# **ST. CHRISTOPHER'S PARISH**

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#### **OUR MISSION STATEMENT**

Pastor:

Permanent Deacon:

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Parish Secretary:

Lay Pastoral Associate:

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.

Rev. Steven Kwon

Georgina Abrego Perpetua Fernandes

Deacon Terence Da Silva

Deacon Michael E. Minkowski

#### 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

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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

Youth Minister & Sacramental Preparation: Levy Anne Ramos Ministry with Maturing Adults Sue Merko Accounting: Arnold Rego Sacristan: Narda Van Dyk

**PASTORAL TEAM** 

#### 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.

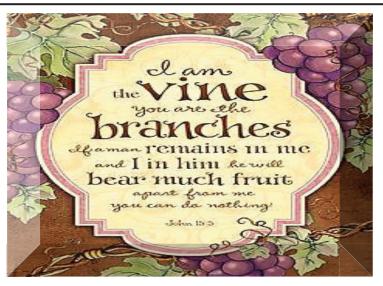
#### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION Saturday at 10:00 a.m. or by appointment

**COMMUNION TO THE SICK & SHUT-INS** Call parish office for home visit.

#### ANOINTING OF THE SICK

By request through the parish office.





# **J**<sub>ohn 15.1-8</sub>

Jesus said to his disciples: "I am the true vine, and my Father is the winegrower. ...Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You...

## (Psalm 22)

Lord, from you comes my praise in the great congregation. My vows I will pay before those who fear him. The poor shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the Lord. May your hearts live forever... All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn...



# 0 Come...let us adore #MM

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.

# MAY: THE MONTH OF MARY

In the words of Fr. Patrick Peyton, "The family that prays together stays together." Let us give Mary, Mother of Jesus and our Mother, a place in our lives and pray the family Rosary.





# From... our Most Reverend Francis Leo... Archdiocese of Toronto -Year of Prayer 2024

In the words of the Holy Father, Year of Prayer is dedicated *"to rediscovering the great value and* 

absolute need for prayer, prayer in personal life, in the life of the Church, prayer in the world.) <u>www.archtoronto.org</u>. ("TEACH US TO PRAY").



29- April, Monday – NO MASS

30- April, Tuesday – 9:00 am Fietta Family & friends † Elio Sponga<sup>+</sup> 01- May, Wednesday - 9:00 am Myra D'souza† 02- May, Thurs - 9:00 am Tina de Mello† 03- May, Friday - 9:00 am David Eller† 04- May, Saturday - 9:00 am Manuel Lopes† Monica Fernandes† Manny Castillo<sup>†</sup> Manuel & Ernestina Castillo<sup>+</sup> 04- May, Saturday - 5:00 pm People of the Parish

#### 05- May, Sunday

Christopher Johne†
Giovanni Daccardi†
Teresa Laly Jose†

## CHILDREN'S LITURGY -10 am Mass



Vacation Bible School (VBS) 2024.

For children ages 4 -11 years old. July 15-19 (week 1) July 22–26 (week 2) \* Contact Levy Anne at <u>lramos@archtoronto.org</u>

## **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 will His knowledge, wisdom and grace.

# Support the LIFETEEN CAMP

**by enjoying... a Pasta & Open Mic Night** on Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup>. All proceeds go to all youth attending Lifeteen Camp in August. Tickets are available in the vestibule following all weekend masses. Teens graduating grade 8 to grade 12 are invited to Lifeteen Camp on August 12-16. Join many other youth across the GTA looking to deepen their relationships with Jesus. For more information email Levy at: <u>lramos@archtoront.org</u>.



## April 27 & 28, 2024 – Upcoming Collection!

Bringing the Hands of Christ to those in need! Our Parish goal for 2024 is - \$156,500.00

Collections Year-to-Date - \$45,631.

Over 40 ShareLife agencies serve tens of thousands of people locally and 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

• Also 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 April 27 & 28, 2024** or Pre-Authorized Giving (PAG) to the ShareLife campaign.

# 9<sup>th</sup> May 24 ..CATCH THE BUS...



### for THE NATIONAL "MARCH FOR LIFE"

Come with us **to Ottawa** to send a strong message about the sanctity of all human life from conception to natural death. We must speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves! The annual "March for Life" takes place on **Thursday, May 9, 2024.** St. Francis of Assisi Parish has organized a bus at 6 am on May 9. The first 112 High School students to register from the Mississauga area will travel free. Registration starting now until 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2024. The normal cost of a ticket is \$60, payable upon registration or upon boarding the bus. Remember you would need to cover your own lunch and supper along the way.

Contact St. Francis of Assisi parish office at 905-822-8132. or **Kurtis Chong** at 647-378-3537 or at <u>kurtis.b.chong@gmail.com</u>.

## 9<sup>th</sup> May 24. Women's Day Retreat

Where: Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre 1617 Blythe Road, Mississauga Saturday May 9, 2024. Time: 8:30 am to 3:00pm. **Contact: Jean 905-2785229 or <u>office@qoa.ca</u>** 



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THANK YOU to all the parishioners who visited the Chalice table last weekend. Our special thanks go to Father Steven for hosting this event & the Knights of Columbus for their presence and upport. We are very grateful to everyone who chose to sponsor a child and **44** children are now facing a much brighter future thanks to your generosity. Your "yes" is revealing God's love to a beloved child who desperately needs it. If you are still undecided about sponsorship, or would like to learn more, please visit the Chalice website at <u>chalice.ca.</u>

# PARISH SUPPORT - THANK YOU

(Sunday April 20/21, 2024 - Collection Update)

- Offertory \$ 4,711.25
- Share Life \$ 330
- Poor Box \$ 310
- Initial Offering \$ 100
- Candles: \$ 418.75



## From: October 21<sup>st</sup> to November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024

An opportunity to travel with Father Steven Kwon this fall to Italy. Please call the parish office. Thank you.





The compass Food Bank thanks you for your generous support regularly. God Bless!

# Historic Gala Dinner-

## The Martyrs' Shrine of Midland

is holding a historic Gala Dinner in Toronto on 12<sup>th</sup> June 2024 in support of its 100-year renewal of the church and grounds. Join Archbishop Francis Leo, the Jesuit Fathers, and St. Michael's Boys Choir for this special event. Tickets are available at **martyrsshrine.com/spring-gala,** or Contact Fr. John O'Brien, S.J. Director for more information on purchasing a table.

# **R.C.I.A.** Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults



(RCIA) for adults who would like to become Roman Catholic will begin again in the fall. If you or a loved one would like to consider becoming a Roman Catholic, please contact by email

Georgina Abrego .. gabrego@archtoronto.org.

# Prayer Requests:

**For those who are sick:** Francisco DeFreitas; Suzanne Mascarenhas

**For those who died:** Melissa LeBlanc *May her soul R.I.P* 



