

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

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.

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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.

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



Matthew 4:1-11

Jesus fasted for forty days and nights in the desert, where he was tempted by the devil.

Installation of Archbishop Frank Leo Sat. March 25th

Bishop Frank Leo of Montreal will be installed as the next Archbishop of Toronto during a special Mass and ceremony to take place on the Solemnity of the Annunciation, Saturday, March 25, 2023 at 10 a.m. at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica in downtown Toronto.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES - YEAR 2023

Please use Year 2023 envelopes for your Sunday/Special Collection Offerings. Please visit the parish office if you do not have your Sunday Offering Box of Envelopes.

Come & See Weekend Discernment Retreat *Friday, March 17 6:30 PM - Sunday, March 19, 2023 02:30 PM St. Augustine's Seminary*

The Office of Vocations is hosting a Come & See Weekend Discernment Retreat for single Catholic men 18 years and older, at St. Augustine's Seminary on Friday, March 17, (6:30pm) until Sunday, March 19, (2:00pm) to cultivate a deeper prayer life and relationship with Jesus Christ; leading to a better discernment of God's call for their lives.

There will be time for prayer, reflection and information on the process of becoming one of Christ's disciples as a Catholic priest. For more information, contact the Office of Vocations via email: vocations@archtoronto.org. Registrations must be done online at www.vocationstoronto.ca/comeesee

WEEKLY SCHEDULE | MASS INTENTIONS | CELEBRATION OF SAINTS

Mon. Feb. 27th -

9 am - NO MASS

Tues. Feb. 28th -

9 am - Annamaria Carnevale†
Anna Kisilemicz†
Pilar Alcantara†

Wed. Mar. 1st -

9 am - Abbey Leont†

Thurs. Mar. 2nd -

9 am - Yuri Takeuchi†

Fri. Mar 3rd -

9 am - Wilfred Langerin†

7 pm - Stations of the Cross

7:30 pm - Mass followed by Benediction

Sat. Mar. 4th -

9 am - Barbara Olsent†
Robert Pereira†

5 pm - Julia Yorke†

SI - Ozwald & Vijaya Sequeira

Sun. Mar. 5th -

2nd Sunday of Lent

8:30 am - People of the Parish

10 am - Filomena Carvalhot†

12 pm - Wilfred Langerin



Prayer Requests:

For those who are sick:

Paul Seubert

For those who have died:

Christine Palens

May their souls rest in peace.

If you or a family member is sick or deceased and would like to be prayed for, please contact:
stchristophersmi@archtoronto.org.

LIFT HIGH JESUS RALLY

Event: March 4, 2023
Metro Convention Centre
Tickets Available Immediately – Order in advance

With the theme for 2023 being “**EMPOWERED TO STAND**” – *keep alert, stand firm in your faith, be courageous, be strong*”. (1Corinthians 16:13), despite the effects of the pandemic over the past two years, we expect a full house. More information can be found at Website: www.ljhr.ca

Dynamic Women of Faith - Catholic Women's Conference

Saturday, March 25, 2023 09:00 AM - 4:00 PM
The Old Mill - 21 Old Mill Road, Toronto

His Eminence Cardinal Collins will celebrate the opening Mass at 9 a.m.

Keynote Speaker:

Sister Deirdre Byrne -
The Heroes of My Life Lead Me to Our Lady.

Dr. Josephine Lombardi –
Healing and Forgiveness.

Diana Filipiak, Kasia Ryba, Sandra Wojcik – Journeying with Mother Mary.

Dorothy Pilarski – Why minister to moms?
How to Start a Catholic Moms Group



LENT: The 4 Practices & Days of Abstinence

Fasting - The practice of fasting and abstaining from meat is a traditional way to maintain the penitential character of Lent. In Canada, Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fasting and abstaining from meat. But it is more than just developing control around food. Spiritual fasting reminds us of our hunger for God. We may want to reflect on some of these opportunities for fasting: fast from judging others, fast from anger, fast from worry, fast from idle gossip. This Lent, let us fast and become more alert to the activities of God in our life.

Abstaining from meat is for those 14 years of age and older. Fasting is for those 18-59 years of age. In the purest of definitions it means to refrain from eating meat as an act of penance and sacrifice. In Canada on the other Fridays of Lent, other than Good Friday we MAY substitute abstinence from meat with special acts of charity or piety. You may wish to cut down on meals and join those innumerable people in our community and across the world who cannot afford to eat meat and the money saved you can dedicate to an organization that helps those in need. You may also think about making a meal and bringing it to someone who is sick or homebound.

Prayer - When we pray we raise our minds and heart to God, in short we converse with God. Lent is an opportunity to make a more conscious effort to pray daily and with more regularity. Make Sunday Eucharist the source and summit of your week. Possibly this Lent look at the readings before you come to celebrate. Make a decision to gather with your family for the Stations of the Cross each Friday, or come to our Lenten Reflection series. This Lent, begin to read a passage of Scripture daily.

Almsgiving - The giving of Alms is much more than giving money to the poor or your favourite charity. We can give of our time, our talent and our treasure. **Time:** We can give time to our children, our parents, our grandparents. We can volunteer at a parish event or other organization. **Talent:** All have been blessed with talents. We can cook a meal for shut-ins, offer to help someone with spring cleaning, or with their homework. **Treasure:** How do you share your treasures? Both the things that you own and the money you earn? Could you offer more of a donation during Lent?

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday in the Roman Rite, including Canada, are days of Fasting and of abstinence from meat.

The Paschal Fast is observed on Food Friday and, where possible, continue through Holy Saturday

Privileged forms of Penance are recommended, especially during Lent. These forms are privileged because they are based on the teaching of the Gospels (fasting, almsgiving, prayer, works of mercy) or because of their traditional value among the people of God (abstinence from Meat).

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