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New Parishioners

Welcome to our parish family! Please register by filling out a form available at the back of the church or online.

Sacrament of Baptism

The desire for Baptism for a child must be accompanied by a very serious commitment to raise the child within the Catholic faith community and to educate the child in the truths of the church. An essential part of the commitment is regular attendance at Sunday Mass. Baptisms are usually held on two Sundays every month. Please contact the parish office for a Baptismal package.

Sacrament of Matrimony

Couples planning to be married should contact the parish one year in advance. They must also attend a Marriage Preparation Course prior to entering marriage. If either party has previously gone through any form of civil divorce or religious marriage with another person, please notify the priest as soon as possible as the priest is not permitted to set a wedding date until the Bishop's Office has been contacted.

Sacrament of the Sick

In this Sacrament we celebrate Christ's healing presence among us today. If you, a relative or friend, require this Sacrament at home or nursing home, please call the parish office. For your spiritual needs during a hospital stay, the Archdiocese of Toronto has assigned a full time Roman Catholic Chaplain to each of the two Mississauga hospitals. For the Chaplain, speak to the Nurses' Desk or call the Spiritual Care Office.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Every Saturday: 4:00 PM - 4:45 PM
Every 2nd & 4th Friday during Holy Hour (6:15pm to 6:45pm).

OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday - Friday: 9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 - 3:00 p.m.
Closed Monday, Saturday and Sunday
Closed Daily: 12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.

MASS

Sunday Eucharist
Saturday Vigil: 5:00 PM (fulfills the Sunday obligation)
Sunday: 8:30 AM, 10:00 AM & 12:00 NOON

Weekday Eucharist

Mondays / Wednesdays / Fridays 7:00 PM
Tuesdays / Thursdays 8:30 AM

DEVOTIONS

Holy Hour

Fridays (excluding holidays) 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Wednesday during Mass

Rosary

Monday & Wednesday at 6:40 PM

Divine Mercy

Friday at 3:00 PM

PARISH LIFE

Charismatic Prayer Goup 905-822-8132
Legion of Mary (Wed 7:30 PM) 905-822-8132
Knights of Columbus (Mike Genua) 416-804-3457
Men of St Francis (Kurtis Chong) 647-378-3537
RCIA 905-822-8132 ext. 3
St. Vincent de Paul 905-822-8132 ext. 5
Catholic Cemeteries 416-733-8544

SCHOOLS

St. Francis of Assisi 905-822-3183
St. Margaret of Scotland 905-820-5115
Christ the King 905-569-0220

Second Sunday of Advent

December 8, 2024

The Word of God Came to John

“Lord Jesus, you are the Word of God and the Savior of the world. Help me to receive your Word with expectant faith, and to live it with confident hope, and to proclaim it joyfully with love and boldness to all I meet.”



MONDAY, Dec. 9 - 7:00 PM

(Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception)

† Lira Mascarenhas

S.I. Thanksgiving Mass

S.I. Maria Rendon

TUESDAY, Dec. 10 - 8:30 AM

S.I. Carmen Pulis

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 11 - 7:00 PM

S.I. Chase Morgan

THURSDAY, Dec 12 - 8:30 AM

S.I. For married couples and those preparing for marriage

FRIDAY, Dec 13 - 7:00 PM

S.I. Bob & Gail Ewasyn

S.I. Toni Crasto

S.I. Franca Petrilli

SATURDAY, Dec 14 - 5:00 PM

† Eleanor & Milan Bazik

† Desmond & Margaret Somers

S.I. Anna Maria Piraino

SUNDAY, Dec 15 - 8:30 AM, 10 AM & 12 PM

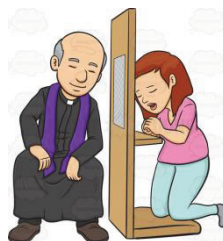
Third Sunday of Advent



ADVENT CELEBRATION FOR YOUTH

Families with children of all ages are invited to take part in our **“Advent Wonderland”** this weekend, Sunday, December 8th from 2pm to 4pm in the Parish Hall. Join us to decorate Christmas cookies and ornaments, and don't forget to bring your camera to take a photo with Santa and Mrs. Claus. The cost is only **\$5.00 per child** to participate. Please visit the parish website to sign-up. Each child is asked to bring one non-perishable food item for our local Food Bank, **“Eden Food for Change.”**

ADVENT DAY OF RECONCILIATION



The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) is the best way to prepare our hearts and souls for Christmas. Please take advantage of the opportunities available on **Wednesday December 18th** at

9:30 am – 11:30 am, 2:30 pm – 4:30 pm and 7:45 pm – 9:00 pm (after the regular 7pm mass).



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The answer will be found next week on the parish website:

What Does The Word Advent Mean?



CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA PICK-UP

Thank you to everyone who was able to support the 2024 Knights of Columbus Poinsettia Fundraiser. **The poinsettias will be available for pick up after all Masses this weekend of December 7th and 8th in the Parish Hall.**



Parish Advent Mission

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

You are invited to join the Parish Advent Mission. Come along. Disconnect from the hustle and bustle of the season. Let us prepare

ourselves for the season of Christmas. Bring a friend or meet new people while you dive deeper in your faith!

Date - December 14 – 18, 2024

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

Where- St. Christopher's R.C. Church,
1171 Clarkson Road North, Mississauga
For more information please contact
St. Christopher's Church at 905-822-1171



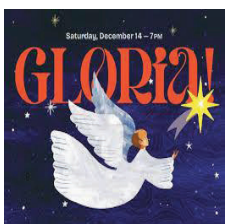
Your gift will double in value!

From November 1st until year-end, your contribution to our parish's ShareLife campaign will be matched by an anonymous donor up to a total of \$500,000.

Every day, individuals and families silently face depression, anxiety, grief, and trauma. Through ShareLife-supported agencies, your YES extends God's love to those struggling with mental health challenges, offering the lifeline they need to find hope. **ShareLife is also committing \$750,000 to address the hunger crisis in the GTA.**

Your generosity allows us to assist some of the most vulnerable and marginalized members of our community. Without access to free support, they would be unable to get the help they need.

Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate. **Thank you for your generosity!**



The young men of St. Michael's Choir cordially invite you to be their guest at this year's 59th Christmas Concert at Massey Hall on Saturday, December 14, 2024 at 7pm. Tickets sell for \$40-\$125.

Visit MASSEYHALL.com to purchase your tickets.



MASS SCHEDULE DURING THE 2024 CHRISTMAS SEASON

NATIVITY OF THE LORD

Christmas Eve - Tuesday, December 24 – 5pm, 8pm and 11pm **(No 8:30am Mass)**

Christmas Day – Wednesday, December 25 - 8:30am, 10am and 12pm **(No 7pm Mass)**

Feast of Saint Stephen – Thursday, December 26 – 10am

Feast of St. John, Apostle and Evangelist
Friday, December 27 – Holy Hour – 6pm and Mass – 7pm

Holy Innocents - Saturday, December 28 – 10am

Feast of the Holy Family – December 28 and 29
Saturday Confessions – 4pm, Vigil Mass – 5pm
Sunday Mass - 8:30am, 10am and 12pm.

Sunday, December 29 – 5pm - **Special Mass at St. Michael's Cathedral to open the Jubilee Year. All are Welcome!**

Monday, December 30 – 7pm Mass
Tuesday, December 31 – 8:30am Mass

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

Tuesday, December 31 – 5pm

Wednesday, January 1 – 10am and 12pm **(No 8:30am & 7pm Mass)**

Thursday, January 2 – Regular Mass schedule resumes.

SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Saturday, January 4 – 5pm, Confessions – 4pm
Sunday, January 5 – 8:30am, 10am and 12pm

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