

# 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: Rev. Joseph Rodrigues  
Permanent Deacon: Deacon Terence Da Silva  
Permanent Deacon: Deacon Michael E. Minkowski  
Youth Minister & Sacramental Preparation: Levy Anne Ramos  
Ministry with Maturing Adults Sue Merko  
Accounting: Arnold Rego  
Sacristan: Narda Van Dyk



### 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

### BAPTISM

The sacrament of Baptism is offered every Saturday and Sunday at 1:45 pm one family at a time by appointment. 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 the Parish Office.

### LITURGY OF THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

10:00 a.m. Mass.

### MOTHERS' GROUP

Third Wednesday of the month in the Parish Hall at 7:30 pm.  
Contact : [jen@catholicmomsgroup.com](mailto:jen@catholicmomsgroup.com)

### HOLY HOUR

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Evening Prayer -  
Every Friday at 7:00 p.m.

### LEGION OF MARY

Tuesday at 6pm & Thursdays at 10am in the JC Room.

### YOUTH MINISTRY

Jr. EDGE - Grade 3 - 5

EDGE - Grade 6 - 8

Lifeteen - Grade 9 -12

Contact Levy Anne for dates and times.

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Fourth Monday of the month in the parish hall at 8:00 p.m.

### RELIGIOUS BOOKS & ARTICLES STORE

Open every third week of each month following Saturday 5:00 p.m. and all Sunday masses.

### PARISH SCHOOLS

St. Christopher Greg Hilton, Princ. 905-822-0721

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## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Matthew 3: 1-12:  
*John the Baptist preached ... and said "I baptize in water for repentance, the one who follows me is more powerful".*



### Christmas Caring and Sharing

Caring & Sharing is a wonderful opportunity to share God's love with those less fortunate in our community. More and more families are suffering from food insecurity and are turning to food banks such as "The Compass", our outreach

partner, for assistance.

St. Christopher's has a long history of generously supporting those in need and hope to do so again this year.

#### HOW CAN YOU HELP?

1. Donation of Gift cards (Walmart, PC or Metro/Food Basics)  
Please place the gift cards in the collection baskets at all masses the weekend of December 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup> **OR** at the parish office during business hours.
2. Support 'The Compass' "Spread the Joy" campaign and donate ONLINE ([thecompass.ca](http://thecompass.ca)) or by cheque to The Compass, 427 Lakeshore Rd, East, Mississauga, ON L5G 1H8

Our heartfelt Thanks on behalf of the families who will benefit from your Caring & Sharing this Christmas,

On behalf of the parishioners, the parish office team would like to congratulate Fr. Joseph Rodrigues for his **Installation Mass as Pastor of St. Christopher!** A huge thank you to His Excellency Bishop Ivan Camilleri for celebrating with us, to all the liturgical team for organizing and taking part of the ceremony, also to all the staff & volunteers who prepared all the food and decorated the parish hall for the reception. A special thank you to all who attended the Installation Mass. It is truly a special day to witness.

Lastly, to Fr. Joseph for saying yes to becoming the shepherd of St. Christopher's, to lead the flock of the parish. We are all praying for you!

### WEEKLY SCHEDULE | MASS INTENTIONS | CELEBRATION OF SAINTS

Tues. Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> -

**St. Nicholas, Bishop**

9 am – Estela & Danilo Yumang† & Holy Soulst

Wed. Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> -

**St. Ambrose**

9 am – Wade Pribble†

10 am – Rosary Apostolate ( Hickey Lounge)

Thurs. Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> -

**Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

9 am – Rizalino Santos

Fri. Dec 9<sup>th</sup> -

**St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin**

9 am – Leonardo Logiudice

Sat. Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> -

9am – Wencelaus M. Rodrigues

5 pm – Bruno Ballestrin & Francesco Contarin

Sun. Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> -

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent**

8:30 am – People of the Parish

10 am – Sheikh Family

12 pm – Marcellina Battagin†

2 pm – Baptism of Kamsiyochukw Onwordi

3 pm – Christmas Pageant Rehearsal

#### Prayer Requests:

*For those who are sick:*

**Ann Onyschuk      Jean Sych**

If you or a family member is sick or deceased and would like to be prayer for, please contact [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.

#### Mass Intentions:

We are glad to announce that St. Christopher's has been granted permission to offer multiple mass intentions for a mass. We will be offering multiple intentions for a mass  
Tues & Sat at 9am only.

### Youth Ministry

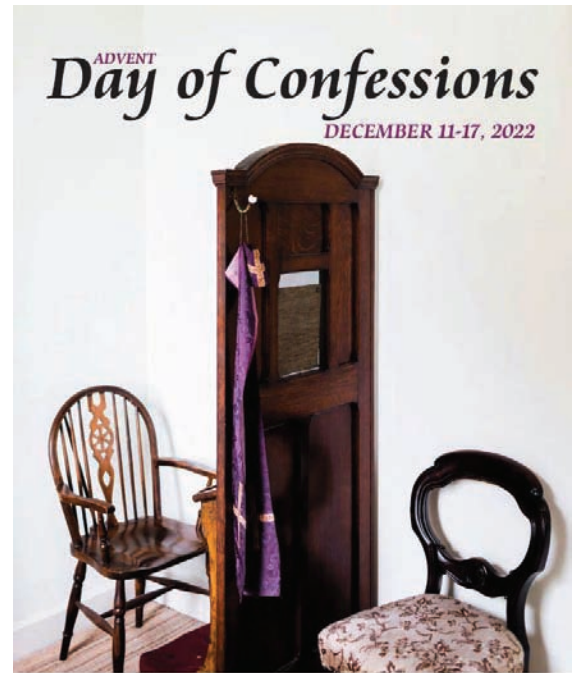
We ask that you pray for those who are preparing for Confirmation & First Communion/ Reconciliation as they continue to journeys of faith in Jesus. May they be filled with His knowledge, wisdom and grace.

JR Edge (Grade 3 – 5) Thurs. Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> at 6pm in the Hall  
EDGE (Grade 6 – 8) Thurs. Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> at 6pm in the Hall  
Lifeteen (Grade 9 -12) Sat. Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> at 5pm in the Church

We are still looking for kids **ages 4-11** to take part of our **2022 Christmas Pageant!** Kids get the opportunity to present the Birth of Jesus on Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> before the Christmas Vigil mass. Next rehearsal is on Sun. Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> in the main church at 3pm.

#### VOLUNTEER HOURS AVAILABLE!

Need volunteer hours? Reach out to Levy at [lramos@archtoronto.org](mailto:lramos@archtoronto.org).



Our parish date and time(s):

**Friday December 16th, 2022  
3:00 pm to 8:00 pm.**

Visit [www.archtoronto.org/confession](http://www.archtoronto.org/confession) for more dates and times at parishes in your area.



### HE WHO SINGS, PRAYS TWICE!

The Adult Choir is planning to sing at the 9pm mass on Christmas Eve this year – join the choir and raise your voice in God’s praise, singing some of the most beloved songs during the most wonderful time of the year. Rehearsals will be on Thursday evenings in the main church at 7pm, beginning in December. Contact Darryn at the piano for details and get involved!

### **Giving Tuesday and the 2022 ShareLife \$1 Million Matching Gift Program**

November 29 is Giving Tuesday, a global generosity movement that encourages people to give to charities and those in need. With the 2022 ShareLife \$1 Million Matching Gift Program, Giving Tuesday is your chance to double your donation and your impact.

Until December 31, all contributions to the Parish Campaign will be matched by an anonymous donor up to a total of \$1 million. We hope this initiative will encourage those who have not given yet, as well as those who have given reduced amounts this year, to make a year-end gift to support the vulnerable members of our community.

To participate, parishioners can give at [sharelife.org/donate](http://sharelife.org/donate) or at the parish by using the ShareLife envelopes.

### **Holy Name of Mary College School –**

Holy Name of Mary College School, an independent Catholic school for girls (grades 5-12), is now accepting applications for the 2023-2024 academic year. Begin your application today by visiting [apply.hnmcs.ca](http://apply.hnmcs.ca). Deadline to apply is November 30, 2022.

Need based financial aid is available. For more information call Giselle Fernandes at 905-891-1890 ext. 103.

### **Bereavement Day of Retreat**

Saturday, December 10 – 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. EST  
Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre  
1617 Blythe Road, Mississauga

Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre is offering a Bereavement Day of Retreat. Theme: **“Let the healing hands of Jesus bless you with peace and Healing”**

Preached by the centre team.

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office@qoa.ca COST: \$45 includes lunch.**



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