# 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 Perpetua Fernandes Parish Secretary: 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.

### **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 Iona Catholic S.S. Carl Cini, Princ. 905-823-0136

### Matthew 25:1 -13



lesus spoke this parable to the disciples: "The kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom.

Five of them were foolish, five were wise. The foolish took their lamps, but no oil.. the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. The bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept.



### 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 Sacramentfollowed by evening prayer of the church



### CARING for OUR Spiritual Care-Givers

### The Shepherds' 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

The mission of The Shepherds' 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.

For more information Visit www.shepherdstrust.org

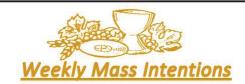
On November 18-19, 2023: There will be a second collection for The Shepherds' Trust. 

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### CHURCH BULLETIN ADVERTISING

"Liturgical Publications" will be handling the advertisements for our church bulletin. Please support the bulletin and advertise your product or service.

The advertising cycle will begin in January 2024 You can Call Liturgical Publications at 905-624-4422.



### 14- November, Tuesday - 9:00 am

Suzanne & Chukri Karakand† Matthew Chellar† Gilbert Pimenta (Spec. Int.)

### 15- November, Wednesday - 9:00 am Martie Way†

### 16- November, Thurs - 9:00 am Deceased Legionaries members†

### 17- November, Friday - 9:00 am Henry & Janina Leszczynscy†

### 18- November, Saturday - 9:00am

Dominga Perez† Umberto Spagnolo† Neil Pereira†

### 18- November, Saturday - 5:00pm

Alfonso Mendiola Jr.†

### 19 November, Sunday

8:30 am Fr. Joseph Rodrigues (Spec. Int.) 10:00 am Charles Schembri† 12:00 noon People of the Parish \*CHILDREN'S LITURGY - 10am Mass

### Looking for Hope...

in all the wrong places?

As we approach Advent this year how do we stay hopeful? An Advent Morning of Reflection.

Join us for a Seniors Morning Reflection on Thursday, November 23rd, 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".

### **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?

- 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 2<sup>nd/3rd</sup> & 9<sup>th/</sup>10<sup>th</sup>
   OR at the parish office during business hours.
- 2. Support 'The Compass' "Spread the Joy" campaign and donate ONLINE (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.



### ANNUAL ADVENT MARKET

Weekend of November 25/26 after all Masses

- Religious Articles & Books
- Advent Candles
- Sunday Missals 2023/2024 (Living with Christ)

### 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.

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 www.vocationstoronto.ca (We will be publishing Serra's 'Vocation Seeds' – in Dec23 onwards)

### Prayer Requests this week:

For those who are sick:



Gilbert Pimenta; Ariel Laconico;

### For those who have died:

Fr. Philip A. Wiley, Guy Leger, Bruno Kovar Deacon Dominic Pullano & D'Arcy McKay

May their souls rest in peace

### Collections- Thank you!

- Share Life \$ 125,265 till Nov 05,2023 Parish Goal: 145,000
- Parish Weekend Nov 4/5, 2023
   Offertory \$ 3,689
   Missions \$ 230
   Sundry Collections \$1,191



**"The Parish Financials** for the period Jan - Jun 2023 are available on the parish website <a href="www.stchristophersmi.archtoronto.org">www.stchristophersmi.archtoronto.org</a>

### It is that time of the year...

### we are updating our records. So....Please

- 1. Notify the Parish Office if address has changed.
- 2. Ensure you receive an income tax receipt that reflects your contributions,
- 3. **DO NOT** use envelopes from previous years, as it causes confusion, and you may not be credited for donations made. If you are using visitor envelopes or any plain envelopes from home please write the First & Last name and postal address as it should appear on the tax receipt. Thank you for your co-operation.

Finally...We thank you for your continued weekly support to our parish through Sunday offering envelopes and/or through our Pre-Authorized Giving Plan (PAG). God Bless!!

### 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.

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