

# 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.

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS:** Monday to Friday 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. (closed: 12:30 - 1:30 p.m.)

### PASTORAL TEAM

Pastor:	Rev. Steven Kwon
Permanent Deacon:	Deacon Terence Da Silva
Permanent Deacon:	Deacon Michael E. Minkowski
Lay Pastoral Associate & Ministry with Maturing Adults	Georgina Abrego
Parish Secretary:	Perpetua Fernandes
Youth Minister & Sacramental Preparation:	Levy Anne Ramos
Accounting:	Arnold Rego
Sacristan:	Narda Van Dyk



### BAPTISM

The Sacrament of Baptism is offered every Saturday at 12:45 pm 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 Msgr. Hickey Lounge at 7:30 p.m. Please contact Jen via email: [jen@catholicmomsgroup.com](mailto:jen@catholicmomsgroup.com)

### HOLY HOUR

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after morning mass on 1st & last Fridays of the month. Other Fridays at 7:00 p.m.

### LEGION OF MARY

Every Sunday at 4:30 p.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

Third Tuesday of the month in the Parish Hall at 7:00 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 - (Parish Hall)

### 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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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.



**PREPARATIONS during ADVENT**



**Advent Wreath Prayer**

(The following prayer may be said each evening of the week before the evening meal or at a time when the family is gathered together.)

*“Loving God, source of all Light, hurry and send your spirit to us so that, noticed or unnoticed, we may give warmth and light to each person we meet this holy season. We ask this, through Christ our Lord. Amen.”*



**Parish Missions**

**Theme: A Shoot Shall Sprout (Isaiah 11:1)**

By Rev. Allan MacDonald, CC –  
(Companions of the Cross from Ottawa.)

The Eucharist celebrations with edifying Homilies, Confessions & Fellowship... to Prepare for Christmas. You are invited to join the Parish Advent Mission. Disconnect from the hustle and bustle of the season. Bring a friend or meet new people while you dive deeper into your faith!

**Saturday, 14 - Vigil Mass @ 5pm**  
**Sunday masses: December 15 - 8:30am, 10am & 12noon**  
**From Monday to Wednesday, December 16, 17 & 18**  
**Timings: 6pm confessions; Mass: 7pm – 9pm**



**Days for CONFESSION**

Our parish, schedule for confessions will be:

- Thursday, 19th Dec. 2024, - from 7 pm to 9 pm
- For Seniors on Saturday 21<sup>th</sup> Dec. 2024, 10 am to 11 am



**Mass Intentions**

**Monday, December 02 | NO MASS**

**Tuesday, December 03 | 9:00 am**

- † Lorenzo DeMaestri
- † Raul Felipe Mercier
- † Kevin Mannion
- † Veneranda Moreira
- Joseph Kaplon (Spec. Int.)

**Wednesday, December 04 | 9:00 am**

Francisco Romero (Spec. Int.)

**Thursday, December 05 | 9:00 am**

† Irena Zbojna

**Friday, December 06 | 9:00 am**

† Maria Teresa & Giovanna Fantauzzi

**Saturday, December 07 | 9:00 am**

- † Deceased family members of Shannon & Lilian D’souza
- † Ana Catalina Mihaescu
- Anthony Joseph (Spec. Int.)

**Saturday, December 07 | 5:00 pm**

† Paz Negradas

**Sunday, December 08**

- 8:30 am † Jose & Georgina Soares
- 10:00 am † Manuel Silva
- 12noon † Bernard De Souza

**LITURGY OF THE WORD FOR CHILDREN**

(JK to Grade 3) during 10am Mass every Sunday!



**St. Christopher’s Parish Christmas Concert**

Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup> at 4pm led by the 5pm choir, noon choir & MOSAIC Canadian Ensemble.

**■ Ticket SALE for SENIOR’S LUNCHEON:**

Tickets are \$10 and will be on sale after every Sunday Mass. Luncheon on **Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup>** from 12 pm to 2 pm. Please contact Georgina Abrego at 905 822 1171 ext. 2225 or email her at [gabrego@archtoronto.org](mailto:gabrego@archtoronto.org).



**He Deserves all the GLORY!**

O come...let us adore HIM

The HOLY HOUR Adoration is after morning Mass on the 1st & last Friday of the month. other Fridays it is at 7pm.

# CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR'S

## MASS SCHEDULES

### Fourth Sunday of Advent

Saturday, Dec 21: 5 pm

Sunday, Dec. 22: 8:30 am, 10 am & 12 noon

Monday, Dec. 23: NO mass

### CHRISTMAS EVE - Tuesday, Dec. 24:

Pageant: 3:30 pm

Mass times: 4:00 pm, 6:30 pm, 9:30 pm & 12 midnight

### CHRISTMAS DAY

Wednesday, Dec. 25: 10 am & 12 noon

Thursday, Dec. 26: 10 am

Friday, Dec. 27: 9am

### HOLY FAMILY

Saturday, Dec. 28: 9am & 5 pm

Sunday, Dec. 29: 8:30 am, 10 am & 12 noon

Monday, Dec. 30: No mass

### SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

Tuesday, Dec. 31: 5 pm

Wednesday, January 1: 10 am & 12 noon



### Poinsettia – the Christmas Plant Sale

The Knights of Columbus will be selling fresh Poinsettia plants after all masses on the weekend of Dec 7-8. All proceeds to support local charities

### Caring and Sharing at Christmas

Caring & Sharing is a wonderful opportunity to share God's love with those less fortunate in our community. More and more families are suffering from food insecurity and are turning to food banks such as "The Compass", who is our outreach partner.

#### HOW CAN YOU HELP?

■ Donation of Gift cards (Walmart |PC |Metro| Food Basics & No Frills.). Please place the gift cards in the collection baskets at all masses the weekend of November 30th /December 1st & 7th/8th OR at the parish office during business hours.

■ Support "The Compass" "Spread the Joy" campaign and donate ONLINE (thecompass.ca) or by cheque to The Compass, 427 Lakeshore Rd, East, Mississauga, ON L5G 1H8. Our heartfelt Thanks on behalf of the families who will benefit from your Caring & Sharing this Christmas.



## THANK YOU for...

We are grateful for your generosity & support Parish offerings

November 23/24, 2024 - Weekend, Sunday Offerings & Special Collections **(\$6,781.30)**

ShareLife - (year to date): **\$131,447.00**

**Goal : \$156,500.00**

Campaign continues until December 31, 2024.

You may also choose to give to the ShareLife appeal by way of credit card.

Donate online - go to: [www.sharelife.org](http://www.sharelife.org).



A Catholic Charities agency supported by ShareLife

### "Matching Gift"

"Matching Gift" - is launched for year-end giving. All gifts made

to SHARELIFE up to 31st Dec 2024, will be matched (up to \$500,000.)

*God bless the anonymous donor and his family for the generosity of making this possible.*



### Piggy BANKS are back!

Knights of Columbus will be distributing piggy banks for you to collect your spare change over the holiday gift buying season (Return your (hopefully full!) bank in the New Year).

The Knights of Columbus deeply appreciate the fundraisings efforts of our Parish. They in turn, help make a significant impact in the local community.

### ■ 2025 Sunday OFFERING Envelopes



The Offering Envelopes are ready for pick up.

The boxes are placed in alphabetical order.

If you have any difficulty, please call the Parish office during business hours. Start using these Envelopes **ONLY in JANUARY 2025**. (Please continue to use the "2024 envelopes" until December 31st.)

### Prayer Requests this week for:

\***The Sick** – Neil Sweeney.

\* **Those who have died:**

Catherine Yip

*May her soul rest in peace.*



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