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Feast of the Holy Family

The first Sunday after Christmas is dedicated as the

Feast of THE HOLY FAMILY
OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

Luke 2.22, 25-27
There was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Christ of the Lord. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law. Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed — and a sword will pierce your own soul too."

Come…let us adore HIM

The HOLY HOUR
For the months of **January, February & March**
Adoration will be after morning mass on the 1st & last Friday of the month, the other Fridays it will be in the evening @ 7pm.

Thank You

To all who assisted in the celebration of Christmas, here at St. Christopher's Parish especially the:

- Choir and Music Ministers
- Eucharistic Ministers & Lectors
- Altar Servers, Ministers of Hospitality
- Liturgical Committee.
- All those who helped to organize the various Christmas programs.
- The little kiddos in the pageant & their parents

Fr. Steven and parish staff are most grateful for the cards, gifts and best wishes. Finally, thank you for your generosity to the parish over the holiday season.

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. A day of obligation
31 December, Sunday - 5pm &
01 January, Monday 2024 –10am & 12noon

Weekly Mass Intentions

02- January, Tuesday – 9:00 am
Dom De Mello†
Giovanna & Maria Teresa Fantauzzi†
Uldarico Manipon Jr. †

03- January, Wednesday - 9:00 am
Rae De Voe†

04- January, Thurs - 9:00 am
Carol Anderson †

05- January, Friday - 9:00 am
Anthony Stolarz†

06- January, Saturday - 9:00am
Elizabeth Poce (Spec. Int.)
Manuel Di Brito Fialho†
Pietro Paolo Sergi†
Erasmo Poce†
Maria Poce†
Amelia Guereira†

06- January, Saturday – 5:00pm
Jeanette Samman†

07 January, Sunday

8:30 am	Rosaria Nasato†
10:00 am	Tadeo & Family†
12:00 noon	Umberto Spagnolo†

From the Pastor's Desk

On this beautiful feast of the HOLY FAMILY, I take this opportunity to pray that each of our Families be blessed with Peace, Joy and great Love in the New Year.
Today being the last day of year 2023, we can only look back with gratitude for all the Lord has done for us during the last year.. keeping us well and united. Thank you for all the help, support and participation at the Parish. We give HIM the Glory
For all that has been – Thank you.
For all that is to come..Amen.!!
HAPPY NEWYEAR 2024
Fr.Steven

LAST DAY..

for DOUBLING YOUR DONATED MONEY

"The Matching gift" promotion launched by SHARELIFE **ends on** 31 December 2023.
All gifts made to SHARELIFE, will be matched (up to $500,000.). Make this year end- Count!!

Dancing for The Compass returns for a 17th year to the Port Credit Legion (upstairs), 35 Front St. N. on Saturday January 27 2024. Doors upstairs open at 7:00pm and dancing from 8:00pm to 12:00am. An elevator is available. Food will be served. The ticket price for this fundraiser is $35 at the door. For tickets, Contact Peter Toller at 905-274-6131 or 416-464-8067

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.* So far the parish has donated $3000 worth of gift cards. The compass and our clients are very grateful. Thank you.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED …

LEARN while PREPARING TAXES AT THE COMPASS

Are you looking to volunteer? Do you have a basic understanding of income tax? If you are interested in learning more about this volunteer opportunity, please contact any one of the following individuals:
Don Vogel (647) 545 9130; Gwen Barrett (416) 219 1815
Julie Whiffen Howard (416) 904 2423;
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Handicraft Holy Land Christians

On January 13-14, we welcome a special guest ..Paul from Sebastien Cardinal team's representing "Handicraft Holy Land Christians", After all the masses, he will briefly address the issues and concerns regarding the Christian presence in the Holy Land. He will also have many unique hand carved olive wood religious art pieces made by families in Bethlehem available for purchase after every mass. Proceeds of the sales generate much needed employment for our Christian brothers and sisters in Bethlehem. Cash, debit, credit cards and cheque will be accepted. Christians in the Holy Land graciously ask your support through conscience prayers and support Visit them at **www.HolylandChristians.ca**

Prayer Corner …This week, please pray
For those who are sick:
Oswald D'souza & Adela D'souza
For those who have died: *May their souls R.I.P.*

Collections- Thank you!
Share Life – (until Dec.17) $ 134,882
Parish Goal $ 145,000

Parish - Weekend Dec. 16/17, 2023
Offertory $ 5,118.25
Shepherds Trust $ 100.00
Sundry Collections $ 375.50

We thank you for your continued weekly support

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

Electronic Transfer - Payee Set Up

Parishioners can now contribute to the offertory **via on-line banking** (Payee Set Up) – just like how utility bills are paid.
To complete the payee set up, the Archdiocese provides a unique account number to the parishioner. The parishioner must email to campaign@archtoronto.org, providing details such as parishioner name, address, parish name and municipality.
The Archdiocese will reply by email - the account information which the parishioner can then use it to set up the "Archdiocese of Toronto" as a payee in on-line banking. The gift will be forwarded to the parish. This is the most cost-effective way to donate electronically Donations can be either a one-time or recurring gift to offertory. If you have any questions please contact the Development Office at the Archdiocese of Toronto, 416-934-3400, ext. 540 or development@archtoronto.org.

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.

Knights of Columbus

Please fill the Piggy Bank 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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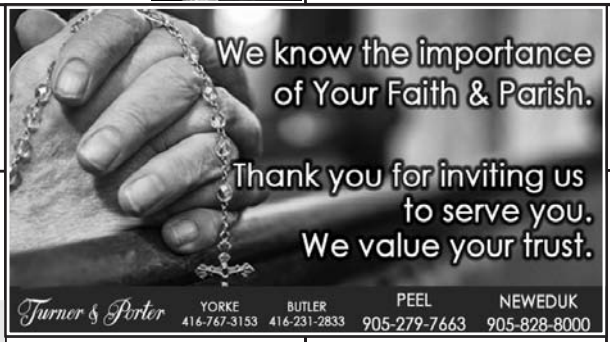

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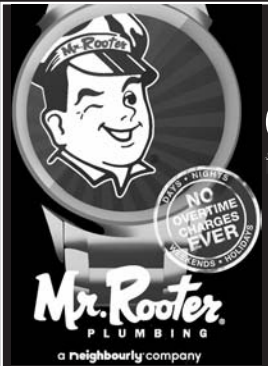

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