

# 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



### 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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### 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.

## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Matthew 11: 2-11:  
*'Look, I am going to  
send my messenger  
before you;*

*he will prepare your  
way before you."*

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

**Mon. Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> - No Mass**

**7:30 am** – Mississauga – Lakeshore By-Election  
(Church Hall)

**Tues. Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> -**

**St. Lucy**

**9 am** – Bernard De Souza†

**Wed. Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> -**

**St. John of the Cross**

**9 am** – Saturnino Pascual†

**6 pm** – St. Christopher Catholic School  
Advent Liturgy

**7 pm** – Knights of Columbus 4<sup>th</sup> Degree (Hall)

**Thurs. Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> -**

**9 am** – Peter & Jozefa Malarczukt

**10 am** – Rosary Apostolate:

St. Christopher's Catholic School

**Fri. Dec 16<sup>th</sup> -**

**9 am** – Carolyn Arnold†

**3 pm** – Day of Confessions

**7 pm** – Holy Hour

**Sat. Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> -**

**9am** – Rita McCallum†

**5 pm** – Mary Rose Wost†

**Sun. Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> -**

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

**8:30 am** – Holy Souls†

**10 am** – People of the Parish

**12 pm** – Halina Wisniewska†

**3 pm** – Christmas Pageant Rehearsal



### 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,

*Fr. Joseph Rodrigues wishes to thank each and every one of you who joined in the Solemn Installation celebration. Thank you for all those who helped in at the Holy Mass and at the reception that followed.*

*A heartfelt "Thank you" for the Gifts & Cards. He requests you to please continue to pray for him and the parishioners of St. Christopher's. Fr. Joseph, assures you and your loved ones of his prayers.*

#### Prayer Requests:

*For those who are sick:*

**Joe Merko      Pat Drew**

*For those who have died:*

**Ann Onyschuk**

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.

### Youth Ministry

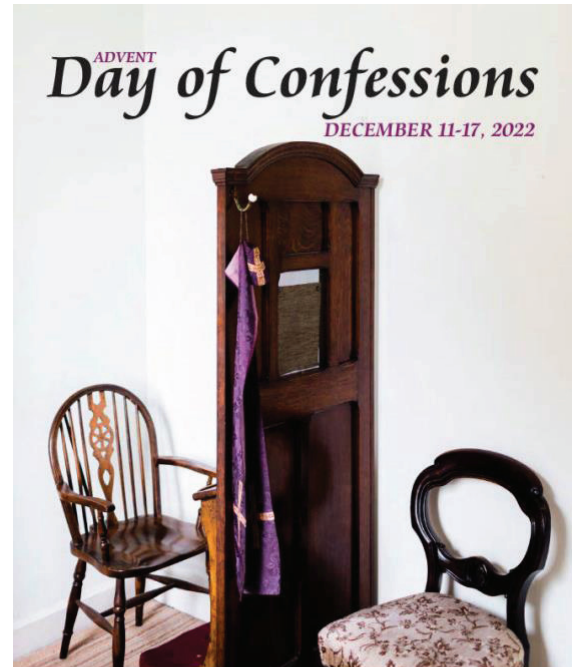
We ask that you pray for those who are preparing for Confirmation & First Communion/ Reconciliation as they continue to journeys of faith in Jesus. May they be filled with His knowledge, wisdom and grace.

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) Fri. 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. 18<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**

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.

### **CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE**

**CHRISTMAS EVE** Sat, Dec 24<sup>th</sup>  
Christmas Pageant: 3:30 pm  
Mass times: 4:00 pm, 6:30 pm  
9:30 pm, 12 am

Caroling Service: 9:00 pm

**CHRISTMAS DAY**, Sunday, December 25  
Mass times: 10:00 am & 12 noon

Monday, December 26: 10:00am  
Tues. Dec. 27 to  
- Fri. Dec.30<sup>th</sup> 9:00 am  
“ Feast of the Holy Family”

**Mary, The Mother of God -  
Sunday, January 1<sup>st</sup>**

The World Day of Prayer for Peace  
Time: 10:00 am & 12 noon



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