

# St. Mary's Church

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Parish Office Hours Monday to Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. & 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Friday 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

## MASSES:

Sat.: 5:00 p.m. Sun.: 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. (livestreamed),  
12:00 p.m., 4:00 p.m.

## WEEKDAY MASSES:

 12:10 p.m. (except Wed.)

Wednesday & 1st Friday.....7:00 p.m.

Saturday & Holidays.....9:00 a.m.

Mass is livestreamed on Sundays at 10:00 a.m.

The Church opens at 8:00 a.m. and closes at 5:00 p.m.  
except Wednesdays when we close at 8:00 p.m.

## RECONCILIATION:

Wed. 5:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m. or Sat. 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

**BAPTISM INFORMATION:** Contact a priest or Catherine Ecker, Parish Catechist after Mass on Sunday.

**R.C.I.A.** - For adults wishing to become Catholic, and for the baptism of older children (aged 7-14). Contact Catherine Ecker.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:** for school aged-children attending public/private alternate schools. Contact parish office.

## MINISTRIES TO THE HOSPITALIZED & SHUT-INS:

If you or a family member is admitted to the R.V.H. or are unable to attend Mass, please contact the parish office so that we may provide pastoral care.

**MARRIAGE:** Contact the parish priest one year prior to the anticipated date of marriage. Couples are reminded not to book a banquet hall before meeting with the Pastor.

## PARISH STAFF:

Rev. Larry Léger, Pastor – ext. 104

Rev. Sávio Bruto da Costa, Associate Pastor – ext. 107

Rev. Scott Young – In Residence (Health Leave)

Deacon Del Allan – ext. 125

Susan Scarff, Administrative Assistant – ext. 101

Catherine Ecker, Coordinator of Ministry with Maturing Adults and Parish Catechist – ext. 115

Shannon Barks, Music/Youth Minister – ext. 116  
or 705-229-7426

David Murdoch, Pastoral Assistant

Pat Borho, Finance – ext. 102

Cathy O'Connor-Horgan, Custodian of Records – ext. 113

Dennis Cormier, Building Manager

## PARISH SCHOOLS:

St. Mary's School - 705-726-1843

St. Monica's School - 705-726-8221

Monsignor Clair School - 705-737-2812

St. Marguerite d'Youville School - 705-726-5849

The Good Shepherd School - 705-728-2302

Sister Catherine Donnelly - 705-726-1221

St. Joseph's High School - 705-728-3120

Board Office - 705-722-3555

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Monday through Friday

1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. All welcome

**Adoration Chapel:** Mary Bond - 705-726-6641

**Altar Servers:** Parish Office

**Bereavement Committee:** Parish Office

**Catholic Family Services:** 705-726-2503

**Catholic Women's League:** Dorothy Cepas - 705-627-0026

**Youth Adult Ministry:** Shannon Barks - 705-229-7426

**Development & Peace:** Becky Johnson - 705-327-9609

**Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Communion:** 705-728-2985

**Interfaith Refugee Committee:** Sheila Lewis-Watts  
705-737-1880

**Knights of Columbus:** Al MacLeod - 705-728-4076

**Lectors:** Parish Office

**Library:** Arlene LeBlanc - 705-728-0736

**Marriage Encounter:** John & Daphne Jeffery-705-721-1694

**Marriage Preparation:** Parish Office

**Maturing Adults:** Catherine Ecker - ext. 115

**Ministry Affirmation:** (Screening): Parish Office - 705-728-2985

**New Beginnings:** Parish Office - 705-728-2985

**Religious Articles Store:** Pat Dunn - 705-718-1853

**Retrouaille:** (for troubled marriages) - 416-281-6007

**Rosary Apostolate** - Anné Gariépy - 705-305-0911

**Sacramental Preparation:** Catherine Ecker - ext. 115

**Simcoe Sojourners:** Jacinta Kewin - 705-720-2492

**Social Life:** Parish Office

**St. Mary's Cemetery:** Larry Meyer 705-726-3931

**St. Vincent de Paul:** 705-722-0753

**Youth Ministry:** Shannon Barks - 705-229-7426

## PARISH REGISTRATION

Please register with the parish before seeking any sacraments or any other services.  
Registration forms are available in the church foyer, on our parish website, and in our parish office.

## Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, August 28	12:10 p.m.	† Paul Milewski
Tuesday, August 29	12:10 p.m.	† Mark Thompson
Wednesday, August 30	7:00 p.m.	† Jeronima and Antonio Sousa
Thursday, August 31	12:10 p.m.	† Eric and Beryl Fairchild
Friday, September 1	12:10 p.m.	† David and Raymond Fenech and Joe Agius
	7:00 p.m.	† Celinda Canas
Saturday, September 2	9:00 a.m.	† All Souls in Purgatory † Joe Badali



### HOLY HOUR AND BENEDICTION

Friday, September 1  
6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.



As the baptized we all share in the ministry of prayer. If you or a family member is sick please let us know and we shall add their name to our prayer list which is posted in the gathering space of the church.



We remember in prayer those who have died recently including: **Getulio Belonio and Jacques Forget.**



### Hospital Ministry

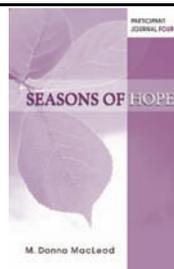
**Visiting the Hospital:** if you or a family member are admitted to RVH please let them know you are Catholic and call the parish office to inform us. If you wish to receive Holy Communion please let the parish office know and one of our pastoral visitors will come to see you.

### Full Active Conscious Participation in Mass: The Offertory Collection



Our active participation in the celebration of Mass is crucial and is evident when we answer the prayers, listen to God's Word and join in singing. Being able to put our monetary contribution to the upkeep of the parish and the work of the church into the collection basket is another sign of our participation. We require more people to assist, in particular we need additional people to assist at the 12:00 noon and 4:00 p.m. Mass. To fulfill this ministry the church asks that the person be fully initiated and at least 16 years of age. If you are able to assist as an Offertory Collector please speak with David Murdoch or send him an email at [dmurdoch@archtoronto.org](mailto:dmurdoch@archtoronto.org)

### Seasons of Hope Bereavement Group to Begin



This program is centered on Jesus Christ and grounded in the healing wisdom, traditions and practices of the Catholic Church. The program rooted in Catholic tradition, conveys God's consolation through scripture, prayer, reflection, and sharing our faith.

A Christ-centered group is for you if any of the following are true:

- You are trying to figure out the meaning of your grief
- You want to get on with life, but have been unable to
- You find comfort in the teaching of Christ
- You are open to new ways of coping with your grief
- You are looking for friends in Christ to share your journey of sorrow.

The group meets at 7:30 p.m. for six consecutive Wednesdays beginning September 20, 2023 in St. Joseph's Room. Registration is required. For more details or to register please contact Catherine Ecker in the parish office at 705 728 2985 ext. 115.

### Season of Creation 2023

The annual event of the Season of Creation begins on September 1 (*the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation*) and end on October 4 (*the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, patron saint of ecology*). The Season of Creation calls the entire global Christian family to care for God's creation through prayer and action. Each year a theme is chosen by an ecumenical steering committee and in 2023 inspiration is taken from Amos 5:24 that proclaims, "Let Justice and Peace Flow" and the symbol is "A Mighty River."

An introductory video and resources to observe this season at home and school may be found at the following links: Resources:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/145WzDi32U8YdlyY9Peo1bn-aLqyi4cl6/view>

Video:

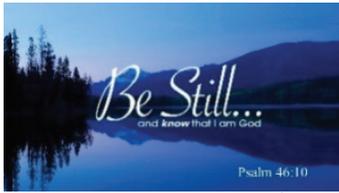
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**Ministry with Maturing Adults:  
For All Adults 55+**

All are welcome to attend the various session offered for those in the second half of life.



**VON SMART** (*Seniors Maintaining Active Roles Together*) **Exercise Program** is held on Tuesday mornings. For details regarding registration please call: VON at 705 737 5044 ext. 221.



**Christian Meditation** is an ancient form of contemplative prayer rooted in the Christian tradition. We will meet at 10:30 a.m. on

**Tuesday, August 29<sup>th</sup> on Zoom.** All are welcome! If you are interested in learning more about this form of prayer please contact Catherine Ecker. ([cecker@archtoronto.org](mailto:cecker@archtoronto.org) or 705 728 2985 ext. 115)

**Life Story Writing Program: September 2023**



The Life Story Writing Programme provides an opportunity to look back over the years in order to gain a deeper understanding, clearer perspective and a more integrated view. The program helps to uncover evidence that God has been with you and is still with you. The program nourishes participants and offers an opportunity for renewal.

No writing experience is needed to participate. Each person receives a workbook and the sessions provide suggestions and opportunities to practice writing.

We will offer this six-week program beginning **Monday, September 18<sup>th</sup>**. The sessions will be held on Mondays from 2:00 – 3:30 p.m. A fee of \$20.00 is requested to cover the cost of printing. Advance registration is required. To register or for more information please contact Catherine Ecker at [cecker@archtoronto.org](mailto:cecker@archtoronto.org) or call 705 728 2985 ext. 115.

**Thursday Afternoon: September 7<sup>th</sup>**



On the **1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month** join us for cards or your favourite board game. We serve simple refreshments. No Registration is required. All are welcome.

**Preparing for Confirmation or First Sharing in Holy Communion**

The preparation for the sacraments formally begins in September. Information meetings will be held in the Church during September / October.

At the information meeting details regarding the preparation process and how to register for Confirmation or first Holy Communion will be shared. **Attendance at the information meeting is essential.**



The information meeting for **Confirmation** will be offered twice (you attend one meeting) at 7:30 p.m. on September 26<sup>th</sup> and Thursday October 5<sup>th</sup>. **The parent and young person seeking Confirmation are to attend.**

The information meeting for **first Holy Communion** will be offered twice (you attend one meeting) at 7:30 p.m. on September 28<sup>th</sup> and October 3<sup>rd</sup>. **This meeting is for parents.**



Questions regarding the preparation process for Confirmation or first sharing in Holy Communion please contact the parish catechist: Catherine at 705 728 2985 ext. 115 or Email: [cecker@archtoronto.org](mailto:cecker@archtoronto.org)

**BAPTISM FOR CHILDREN OVER THE AGE OF 7**

The preparation for baptism of children over the age of seven is distinctly different than the process for infants and young children. If you are seeking baptism for your child who is seven years of age or older, please contact Catherine Ecker ([cecker@archtoronto.org](mailto:cecker@archtoronto.org)) for details on the preparation process.



**Summer Classic Movies Finale!  
The Sound of Music**



Join us this coming **Thursday, August 31<sup>st</sup> at \*\*1:00 p.m.\*\*** in the parish hall for the classic "The Sound of Music." Lunch, snacks and refreshments included! This is the finale for our Summer Classic Movies. All are welcome.

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