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

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.

has been consulted.

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

Advent Wreath Prayer

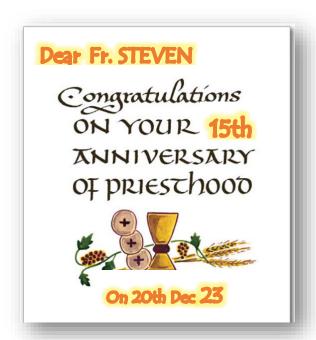
Two purple candles and the ROSE candle are lit and the following prayer is said:

Loving God, Source of all Light, in this time of caring and sharing, in this time of smiling; let us rejoice in life itself! Let us open our hearts full to others. Let our faces radiate the joy of Your coming so that everyone we meet will know of You and the gift of life you bring. Jesus, our Lord, we rejoice in Your coming. Amen.





Thank you to all the families that came and celebrated Jesus' birthday! We all had a blast! A huge thank you to the Knights of Columbus for their continuous support and help!



Get the 2024 SUNDAY MISSALS \$ 6.00/each Children's Missals \$10.00/each **RELIGIOUS BOOK STORE..OPEN!**

Every Sunday in December till Christmas, & weekends.



19- December, Tuesday - 9:00 am

Carol Anderson†

Stella Seabrook (Spec. Int.)

20- December, Wednesday - 9:00 am

Amanda Payne†

Fr. Steven Kwon - (Spec. Int.)

(15th Anniv. of Priesthood)

21- December, Thursday - 9:00 am

Remy Fresin† (1st Death Anniv.)

22- December, Friday - 9:00 am -

Elizabeth Marquez & Family (Spec. Int.)

23- December, Saturday - 9:00am

Benjamin R. Custodio†

Anna Talarowski (Spec. Int.)

23- December, Saturday - 5:00pm

Denys & Spearns Family (Spec. Int.)

24- December, Sunday - Christmas Eve.

Children & their parents 4:00pm 6:30pm People of the Parish People of the Parish 9:30pm People of the Parish 12midnight

25- December, Monday - Christmas Day

People of the Parish & their families 10am People of the Parish & their families 12noon

26- December, Tuesday - NO MASS

Please note in the change of Mass timing

27- December, Wednesday-10am

Zbigniew Kurowski† Annamaria Carnevale†

28- December, Thursday - 9am

Carol Anderson†

29- December, Friday - 9am

Martin Zindarec†

30 - December, Saturday - NO Morning Mass

New Year's Eve -

HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

30 - December, Saturday - vigil Mass - 5pm

31 - December, Sunday -

8:30am - People of the Parish & their families **10:00am -** People of the Parish & their families

12noon - People of the Parish & their families

2024 - HAPPY NEW YEAR

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Sunday, December 31: 5pm 1 January, Monday - 2024

10:00am & 12noon - People of the Parish

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULES

Fourth Sunday of Advent Saturday, Dec 23: 5 pm

Sunday, Dec. 24: 10 am & 12noon

CHRISTMAS EVE

Sunday, Dec. 24:

Christmas Pageant: 3.30pm

Mass: 4:00 pm

(Caroling half hour before 6:30; 9:30 & midnight mass)

6:30 pm, 9:30 pm Mass at 12 Midnight

CHRISTMAS DAY

Monday, Dec. 25: 10 am & 12noon

Holy Family

Saturday, Dec. 30: 5 pm Sunday, Dec. 31: 8:30 am; 10 am, 12noon

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

Sunday, Dec. 31: 5 pm Monday, January 1: 10 am & 12noon



A CHRISTMAS COLLECTION

This collection will be taken up at all Christmas Masses.

Envelopes are available at all the doors. THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

Dancing for The Compass Returns for a 17th year on Saturday, January 27, 2024

to the Port Credit Legion (upstairs), 35 Front St. N.

<u>.</u> Doors upstairs open at 7:00 pm and dancing from 8:00 pm to 12:00 am. (Elevator is available). Food will be served.

The ticket price for this fundraiser is \$35/person. Please contact Peter Toller at Office: 905-274-6131 or 416-464-8067 to book.

CARING & SHARING

THANK YOU to everyone who brought gift cards for the seniors & shut-ins for The Compass to help those less fortunate this Christmas. If you didn't have a chance to bring in a gift card this weekend, it's not too late! There is always a need for last minute gift card donations and The Compass is always in need of food donations. You can bring your donations next weekend or bring to the parish office during the week. Thank you.

This Advent Gift... doubles!!



"The Matching gift" promotion is launched by SHARELIFE – (upto 31 December 2023) All gifts made to SHARELIFE, will be matched (up to \$500,000.). Make this year end- Count!! God bless the anonymous donor and his family for the generosity of making this possible. Please promote this in emails, and social media.

2024 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

We hope that you have picked up your box of OFFERTORY ENVELOPES for 2024. The boxes are placed in alphabetical order, in the vestibule. Your box will have your name and address. In case you do not find your own box, please call the parish office during business hours. Start using these Envelopes ONLY in JANUARY 2024. (continue the "2023 envelopes" till 31dec).

PRE-AUTHORIZED GIVING (PAG)

Just as your home must be maintained and your family cared for while you are away, so also your parish home and family need your on-going care and support. To make your financial support seamless, consider participating in the Pre-Authorized Giving programme.

Prayer Requests:



For those who are sick:

Albert Pimenta, Aurelius Rego, Riya Nair & Irene Abdulla

For our deceased: May their souls RIP.

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

2023 Income Tax Reminder

For income tax receipt purposes, all donations received by **January 3, 2024** will be included in your 2023 income tax receipt.

Any donation, even dated Dec. 2023, received

after January 3, 2024 will be included in your 2023 income tax receipt. Thank you.

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 fund-raising initiative!



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