# **ST. CHRISTOPHER'S PARISH**

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#### **OUR MISSION STATEMENT**

Pastor:

Permanent Deacon:

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Parish Secretary:

Lay Pastoral Associate:

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.

Rev. Steven Kwon

Georgina Abrego Perpetua Fernandes

Deacon Terence Da Silva

Deacon Michael E. Minkowski

#### 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

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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

Youth Minister & Sacramental Preparation: Levy Anne Ramos Ministry with Maturing Adults Sue Merko Accounting: Arnold Rego Sacristan: Narda Van Dyk

**PASTORAL TEAM** 

#### 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.

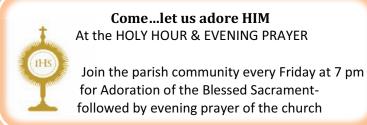


# Matthew 25:14 -30

Jesus spoke this parable to his disciples: "For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away.



"But the man who received one went off and dug a hole in the ground *and buried* his master's money."



# 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 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".

# **ANNUAL ADVENT MARKET**

Weekend of November 25/26 after all Masses



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

# 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.



**19- November, Tuesday - 9:00 am** Remy Resin† Anthony Joseph (Spec. Int.)

**20- November, Wednesday - 9:00 am** Meryl Mitchell†

**21- November, Thurs - 9:00 am** Manuel Maia†

**22- November, Friday - 9:00 am** Bimal Fernando†

23- November, Saturday - 9:00am Edward Ryan† Jose & Georgina Soares† Nino Francesco Giorgio†

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

Thavanathan & Sandahlena Saravanamuthu (Spec. Int.)

# 24- November, Sunday

8:30 amPeople of the Parish10:00 amEwa Drob†12:00 noonAll Souls in Purgatory

# \*CHILDREN'S LITURGY - 10am Mass

# CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

(sorry.. only for seniors) St. Christopher's family welcomes all senior parishioners to a Christmas luncheon on Saturday, **December 9, 2023** in the church hall from **11:30 am to 1:30 p.m**. Young seniors, adult seniors and senior seniors are all invited. We are limited to 60 persons so please call to reserve a place at the table. A **\$5 donation** toward the luncheon would be welcome and may be dropped off at the door.

For more information or to register for the lunch, please call Sue Merko at the parish office, 905-822-1171 **Ext. 2226** 

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# MAXIMIZE YOUR GIFT.. AND WATCH IT DOUBLE !!

**SHARELIFE** - "Matching gift" promotion is launched for the year-end giving.

All gifts made to SHARELIFE upto 31st December23, will be matched (up to \$500,000.)

A Catholic Charities agency God bless the anonymous donor and his supported by Sharel ife

family for the generosity of making this possible. Please promote this in emails, and social media channels..

# YOUR Thoughts & ideas are valued.... Thank you!

Archbishop Francis Leo is inviting the Catholic community to share their thoughts and ideas regarding future pastoral planning in the Archdiocese of Toronto. Your Feedback will help in formulating a renewed Pastoral Plan to be used in the years ahead. Visit www.archtoronto.org/consultation to complete a brief survey by December 15, 2023, where you can offer your suggestions and insights. Thank you for your collaboration in this archdiocesan initiative. Copies of the survey can be found in the vestibule.

# Caring and Sharing at Christmas

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 c Metro/Food Basics) Please place the gift cards in the collection baskets at all masses the weekend of December 3rd/4th &  $10^{\text{th}}/11^{\text{th}}$  **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.



# **Prayer Requests this week**:

For those who are sick: Barbara & Steve Barringer For those who have died: Emma Sant May their souls rest in peace

# **Collections - Thank you!**

- **Share Life \$** 125,600 till Nov 12, 2023 Parish Goal: 145,000
- **Parish Weekend Nov 11/12, 2023** Offertory - \$ 5,522 **Diocesan Collections: \$145** Sundry Collections \$ 6,346



"The Parish Financials for the period Jan - Jun 2023 are available on the parish website www.stchristophersmi.archtoronto.org

# 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!!

# **2024 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES**



To make things easier to make your offering in 2024, kindly collect

YOUR box of Sunday offering envelopes. The boxes are placed in alphabetical order, in the Parish Hall, starting from Next weekend Please pick up your box identified with your name and address. In the event you do not find your own box, , please call the parish office during business hours.

Please start using these Envelopes ONLY in **JANUARY 2024.** 

(continue using the "2023 envelopes" till 31 Dec.)



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