and has always been - a vital part of living a rich and authentic Catholic life. Every Friday evening from 7 pm to 8 pm, we will celebrate a Holy Hour in the Church beginning with *Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament* followed by *Adoration* and concluding with *Evening Prayer* of the Church and *Benediction*. We encourage you and your family to participate in the Holy Hour as a way of drawing closer to our Lord and preparing to receive him in the Sunday Eucharist.

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