

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

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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

Fourth 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.



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.



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.

Men's Lenten Retreat

When: Saturday, April 9th from 9 am to 3 pm
Where: Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre
1617 Blythe Road, Mississauga, ON
Cost: \$45.00
Contact: 905-278-5229

Prayer Corner

This week, please pray for the following people:

For those who are sick:

Jennifer Synclair Dorothy McMahon

For those who have died:

Maria Da Silva Ricardo Carlos

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 pm, and Holy Hour with Evening Prayer and Benediction from 8-9pm. On April 1st, the Stations will be lead by the Mothers' Group.

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.

FINALLY!!!! Starting on March 31st the use of masks are no longer required. 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.

St. Christopher's Pixes

If you are in possession of one of our pixes and no longer need to borrow it, kindly return it to Fr. Joseph or Narda (our sacristan) next time you come to church. Thank you!

We need you!!!!

LECTORS, EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS,
MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY & ALTAR SERVERS

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 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 ***

Lenten Series at St. Christopher's

We thank Deacon Michael and Michelle for offering Bishop Robert Barron's Seven Deadly Sins and Seven Lively Virtues Lenten series which concludes after 1 more session.

Do plan to make it. Tuesday March 29th from 7 pm to 9 pm.



LENTEEN 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.

Weekly Mass Intentions

Mon., March 28 - NO MASS

Tue., March 29, 9 am - Clementine Saldanha †

Wed., March 30 9 am - Carolyn Arnold †

Thurs., March 31, 9 am - Brian Leon - Special Intention

Fri., April 1

9:00 am - Miebeth de van der Schueren †

7:30 pm - Maria Mina †

Sat., April 2, 9 am - Hazel Verdes - Special Intention

Sat .5 pm mass - Ellen & Simplicio Jr. Morandarte †

Sunday, April 3 - *5th Sunday of Lent*

8:30 am - Suzanne & Chukri Karakand †

10:00 am - People of the Parish

12:00 noon - Holy Soul †

What's happening at St. Chris

28 March - April 3, 2022

Mon., March 28

7:30 pm - K of C General Meeting - Hall

Tue., March 29

7:00 pm - Virtues Lenten Programme - Hall

7:00 pm - RCIA - Hickey Lounge

Wed., March 30

9:30 am - Bible Sharing - Hall

7:00 pm - Lenten Day of Confession - Church

Thurs., March 31

6:00 pm - Jr. Edge - Hall

6:30 pm - Choir Rehearsal - Church

Fri., April 1

7:00 pm - Stations of the Cross - Church

7:30 pm - Mass - Church

8:00 pm - Benediction - Church

Sun., April 3

1:30 pm - LifeTeen - Hall

*****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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