

# 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:** Tuesday to Friday 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (closed 12:30 - 1:30 p.m.)  
Saturday: 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Sunday: 9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

### PASTORAL TEAM

Pastor:	Rev. Steven Kwon
Permanent Deacon:	Deacon Michael E. Minkowski
Lay Pastoral Associate:	Hilda De Medicis
Parish Secretary:	Teresa Palomar
Youth Minister & Sacramental Preparation:	Levy Anne Revita
Accounting:	Arnold Rego



### BAPTISM

The Sacrament of Baptism is offered every Saturday and Sunday at 2:00 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

Holy hour is now every Friday following morning mass.

**LEGION OF MARY:** Every Sunday at 1:30 p.m. (J.C. Room)

**YOUTH MINISTRY:** EDGE - Grades 3 - 8  
Lifeteen - Grades 9 - 12  
Contact Levy Anne for dates and times.

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

4th Tuesday of the month in the Parish Hall at 7:00 p.m.

### SENIORS COFFEE TOGETHER

Tuesday mornings after 9:00 a.m. Mass - (Parish Hall)

**BIBLE SHARING:** Wednesday mornings 10-11 a.m. (J.C. Room)

### FOCOLARE - WORD OF LIFE/PALABRA DE VIDA

Every second Saturday of the month at Msgr. Hickey Lounge (Spanish Group) & JC room (English Group) from 2:30pm to 4:00pm.

### PARISH SCHOOLS

St. Christopher Isabel Sauve, Princ. 905-822-0721  
St. Helen Ruben Furtado, Princ. 905-822-4564  
St. Louis Velia Scorziella, Princ. 905-822-8251  
St. Luke Mark Gibson, Princ. 905-274-2760  
Iona Catholic S.S. Lorian Feres, Princ. 905-823-0136

### SUNDAY EUCHARIST

Saturday: 5:00 p.m.  
Sunday: 8:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m. (also livestreamed) & 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.

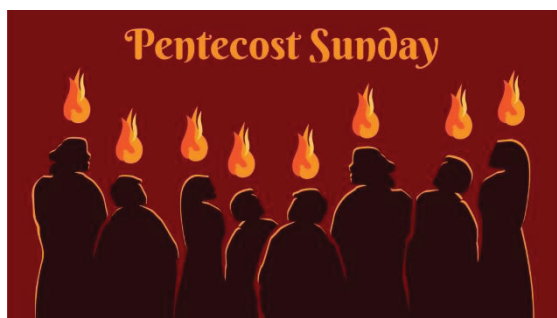
### ANOINTING OF THE SICK

By request through the parish office.



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## PENTECOST SUNDAY



### John 20:19-23

19 When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among

them and said, "Peace be with you." 20 After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. 21 Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." 22 When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. 23 If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

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

**Sick Intentions:** V. Molina, Cornelio Revita, Aristeo Ramos



**Monday May 25<sup>th</sup>:** NO MASS

**Tuesday May 26<sup>th</sup>:** Agnes Lachowicz

**Wednesday May 27<sup>th</sup>:**

Annamaria Carnevale†

**Thursday May 28<sup>th</sup>:** Gorgonio Canaria†

**Friday May 29<sup>th</sup>:** People of the Parish

**Saturday May 30<sup>th</sup>:**

**9:00am:** Nenita Tongson†, Carmella Vassallo†

**5pm -** Maris & Wilson Tan, Rev. Joseph Rodrigues, Dolores O'Neill

**Sunday May 31<sup>st</sup>:**

**8:30am -** People of the Parish

**10am -** Raycar Cabarong

**12 pm -** People of the Parish

**First Holy Communion Masses:** Please join us in prayer and celebration as the children of our parish receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion for the first time! These special masses will take place on Saturday, June 6: 5:00 PM (Vigil Mass), and on Sunday, June 7: 10:00 AM and 12:00 PM. As we welcome many out-of-town guests and extended families to our community for this joyful milestone, please anticipate larger crowds and limited parking. We thank you for your patience and for offering a warm welcome to all those visiting our parish during this blessed weekend.

**St. Christopher's Knights of Columbus together with the Legion of Mary (Our Lady of Sorrows Praesidium) invite you all to the Annual Marian Mass: Procession and Coronation of the Blessed Virgin Mary on Friday May 29th at 7:00pm.**

### Weekend Collections: May 16 & 17

Building Maintenance - \$75.00

Bake Sale - \$1,546.00

Candles - \$910.25

Papal Charities - \$1,534.95

Poor Box - \$58.40

Religious Articles - \$45.00

Mass Offerings - \$420.00

Seniors' Activities - \$15.00

ShareLife - \$25.00

Weekly Collection - \$5,282.15

World Youth Day Travel Deposits - \$1,500.00

World Youth Day Offerings - \$150.00

### Share Life Year to Date Collections:

Jan 01 2026 to May 17, 2026,

Collected: **\$61,913**

Parish Goal: \$ 157,500

### NEXT GARAGE DAY SALE - SAT. JUNE 6<sup>TH</sup>

Get ready to find some more treasures! Our next Garage Sale is happening on Saturday, June 6th. Thanks to the incredible generosity of our parish community, we have an enormous amount of fantastic stock ready for the big day. Please note: Because our storage is currently overflowing, we are no longer accepting donations at this time.

Thank you so much for your overwhelming support and for making this event possible. We can't wait to see you there!

### Support Our Youth: World Youth Day!

If you would like to support our young pilgrims as they prepare for this life-changing spiritual journey, donation envelopes are now available at all church entrances. Your prayers and financial support are greatly appreciated by our youth and the entire parish.

Simply pick up an envelope on your way in or out of Mass and place them in the offertory baskets.

Thank you for your kindness!

Our FILIPINO DINNER AND KARAOKE NIGHT will be on Saturday May 30th following the 5pm mass. Tickets will NOT be sold at the door and must be purchased after mass today.

All proceeds will go toward supporting all pilgrims attending World Youth Day 2027 in South Korea.



**SAVE THE DATE!!!**

**SAT. JUNE 20<sup>TH</sup>!** Multu Cultural Night in the Church Hall. More details in the next few weeks.

Message on the Month of the Blessed  
Mother: 1 May 2026  
His Eminence  
Frank Cardinal Leo  
Metropolitan Archbishop of Toronto  
*Her witness enlightens our path*



My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

May Jesus and Mary be in your souls.

I am writing to you in anticipation of the month particularly dedicated to the Blessed Mother, the month of May. The origin of this dedication dates back many centuries. Historians point to the hymns of 13th century Alfonso X “the Wise” King of Castile and León followed by the writings of 14th century Dominican, Blessed Henry Suso as being the seeds of the devotion of Our Lady this month. In the 16th century the Benedictine Wolfgang Seidl published a volume on the devotions and teachings connected to May. At roughly the same time, in Rome, St. Philip Neri was teaching the youth to honour Our Lady with songs, flowers, praises and acts of virtue and mortification. However, it wasn’t until the Baroque period, the end of the 17th century in Italy and in Germany, when we see this month develop significantly with the establishment of Confraternities and devotions including the singing of litanies and crowning statues with crowns made of roses. In the modern sense, nevertheless, the recognized initiator of the Marian Month per se in terms of its formalization including daily prayers and practices is the 18th century Jesuit Fr. Annibale Dionisi, in Rome, followed by other inspired pastors of souls such as Archbishop G.M. Saporiti of Genoa and the Jesuit Fr. A. Muzzarelli. The holy Rosary, originally linked specifically to the month of October, is now introduced in the month of May as well. Subsequently, at the beginning of the 19th century throughout Europe and the Americas as well as in the missions, this devotion spread rapidly. It came to be an important and beautiful expression of the Church’s devotion to the Mother of Jesus and to this day, it continues to help us journey in faith, keep the fire of devotion burning in our hearts and challenge us to live the life of faith, virtue and justice after the example of the one who alone was chosen to be the Mother of God.

During these four weeks we are invited to contemplate the mystery of Our Lady’s life and to rediscover how her witness continues to illuminate the path of the Church. As our mother and model, Mary offers timely wisdom and guidance on what it means to be disciples of Christ whose daily living is marked by spiritual discernment and apostolic action (cf. *Lumen Gentium* 63-65).

One of the defining characteristics of Mary’s life is her profound openness to the action of God. At the Annunciation she receives a mission that exceeds human understanding, yet she responds with a heart ready to cooperate with his divine plan (Lk 1:38; CCC 494). The Church recognizes in this moment a pattern of authentic discernment: attentiveness to God’s initiative, trust in his promises and the courage to respond generously. These same attitudes are essential for us who seek to listen to the Holy Spirit in the present moment of our history (cf. *Dei Verbum*, 5).

Mary’s fiat – her free and courageous “yes” – reveals the interior disposition that lies at the heart of Christian discipleship. God initiates, grace is offered, and we respond in freedom. We are reminded that freedom is not the ability to do anything whatsoever, but the ability to choose what is good (*Veritatis Splendor*, 35; CCC 1731-1733). The sacred dialogue between grace and freedom remains at the centre of the Christian life. As St. Augustine reminds us: “God created us without us: but he did not will to save us without us”

(*Sermo* 169,11,13). Each day, in countless places around the world, the Lord continues to speak to human hearts, inviting them to cooperate in his saving work.

Mary also manifests a deep capacity for contemplation. The Gospel of St. Luke relates that she “treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart” (Lk 2:19; CCC 2717). Our Blessed Mother’s quiet attentiveness to the mystery unfolding before her reminds the Church that discernment is never rushed. Like Mary of Nazareth we are invited to cultivate spaces of prayer and reflection in our homes, schools, communities and hearts where the Word of God can take root and illuminate our path forward (*Verbum Domini*, 86-88). Attentiveness to the voice of God requires humility, openness and trust in the action of the Holy Spirit, truly listening to God.

Mary’s contemplative heart never withdraws from the needs of the world. Her life is marked by a readiness to respond when God calls her into service. Whether it is her visit to Elizabeth after the Annunciation (Lk 1:39-45), welcoming the shepherds in Bethlehem (Lk 2:16-19), presenting the Child Jesus in the Temple (Lk 2:22-25), or standing faithfully beneath the Cross (Jn 19:25), Mary remains steadfast in her participation in the saving work of Christ (cf. LG 58). In this way, the Blessed Mother reveals that authentic discernment always leads to witness and action (*Evangelii Gaudium*, 120). This can be difficult for us, we want to do God’s will but perhaps we are unaware of what he wants, or unsure of how to respond.

The month of May invites us to put aside our doubts, insecurities, and fears; to renew our own response to God’s call. Standing devoutly and spiritually beside Mary, we learn again the courage of her surrender and the confidence of her faith (*Redemptoris Mater*, 14-15). The same Holy Spirit who overshadowed her (Lk 1:35), desires to work within us, forming Christ anew in the hearts of all believers (cf. Gal 4:19). When we turn our hearts to Mary, in her faith we learn anew how to welcome God’s action in our lives. In her humility we discover the freedom that allows the Holy Spirit to work within us. In her fidelity we see the perseverance required to remain close to Christ even in moments of uncertainty. As such, my prayer for the faithful of the Archdiocese of Toronto is that especially this month we will think about how to honour Mother Mary and consider how her witness illuminates our daily life and vocation so that under her maternal care, may we continue to journey with renewed openness to the Holy Spirit.

† *Frank Card. Leo*  
His Eminence Frank Cardinal Leo  
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