

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.



Jesus Tempted...

Mark 1:12-15

After Jesus was baptized, the Spirit drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the Angels waited on him..

Psalm 25

Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths. Lead me in your truth, and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation. Your paths, Lord, are love and faithfulness for those who keep your covenant.



O Come...let us adore HIM

at The HOLY HOUR

Adoration will be after morning mass on the 1st & last Friday of the month, the other Fridays it will be in the evening @ 7pm.

Catholic Moms Group:

Moms, how are you preparing for Lent? We will be discussing "The Spiritual Anatomy of a Mother's Heart" at our meeting on **Wednesday, February 21st**. We meet in the Msgr. Hickey Lounge at 7:30pm. For more information and to RSVP, please contact jen@catholicmomsgroup.com.

FREE CATHOLIC ESTATE PLANNING WEBINAR

Saturday, February 24, 2024, at 9:00 a.m.

Learn:

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/WebFeb24>

3. send an email to: Development@ArchToronto.org

and write "webinar February 24" in the title line + your name(s) in the body of the message.



**Mass in Honour of Saint Joseph
Patron of Canada
400 years**



St. Joseph 400 Anniversary: Come and join us in celebrating 400 years of St Joseph as Patron of Canada with a concelebrated Mass with Fr. Arthur Hlebnikian, EP at the parish, on **Wednesday, March 20, at 7pm.**, with organ, trumpet, and violin of the Heralds of the Gospel. Please contact: Heralds of the Gospel, P.O. Box 724, Nobleton, ON L0G 1N0. heralds@heralds.ca. WhatsApp 15874006352



Weekly Mass Intentions

20- February, Tuesday - 9:00 am

Rafal Raczka - (Spec. Int.)

Louise Carpani†

Cristal Cardoso†

21- February, Wednesday - 9:00 am

Nino Presciutti†

22- February, Thurs - 9 am

All Souls in Purgatory

23- February, Friday - 9:00 am

Remy Fresin†

24- February, Saturday - 9:00 am

Elma Alvares †

Juan Paulo Sanchez†

Abbey Leon†

24- February, Saturday - 5:00pm

Chester Baginski†

26- February, Sunday

8:30 am Mary Ann Campbell†

10:00 am Joseph & Aurelia Kanoza†

12:00 noon Pamela Verdes (Spec. Int.)

CHILDREN'S LITURGY - 10am Mass

Stations of the Cross: Every Friday, during Lent, parishioners are invited to join us in praying the Stations of the Cross in the Church at **6:30 pm**.

TOONIE DRIVE: on February 24 & 25 Support our youth to send them to Life Teen camp this summer!

PREPARATION

Continues!

Please continue to pray

for those who are

preparing for

First Holy Communion,

Reconciliation &

Confirmation. As they continue their FAITH

journey in Jesus, may they be filled with His

knowledge, wisdom and grace.



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LENT & the 4 Practices

During this season, we have added practices that help us to grow closer to God and deepen our own spiritual lives.

Fasting

The practice of fasting and abstaining from meat is a traditional way to maintain the penitential character of Lent. In Canada, Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fasting and abstaining from meat.

But it is more than just developing control around food. Spiritual fasting reminds us of our hunger for God. We may want to reflect on some of these opportunities for fasting: fast from judging others, fast from anger, fast from worry, fast from idle gossip. This Lent, let us fast and become more alert to the activities of God in our life.

Abstaining

Abstaining from meat is for those 14 years of age and older. Fasting is for those 18-59 years of age. In the purest of definitions, it means to refrain from eating meat as an act of penance and sacrifice. In Canada on the other Fridays of Lent, other than Good Friday we MAY substitute abstinence from meat with special acts of charity or piety. You may wish to cut down on meals and join those innumerable people in our community and across the world who cannot afford to eat meat and the money saved you can dedicate to an organization that helps those in need. You may also think about making a meal and bringing it to someone who is sick or homebound.

Prayer

When we pray we raise our minds and hearts to God. In short, we converse with God. Lent is an opportunity to make a more conscious effort to pray daily and with more regularity. Make Sunday Eucharist the source and summit of your week. Possibly this Lent look at the readings before you come to celebrate. Make a decision to gather with your family for the Stations of the Cross each Friday.

Almsgiving

The giving of Alms is much more than giving money to the poor or your favorite charity. We can give of our time, our talent and our treasure. **Time:** We can give time to our children, our parents, our grandparents or we can volunteer at a parish event or other organization. **Talent:** All have been blessed with talents. We can cook a meal for shut-ins, offer to help someone with spring cleaning, or with their homework. **Treasure:** How do you share your treasures, both the things that you own and the money you earn? Could you offer more of a donation during Lent?

To what Lenten Practices will you remain faithful this Lent?

RETREATS - Experiencing GOD closely!

★ **"Come & See" VOCATION Discernment**

Weekend Retreat

The Retreat offers a way for men 18 years and older - to discern a possible call to priesthood at our seminary. Held at St. Augustine's Seminary by Fr. Matthew McCarthy, Director, Office of Vocations
On Friday, March 15 at 6:30 p.m. until Sunday, March 17 at 2 p.m.



★ **The "Holy of Holies": Discovering the Richness of the Mass**

by Fr. Eric Rodrigues, Director of Spiritual Formation and Liturgy on February 24 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at St. Augustine's Seminary, 2661 Kingston Rd., Scarborough. <https://staugustines.on.ca/events-listing/st-augustinesspirit-life-series-lenten-retreat>.

★ **Parish Sponsorship of Christian Refugees Program**

(Project Hope). The Archdiocese's Office for Refugees is excited to announce the commencement of its 2024 Refugee Sponsorship Program for Parishioners. This initiative is designed to aid parishioners interested in sponsoring family members seeking refugee resettlement. If you are a parishioner and wish to sponsor a family member, kindly contact, Luciano Moro at lmoro@archtoronto.org or 437-290-9333.

★ **15th Annual Dynamic Women of Faith - Catholic Women's**

Conference - Saturday March 23, 2024
Time: 9:00am-4pm at the Old Mill (includes light lunch)
Opening Mass celebrated by Cardinal Collins.



"Take Heart: "By His Wounds' We Are Healed". March 2, 2024
Metro Toronto Convention Centre Adult Rally \$30 Youth Rally \$15.
For more information on the rally and to purchase tickets, email contact@ljhr.ca or call 647-873-1753 or visit the website www.ljhr.ca.

Prayer Requests:

For those who are sick:

Margaret Rea

For those who died:

Sally Da Cunha; Leslie Wei

May their souls R.I.P.

If you or a family member is sick or deceased and would like to be prayed for, please contact the parish.



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