

# 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. Steven Kwon
Permanent Deacon:	Deacon Terence Da Silva
Permanent Deacon:	Deacon Michael E. Minkowski
Lay Pastoral Associate:	Georgina Abrego
Parish Secretary:	Perpetua Fernandes
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 Hickey Lounge at 7:30 p.m.

### HOLY HOUR

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

### LEGION OF MARY

Every Tuesday at 5 pm & Thursday at 10 a.m. (J.C. 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 7 p.m.

### RELIGIOUS BOOKS & ARTICLES STORE

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

### SENIORS COFFEE TOGETHER

Tuesday mornings after 9:00 a.m. mass - (vestibule)

### BIBLE SHARING

Wednesday mornings 10-11 a.m. (J.C. Room)

### PARISH SCHOOLS

St. Christopher Isabel Sauve, Princ. 905-822-0721

St. Helen Ruben Furtado, Princ. 905-822-4564

St. Louis Natalie Poerba, Princ. 905-822-8251

St. Luke Mark Gibson, Princ. 905-274-2760

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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.

HE WHO IS GREATEST  
AMONG YOU SHALL BE YOUR  
SERVANT; WHOEVER EXALTS  
HIMSELF WILL BE HUMBLLED,  
AND WHOEVER HUMBLLES  
HIMSELF WILL BE EXALTED.

*Matthew 23: 11-12*

**Matthew 23:1-12 ...**

Call no one your father on earth, for you have one Father — the one in heaven. Nor are you to be called instructors, for you have one instructor, the Christ.

**Psalm 131 –**

In you, Lord, I have found my peace.  
O Lord, my heart is not lifted up, my eyes are not raised too high; I do not occupy myself with things too great and too marvellous for me.



**Come...let us adore HIM**

At the HOLY HOUR & EVENING PRAYER

Join the parish community every Friday at 7 pm  
for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament-  
followed by evening prayer of the church



***Weekly Mass Intentions***

**07- November, Tuesday - 9:00 am**

John Talarowski†  
Rosemary Castellarin (Spec. Int.)

**08- November, Wednesday - 9:00 am**

Amado Alcantara†

**09- November, Thurs - 9:00 am**

Anna Kisilewicz†

**10- November, Friday - 9:00 am –**

Giovanna & Maria Teresa Fantauzzi†

**11- November, Saturday - 9:00am**

Lorenza Panella†  
Mike & Beverly (Spec. Int.)

**11- November, Saturday – 5:00pm**

D'Ovidio & DiRenzo family†

**12 November, Sunday**

8:30 am Manuel Maia†

10:00 am Paul Gilgan†

12:00 noon People of the Parish

**\*CHILDREN'S LITURGY - 10am Mass**



**CARING for OUR Spiritual Care-Givers**

**The Shepherd's Trust Collection**

Our priests have been tangible instruments of the Lord's mercy in our lives. Called by God and ordained to care for His people, our priests serve our families, in churches, schools, hospitals, nursing homes, missions and on the streets.

The mission of The Shepherd's Trust is to help ensure that in their retirement years, elderly/ disabled priests are provided with financial resources to lead a dignified life, and to maintain a modest, active and independent lifestyle.

For priests who are ill or otherwise infirm, the Trust ensures they have access to nursing home facilities and medical care.. This fund represents a very tangible gesture of thanks for the blessings we have received through our shepherds.

Visit [www.shepherdstrust.org](http://www.shepherdstrust.org) For more information

**On November 18-19, 2023:** There will be a second collection for The Shepherd's Trust.

**Collections**

- Share Life - Oct 29, 2023

\$ 122,882.66

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- **Parish**

Weekend Oct 21/22 2023

Offertory - \$ 4,929.60

Missions - \$ 5,329.95

Sundry Collections 978.45

Weekend Oct 28/29 2023

Offertory - \$ 6,514.70

Missions - \$ 180

Sundry Collections \$ 325.30

"The Parish Financials for the period  
Jan - Jun 2023 are now available for  
viewing on the parish website

[www.stchristophersmi.archtoronto.org](http://www.stchristophersmi.archtoronto.org)

## Planting Seeds!.. For a VOCATION

Our Pope Says. "No vocation is born of itself or lives for itself. A vocation flows from the heart of God and blossoms in the good soil of faithful people.

- **We need to Pray** for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life. Jesus says in Matthew 9:38 "to beg the master of the harvest to send laborers into the vineyard." If we want more priests, sisters and brothers, we all need to ask.
- **Teach young people to hear God** calling them into a deeper relationship with Him and into the discipleship of the Church.
- **Invite active young adults** and teens to consider a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life.
- **Make it attractive.** Show that it is – a call to be spiritual father /mother to the whole family of faith. to be united to Christ in a unique way
- **Preach it, brother!** - Vocations kept out of sight are out of mind. Talk about it at Home too !

**If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon**, contact the Director of Vocations Fr. Matt McCarthy, , Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997. Or email [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org) [www.vocationstoronto.ca](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca) (We will be publishing Serra's 'Vocation Seeds' – in Dec23 onwards)

## CATHOLIC ESTATE PLANNING FREE WEBINAR



**Saturday, November 18, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.**

- How to avoid problems: in your Will, in the Powers of Attorney, and through proper Estate Trustee selection
- How to create your own legacy
- About our Catholic traditions around cremation, burials and funerals

3 WAYS TO REGISTER:

1. scan this QR code: 2. follow this QR link: <https://QRCO.de/nov18> 3. send an email to: [Development@ArchToronto.org](mailto:Development@ArchToronto.org) and write "webinar Nov 18"
- in the title line + your name(s) in the body of the message.



**The Anointing Mass** held recently was a wonderful success! We had a 100+ seniors.

Many Thanks to Sue Merko & her team for their excellent coordination and hard work, and to each of you who contributed their **time, and baked goodies. Be blessed!**

## BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

During November, as part of our faith tradition, we remember those who have died. During this month, we will place a Book of Remembrance near the Baptismal Font in which you are invited to write the names of your family and friends who have died. It will be a reminder to us to pray for all those who have died and help us as a community to mourn the loss of our loved ones and rejoice in their return to the Father.

*'In Baptism we die with Christ, so that we can share in the glory of His resurrection.'*

## Change to ...RED WEDNESDAY

An annual international event will take place on **November 15th.**, to raise awareness about the persecution of Christians and promote religious freedom for all. **Wear red in solidarity** and attend the Mass to be celebrated by Archbishop Francis Leo at 5 p.m. at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica in Toronto. Get information on this not-to-be-missed event and how you can show your support, <https://acn-canada.org/rw>

## Prayer Requests this week:

**For those who are sick:**

Gilbert Pimenta; Ariel Laconico;

**For those who have died:**

Salvo Cacciottolo;

Moyra Angerstein; John Rego

*May their souls rest in peace.*



## Advent Morning of Reflection

Looking for Hope in all the wrong places? As we approach Advent this year how do we stay hopeful? Join us for a Seniors Morning Reflection on **Thursday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>, from 9:45am to 11:15am in the Parish Hall** as we look at the ways in which we can offer hope to each other and to the world. Our guest will be Barb Ashcroft, a fellow parishioner, who moderated the Journey to Joy programme just before the first Covid outbreak.

*"Aging is not lost youth but a new stage of opportunity and strength".*



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