

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

St. Louis Natalie Poerba, Princ. 905-822-8251

St. Luke Mark Gibson, Princ. 905-274-2760

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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.

Mark 11:1-10



Jesus sends the disciples ahead to Jerusalem to get a donkey and a colt for him.

Jesus rides on it into Jerusalem, greeted by the people...!!!

Spreading their garments on the road, while waving palms, they jubilantly sang.

"Hosanna, Hosanna to the Son of David ..."

Palm Branches and a Donkey

...Jesus' Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem with the waving of palm branches is in all 4 gospels.

The first celebration of Palm Sunday in the Christian church with a palm processional was recorded as early as the 4th century in Jerusalem (Wikipedia).

Palm branches symbolized goodness, well-being, grandeur, steadfastness, and victory.

The donkey in Eastern tradition symbolized an animal of peace. Jesus' entry on a donkey shows him as the [Prince of Peace](#), not as a war-waging king!



Tue. March 26th: 8:30am
Danica Todorovic-Taravest†

Wed. March 27th: 9:00am
Annamaria Carnevale†

EASTER FOOD BLESSING
Swiecenie Pokarmow

Holy Saturday, March 30th 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.

For those who are sick:

Jose Robillos

For those who have died

May their souls Rest in Peace.:



Please contact the parish office
If you or a family member is sick or deceased
and would like us to pray for them.

HOLY WEEK at St Christopher Parish – Welcome!

- + **Tuesday, March 26th:** Mass at **8:30 am**
- + **Wednesday, March 27th:** Mass at 9:00 am



- + **Holy Thursday, March 28th**
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 until Midnight
in the parish hall.

- + **Good Friday, March 29th**
- **Celebration of the Lord's Passion:** 11:00 am & 3:00 pm.
- **Stations of the Cross** - 7:30 pm – led by the Youth.
- (Youth rehearsal at 1:30pm)

- + **Holy Saturday, March 30,**
- Easter Food Blessing: 2 pm (see the note on the right side)
- **The Great Vigil and First Mass of Easter:** 8:00 pm
Please Bring bells to Mass

- + **Easter Sunday, March 31**
Resurrection of the Lord
Mass at **8:00 am, 10:00 am & 12:00 noon**

*Let us ring out with Easter Joy!!!!
Together we rejoice in the Resurrection of our Lord.*

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!



R.C.I.A.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Our Christian community supports the catechumens with prayer, as we too ask God to free us from evil and strengthen us in what is good.

PREPARATION Continues!

Please continue to pray for those who are preparing for: First Reconciliation, Communion & Confirmation, as they continue their FAITH journey in Jesus. May they be filled with His knowledge, wisdom and grace



Lenten food Drive

The Compass is very grateful to the parishioners of St. Christopher who collected slightly over **1,387 of pounds** of non-perishable items which will be of great assistance as they continue to service the needs of an increasing number of people.

DID YOU KNOW THAT

ST. CHRISTOPHER'S HAS AN ONLINE MESSAGING SERVICE?

Follow the parish at [facebook.com/stchristophersmi](https://www.facebook.com/stchristophersmi) or search **stchristophersmi**



PARISH SUPPORT -THANK YOU

(March 16 & 17, 2024)

Collections – Summary)

- Share Life - First Collection - \$ 10,867.00
- Offertory Collection - \$ 4,806.00
- February Mass Offerings \$ 1,420.00
- Baptisms - \$ 300.00
- Sundry Collections - \$ 162.00

Next Collection Date for

SL ShareLife

A Catholic Charities agency supported by ShareLife

April 28, 2024 –

Our Goal is \$156,500.00. Thank you



Save the dates:

Vacation Bible School (VBS) 2024

For children ages 4 -11 years old.

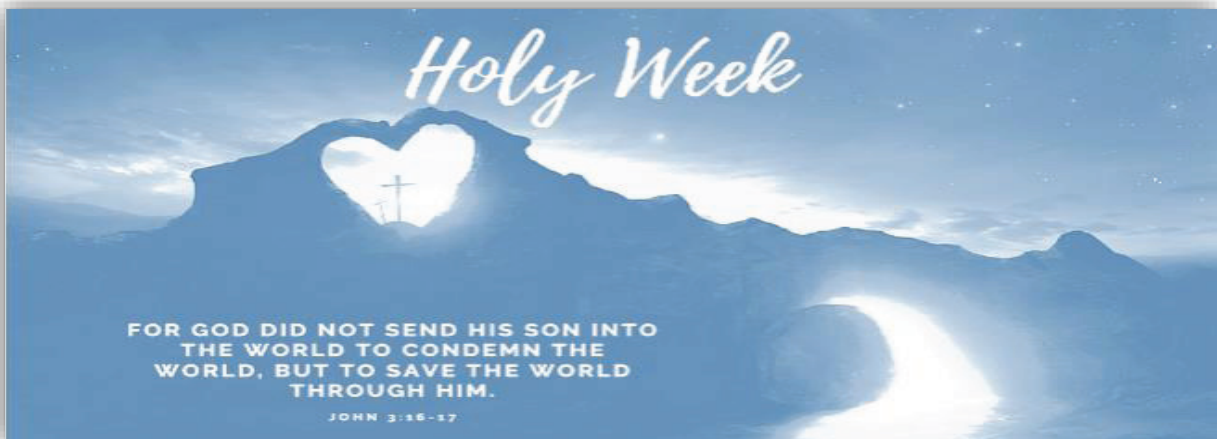
July 10 – 14 (week 1) July 17– 21 (week 2)

* Please contact Levy Anne at:

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Please bring the PIGGIES back home ...

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