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 Deacon Terence Da Silva Permanent Deacon: 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 Revita

Accounting: Arnold Rego Narda Van Dyk Sacristan:



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.

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

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 1:30 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 St. Louis Natalie Poerba, Princ. 905-822-8251 St. Luke Mark Gibson, Princ. 905-274-2760

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8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"No good tree bears bad fruit, nor again does a bad tree bear good fruit; for each tree is known by its own fruit. Figs are

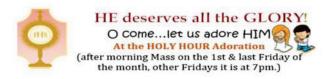
not gathered from thorns, nor are grapes picked from a bramble bush. The good person out of the good treasure of the heart produces good, and the evil person out of evil treasure produces evil; for it is out of the abundance of the heart that the mouth speaks. Luke 6:43-45

CHILDREN'S LITURGY RUNS EVERY SUNDAY AT 10 AM - AGE 4-11.

Prayer Requests

Faithfully Departed: John Lychy

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



Dynamic Women of Faith Conference Saturday, March 22, 2025: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM REGISTER: dwf2025.eventbrite.ca

The 17th Annual Dynamic Women of Faith full day conference held at the Old Mill (21 Old Mill Rd.) in Toronto.

Speakers and topics include:

Father Marcin Serwin OMI - Being a Priest - Being a Midwife Annie Karto | Divine Mercy Flood My Soul Dr. Stephanie Kafie | 5 Ways to Live out 'Totally Yours' Lisa Canning | Surrendering in Suffering: Discovering JOY Dorothy Pilarski | Your Life is Going to Change

Bishop Robert Kasun will be celebrating the closing Mass; sharing a reflection on Jubilee Year 2025 - Pilgrims of Hope



JOIN US ON TUES. MARCH 4TH IN THE CHURCH HALL FOR A <u>FREE</u> PANCAKE DINNER FROM 5-7PM! ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN US!



Mon. March 3rd: NO MASS

Tues. March 4th:

9am – Filomena Carvalho†
Christine Nickalls†
William Gaye†
Michael Cresswall†
Florisena Amedeo†
Triumfo Magpali†
Mary Camilleri†
Brenda Van Tassel†

Wed. March 5th: No Mass Intentions

Thurs. March 6th:

9am – Maria Teresa & Giovanna Fantauzzi†

Fri. March 7th:

9am - Michael Cresswall†

Sat. March 8th:

9am – Jerome A. Rodrigues†

Henry Kucharzyk†

5pm – Rodrigues & D'Sousa Famillies†

Sun. March 9th:

1st Sunday of Lent

8:30 am - Martie Way†

10 am – Franscesco Confaria†12 noon – People of the Parish

What's Happening at St. Christopher's

Mon. March 3rd: K of C, 3rd Degree – Service meeting Msgr. Hickey Lounge (7pm)

Tues. March 4th: Pancake Tuesday Dinner Parish Hall (5pm-7pm)

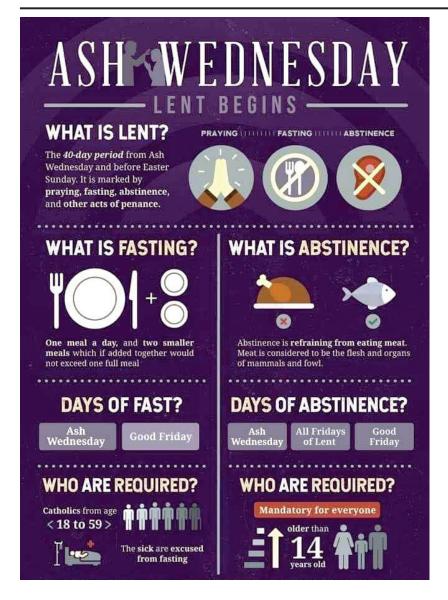
Wed. March 5th:

Ash Wednesday Mass – Distribution of Ashes 9am & 7:30pm

Fri. March 7th:

9:30 am - Eucharistic Adoration 6:30 pm - Stations of the Cross

Sat. March 8th: Focolore Children's Liturgy Room (2:30-4:30pm)



What is Lent?

What are your priorities in life right now? Lent is an invitation to rearrange your priorities—to focus on what matters most and leave behind what matters least. Lent is the season where the Church prepares for Easter. Starting with Ash Wednesday, Lent spans 40+ days until Holy Thursday. In the fourth chapter of Matthew, Jesus spends 40 days in the desert, fasting, praying, and preparing for his mission. Lent is your opportunity for that same focus.

Lent is your invitation to take your spiritual life seriously.

Lent is the perfect time to form life-giving habits and abandon self-destructive habits.

Lent is your chance to discover the abundant life Jesus invites us to at Easter. Take these 40 days to explore God's dream for your life and it will change everything. Are you ready?

Traditional Lenten Practices

We all need a fresh start from time to time. And Lent is the perfect time to embark on that journey.

Maybe you need a fresh start in your personal finances, or perhaps you need a fresh start in your marriage. Maybe you need a fresh start in a relationship with a child or a parent, or possibly you need a fresh start in your health and well-being. It could even be that you need a fresh start in your career.

For generations, Catholics have developed different traditions that help them make a new beginning during Lent. Here are just a few examples:

Give Something Up:

Many Catholics "give up" something for the entire Lenten season. A classic example is giving up chocolate, but you don't have to stop there! You could give up negative thinking, speaking poorly about others, or procrastinating. You could also make a positive swap: like praying the Rosary instead of watching TV, or reading a Catholic book instead of scrolling through social media.

Join a Spiritual Challenge:

One of the simplest ways to transform your Lent is to join other Catholics for a spiritual challenge. You could create a small challenge with your friends, sign up for a local Bible study, or pray the Angelus at 9am, 12pm and 3pm.

Deepen Your Prayer:

Catholics often will say special Lenten prayers. One of the most popular spiritual practices during Lent is the Stations of the Cross. The Stations of the Cross is one of the most simple, yet powerful, ways to prayerfully walk alongside Jesus during his Passion, and encounter him like never before. Our God loves fresh starts. How is he inviting you to a fresh start this Lent?





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