

# 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

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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.

**"I have glorified the Father,  
and I will glorify Him again."!!**

**FIFTH SUNDAY in LENT**  
(John 12:20-33)



Among those who went up to worship at the festival, were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit..."

**Psalm 51** - *Create in me a clean heart, O God.*  
Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.



*O Come...let us adore HIM*

at The HOLY HOUR

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

**Bringing the Hands of Christ to those in need!**

**ShareLife**

A Catholic Charities agency supported by ShareLife

St. Christopher's Parish  
goal for 2024 is -  
**\$156,500.00**

ShareLife is more than a parish collection. It is how we, as a Catholic community in the Archdiocese of Toronto, bring the hands of Christ to those in need. Over 40 ShareLife agencies serve tens of thousands of people locally and countless more around the world, regardless of religious affiliation.

Does it benefit us too...YES!! it offers walk-in counselling to

- Those facing mental health issues, or victims of domestic violence. It ensures that isolated seniors are not forgotten.
  - It helps financially in the formation of our priests and deacons
- And yes...delivers food to children in developing countries too!  
It is Your support of ShareLife which makes these programs possible. Thank you for living the Gospel by helping the needy.

**There will be a second collection for ShareLife!**

or Pre-Authorized Giving (PAG) to the ShareLife campaign is an excellent way for parishioners to participate in the campaign. You can also contribute through [sharelife.org/donate](http://sharelife.org/donate).



**Weekly Mass Intentions**

- 19- March, Tuesday - 9:00 am**  
Hazel Verdes (Spec. Int.)  
Maria Luxbacher (Spec. Int.)  
Vijay M (Spec. Int.)
- 20- March, Wednesday - 9:00 am**  
**Heidi C. Malana†**
- 20- March, Wednesday - 7:00 pm**  
In honor of St. Joseph patron St. of Canada
- 21- March, Thurs - 9:00 am**  
Jodi Kowal†
- 22- March, Friday - 9:00 am**  
Martin & Helen Znidarec†
- 23- March, Saturday - 9:00 am**  
Felix Pinto†
- 23- March, Saturday - 5:00 pm**  
Carolyn Arnold†
- 24- March, Sunday**  
8:30 am Pasquale Battaglia†  
10:00 am Francesco Contrain†  
12:00 noon Bimal Fernando†

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY** – 10 am 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 6:30pm.

**Lenten Reconciliation**

Dates: Tuesday, March 19<sup>th</sup> at 7-9 p.m. & Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 10 am to 12noon.

**There will be NO scheduled confessions for the remainder of Holy Week!**

**PREPARATION Continues!**

We continue to pray for those who are preparing for their First Holy Communion, Reconciliation & Confirmation. As they all continue their FAITH journey in Jesus, may they be filled with His knowledge, wisdom and grace.

**PARISH SUPPORT - THANK YOU**

(March 9 & 10, 2024)

Collections – Summary)

- Offertory - \$ 5,605
- Share Life: \$ 575
- Poor Box: \$ 180
- Baptism Offerings \$ 300
- Initial Offering: \$ 70
- Flowers: \$ 7
- Sundry Offerings: \$ 546

## Holy Week at St. Christopher's

**Palm Sunday**-Saturday, 23<sup>rd</sup> March (Vigil Mass) at 5pm  
Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> March at **8:00am**, 10:00 am & 12:00 noon

**Tuesday** – Regular Mass at 8:30am  
**Wednesday** - Regular Mass at 9:00 am

**Holy Thursday**, March 28<sup>th</sup>  
*Solemn Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper*: 7:30 pm  
**Bring bells to Mass on Holy Thursday**  
Exposition of Blessed Sacrament: 8:30 pm to 12 midnight  
in the parish hall.

**Good Friday**, March 29<sup>th</sup>  
*Celebration of the Lord's Passion*- 11:00 am & 3:00 pm  
Stations of the Cross - 7:30 pm

**Holy Saturday**, March 30<sup>th</sup>  
Easter Food Blessing: 2 pm  
*The Great Vigil and First Mass of Easter*: **8 pm**  
**Let us ring out with Easter Joy!!!**  
Bring bells to the Easter Vigil Mass  
**Bring bells to the EASTER VIGIL**  
**and together we will rejoice in the Resurrection of Our Lord.**

**Easter Sunday**, March 31<sup>st</sup>  
Resurrection of the Lord  
**8:00am**, 10:00 am & 12:00noon

Please take note of the mass TIME changes.

- \* On Palm Sunday & Easter Sunday:  
the Mass has been changed from 8:30am to **8am** and
- \*On Saturday for The Great Vigil from 8:30 pm to **8pm**



### EASTER FOOD BLESSING

**Swiecień Pokarmow- Holy Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup> at 2pm**

An Easter Tradition of bringing baskets of food to be blessed is very popular throughout Europe. Many Eastern Europeans bring decorated Easter eggs, ham, sausages, breads, salt, cheese and Easter Bread on Holy Saturday. This food was then traditionally used to break the 'Paschal Fast' of Easter.



**Please bring the PIGGIES back home ..**

The Knights are waiting with gratitude! Thank you everyone for helping in this charitable fundraiser.



## R.C.I.A.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

### CELEBRATION OF THE SCRUTINIES

Even as we all prepare for Lent and Easter, our joy will only be increased, when new brothers and sisters "The Elect" will join our Catholic Fold this Easter. The "scrutinies" are **a series of rites for adults who wish to be baptized**. They are celebrated in the third, fourth, and fifth weeks of the Lenten season. This is considered a period of purification and enlightenment for the elect to look at what might be obstacles to their relationship with Jesus. Our Christian community supports them with prayer, as we too ask God to free us from every evil and strengthen us in what is good.

Can you help at the...

### EASTER VIGIL RECEPTION

*The Easter Vigil and the reception following is an opportunity to share with each other the joy of the risen Lord and to welcome our newly received Catholics into the parish family.*

**We need helping hands...**

- to provide 'finger food' - baked goods, sandwiches, veggies, etc. (drop off in parish hall Saturday afternoon)
  - Serve during the reception & • Clean up later.
- Please call the parish office and inform us.

**Help make this parish event a truly festive occasion!**

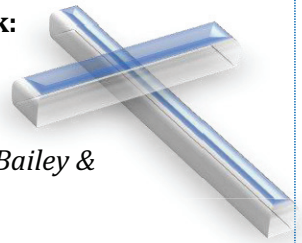
### Prayer Requests:

**For those who are sick:**

Mario Pereira

**For those who died:**

*Clive Nobrego; Michael Bailey & Eric Charles Black*  
May their souls R.I.P.



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