

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

Lifteen - 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

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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.

SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING

Matthew 25:31-46

³⁴ "Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world.

³⁵ *For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in,*
³⁶ *I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me."*



Weekly Mass Intentions

28- November, Tuesday - 9:00 am

Annamaria Carnevale†
 Maria Lourdes Silveira†

29- November, Wednesday - 9:00 am

Gloria Cote†

30- November, Thurs - 9:00 am

Remy Fresin†

01- December, Friday - 9:00 am –

Stella Cygan†

02- December, Saturday - 9:00am

Lucy & Stan Bajorek (Spec. Int.)
 Deacon Terry & Wanda Da Silva(S.I.)
 Pearlle Cada Bilog†
 John & Teresa O'Reilly †

02- December, Saturday – 5:00pm

Michael Palens (Spec. Int.)

03 December, Sunday

8:30 am Imelda Hendrick†

10:00 am Lorenzo DeMaestri†

12:00 noon People of the Parish

*** CHILDREN'S LITURGY - 10:00 am**

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

Christmas Party time

* A little... Children's party!!

Inviting all children up to the age of 10 after the 10am Mass on December 10. Join us for some refreshments, hot chocolate and a craft in the Parish hall. Please RSVP through the Parish website: Iramos@archtoronto.org



*Luncheon 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. To register or for info about the luncheon, please call Sue Merko at the parish office, 905-822-1171 Ext. 2226.



Christmas Pageant.. don't miss out!

Rehearsals for the children's Christmas pageant every Saturday in the church. All children ages 4 to 10 are invited and there is a role for everyone! Sign up your Kids Begins from **2nd Dec 23, time 3 to 4:30 p.m.** Please contact Levy **905 822 1171 Ext. 2224.**

DAY OF CONFESSIONS

Our parish, schedule for confessions will be:
14th Dec. 2023, Thursday - from 7 pm to 10 pm
16th Dec. 2023, Saturday - from 10 am to 11 am

Did you know that...

Throughout the Toronto Archdiocese, days are being set aside as "Day of Confessions" (10th -23rd Dec,23)



Preparation for and the celebration of Confession allows us to set aside disruptive ways, to be renewed in heart and spirit, to be reconciled with our God who abounds with gracious, gentle tenderness.



Advent wreaths

Wreaths will be blessed on the first weekend of Advent. After all Sunday masses.

Maximize your gift... and watch it double!! SHARELIFE - "Matching Gift"

"Matching Gift"- launched for year-end giving. All gifts made to SHARELIFE up to 31st December 2023, will be matched (up to \$500,000.)
God bless the anonymous donor and his family for the generosity of making this possible.
Please promote this in emails, and social media channels.



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 or Metro/Food Basics)
Please place the gift cards in the collection baskets at all masses the weekend of December 3rd/4th & 10th/11th **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.



The Knights of Columbus

Piggy Bank drive is back again!

Please pick up a Piggy Bank, take it home, fill it up with cash and loose change and return it in January 2024.

Thank you for your help in this worthwhile fund-raising initiative!

Come away... ADVENT RETREAT

Inviting all to a short prayer-filled Advent Retreat
Saturday December 2nd, 2023 9:30 A.M. – 2:20 P.M.

Registration: 8:30 A.M.

Facilitated by The Team. Of **QUEEN OF APOSTLES RENEWAL CENTRE**
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Collections- Thank you!

Share Life – \$ 128,082.66 till 20 Nov, 2023

Parish Goal: 145,000

Parish - Weekend Nov 18/19, 2023

Offertory Offerings:	\$ 6,320
The Shepherd's Trust:	\$ 7,640
Other Diocesan Collections	\$ 40
Sundry Collections	\$ 325

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!!

"The Parish Financials for the period

Jan - Jun 2023 are available on the parish website www.stchristophersmi.archtoronto.org

2024 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES



To make things easier to make your offering in 2024, kindly collect YOUR box of offertory envelopes. The boxes are placed in alphabetical order, in the Parish Hall, starting from this 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 31dec)

Prayer Requests this week:

For those who are sick:



For those who have died:

Joyce Manfredi

May her soul rest in peace

Closure of North Office ... CATHOLIC FAMILY SERVICES OF TORONTO

From: Brenda Spitzer, Executive Director.
On December 31, 2023, Catholic Family Services of Toronto will be permanently closing our North office located at 245 Fairview Mall Dr.

Community members seeking counselling, wellness groups, family life programs and services addressing violence against women may call 416-921-1163 or visit www.cfstoronto.com.

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