

# 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.

**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

## PARISH STAFF:

Rev. Larry Léger, Pastor – ext. 104

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

Rev. Scott Young – In Residence

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

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## 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

**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 Gariepy - 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, December 4	12:10 p.m.	† Duilio Antonioni
Tuesday, December 5	9:30 a.m.	Sister Catherine Donnelly at the school
	12:10 p.m.	† Carmelo Galle
Wednesday, December 6	8:45 a.m.	Monsignor Clair at the school
	7:00 p.m.	† Philibert Pelletier
Thursday, December 7	9:30 a.m.	St. Marguerite d'Youville at the school
	12:10 p.m.	Intentions of Robert Lynn
Friday, December 8	12:10 p.m.	Intentions of Lorianne Lopez
Saturday, December 9	9:00 a.m.	† Marina Prior; Frank Prior
		† Stella Mitchell; † Doreen Johnson
		† Guy Léger; † Art Van Laarhoven

### Christmas Concert – Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.



We are thrilled to welcome back our Annual Christmas Concert, featuring choirs, ensembles and soloists from within our parish and school community. We invite all to come and begin. this Advent Season together in song. A free-will offering will be taken for St. Vincent de Paul.

**Praying for the Sick** - 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.

**Rest in Peace** We remember in prayer those who have died recently including **Giuseppe Barbaro**.

#### Eucharistic Adoration



Give yourself - and Jesus - a gift! Commit to spending one hour a week with Him in the Eucharistic Adoration Chapel. Call the parish office or Mary Bond at (705)726-6641.

**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.

#### A New Liturgical Year: Year B

The Church follows a three-year cycle and on the first Sunday of Advent, December 3, 2023 we embark on a new liturgical year. On Sundays during Year B the Gospel reading will most often be from the gospel of St. Mark.



**How to Use the Missal:** you are invited to review the instructions for using the Missal found on pages 4 and 5. A limited number of copies of the Missal are still available for purchase from the parish office or in the main foyer. The cost is \$5.00 each.

#### CELEBRATING ADVENT: A Season of Joyful Expectation Prayer for the First Week of Advent



Before your meal, light the first candle on your Advent wreath. If you do not have an Advent wreath you may light a taper before you pray.

**O God, as we light this candle, remind us of the need to bring the light of hope into the world.**  
**Help us to stay awake to the needs of others by seeing with our eyes and hearts.**  
**Give us courage to reach out in hope to the lonely in our schools, parishes and communities. Amen**



Join us for **Advent Lessons and Carols on Wednesday, December 6<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m.** At the beginning of the Advent season you are invited to pause from preparations for Christmas to hear God's Word. Following this time of prayer and reflection there will be time for fellowship and simple refreshments. All are welcome.

#### Advent Reflection: Living in Hope Wednesday, December 13<sup>th</sup> from 2:00-4:00 p.m.



As we move closer to the feast of Christmas, give yourself a gift and gather for a time of prayer, reflection, and conversation. The facilitator will be Father Scott Young. All are welcome to attend this session. Simple refreshments will be provided. Cost: free will offering for St. Vincent de Paul Society.

## POP UP COVID-19 AND FLU VACCINE CLINIC

Monday, December 4<sup>th</sup> – 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in our parish hall.

Appointments can be booked at <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/bookvaccine> or by calling 1-833-943-3900.

### All Adults 55+ Ministry with Maturing Adults



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, December 5<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).

### Thursday Afternoon: December 7<sup>th</sup> 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.



Join us for cards or your favourite board game. This is our last gathering in 2023. We serve simple refreshments. No

Registration is required. All are welcome.

Join us for **Classic Movies** each month. Our next movie is on **Thursday, December 21<sup>st</sup> at 2:00 p.m. - Frank Capra's "It's a Wonderful Life!"** Snacks included. All welcome!



### Knights of Columbus, Council 1626

**Children's Christmas Party** – Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup> from 1:00-3:30 p.m. in our parish hall. A special guest is expected! Snacks and refreshments for all!

### Barrie & District Christmas Cheer

Please consider donating NEW unwrapped toys for all ages, knit hats/mitts and PC Gift Cards. Deadline for donations is **Thursday, December 14<sup>th</sup>. Please bring to the parish hall.**

You may also donate online at <https://christmascheerbarrie.com/>, or mail a cheque to: *Barrie & District Christmas Cheer, P.O. Box 161, Barrie L4M 4T2*, or text **"CHEER"** to 30333 from your cellphone to make a donation of either \$5, \$10, \$20, or \$25 dollars. Funds added to your next cellular phone bill. **(No food donations please)**. Thank you for your support!

### SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

#### Preparing for Confirmation!

#### Catechetical Meeting # 1: Parent, Candidate & Sponsor

All families who have registered in the preparation process for Confirmation are reminded to attend the parent candidate sponsor meeting that begins with Mass at 7:00 p.m. and conclude by 9:00 p.m. The candidate, sponsor and parent are to attend. Candidates are grouped alphabetically. If you **cannot** attend the assigned meeting date, please attend the other meeting.

**Wed. Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> 7:00 p.m. Surnames A to L**

**Wed. Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> 7:00 p.m. Surnames M to Z**



#### Preparing for First Holy Communion and First Reconciliation

All families who have formally registered their child in the preparation process are reminded to



participate in the Enrolment ceremony at one of the Sunday (Saturday evening)

Masses on **December 9 / 10 or December 16 /17**. Remember to bring the 'lamb' with

you to enrolment. You only participate in enrolment once. If you any questions please contact Catherine Ecker at [cecker@archtoronto.org](mailto:cecker@archtoronto.org) or call 705 728 2985 ext. 115.

### Youth Ministry



**M.E.R.C.Y. (Ministry to Educate Roman Catholic Youth)** for youth grades J.K.-4. Next gathering is **Friday, January 12<sup>th</sup> from 6-7:30 p.m.**



**EDGE:** for youth grades 5-8. Next gathering is **Friday, January 26<sup>th</sup> from 6-7:30 p.m.**



**LIFE TEEN** –for high school teens. Our next gathering is **Sunday, January 14<sup>th</sup>.**

For more info. on Youth Ministry, please email: [smarysyoungministrybarrie@gmail.com](mailto:smarysyoungministrybarrie@gmail.com) or call Shannon Barks at 705-229-7426.

### Adoration Night with Bishop Boissonneau

All are invited to an evening of Adoration on **Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup>** beginning at 6:00 p.m. We will begin our evening with an inspirational talk from Bishop Boissonneau and, followed by music, reflection and silence with our Lord in Eucharistic Adoration. There will be a time of fellowship with refreshments and sweet treats following Adoration.

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