

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

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PARISH SCHOOLS:

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

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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 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

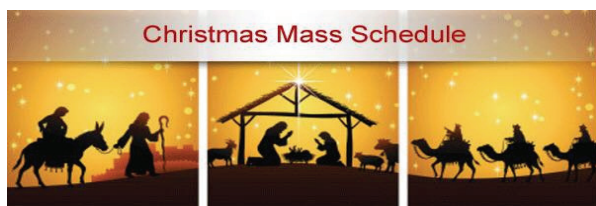
Youth Ministry: Shannon Barks - 705-229-7426

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, December 18	12:10 p.m.	† Eric and Beryl Fairchild
Tuesday, December 19	12:10 p.m.	† Allison Chiasson
Wednesday, December 20	7:00 p.m.	† Patricia Greene
Thursday, December 21	12:10 p.m.	† Joanne Contois and Manuel Pontes
Friday, December 22	12:10 p.m.	† Frank Moore
Saturday, December 22	9:00 a.m.	† Michael and Mark Gellegan
		† Compton D'Cunha and Jerome Dias
		† Maureen and Lino Odorico
		† Fran Cadeau
		† Guy Léger



Christmas Eve – Sunday, December 24

5:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m.,
9:00 p.m., and 12:00 Midnight

Christmas Day – Monday, December 25

10:00 a.m. (*this Mass will also be livestreamed*)
12:00 p.m.

Tuesday, December 26

9:00 a.m. (Church closes at 10:00 a.m.)

Wednesday, December 27

(*Confessions 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.*)
7:00 p.m.

Thursday, December 28

12:10 p.m.

Friday, December 29

12:10 p.m.

Feast of the Holy Family

Saturday, December 30

5:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 31

8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m.

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Sunday, December 31

5:00 p.m.

Adoration from 6:00 p.m. until midnight

Monday, January 1

10:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.

Tuesday, January 2

12:10 p.m.

PARISH CHRISTMAS OFFICE HOURS

Friday, December 22, open 9 am 12 pm

Closed: Monday, December 25

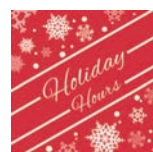
Tuesday, December 26

Appointments Only:

Wednesday, December 27

Thursday, December 28

Friday, December 29, open 9 a.m.-12 p.m.



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: **Lucia**



Raimondi, Giuseppe Barbaro, Walter Rhodes, Marion McBride, Gary Dagle

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.



Celebrating Advent:

**A Season of Joyful Expectation
Prayer for the Third Week of Advent**



Before your meal light three candles on your Advent wreath. If you do not have an Advent wreath you may light a taper before you pray.

As we draw near to you, Lord God, keep us aware of your presence in all we do. Come with power to enlighten us by your grace, that we may live in praise and peace all our days. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is as follows over the 2023 Christmas Season:

Monday, December 25 and Tuesday, December 26 – No Adoration

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God – Saturday, December 31 – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the Church Proper after 5:00 p.m. Mass until 12:00 a.m.



Come and thank the Lord for the blessings of 2023 and ask for continued blessings in 2024.

PARISH SUPPORT FOR 2024

Offertory envelopes are available for pick up in the parish hall. Please remember to write your name on the envelopes for the first couple of weeks in January. **Thank you for your support.**



WHAT A GREAT SUCCESS!

Thank you to all who helped and to those who came out to the Christmas Family Dance and our concert. St. Vincent de Paul is very thankful for the \$1755 raised at the concert!



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 16 /17. Please remember to bring the 'lamb' with you to enrolment. You only participate in enrolment once. Please continue to check your emails for updates and reminders via Flocknote. If you any questions / concerns regarding preparation for the sacraments please contact Catherine Ecker at cecker@archtoronto.org or call 705 728 2985 ext. 115



LECTORS AND EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION:

Please sign up in the sacristy for the Christmas Masses on December 24th and 25th, December 30th and 31st and the Masses on December 31st and January 1st.

Parish Advent Confessions

7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Monday, Dec. 18th at St. Mary's Church

Wednesday, Dec. 20th at St. John Vianney Parish,
13 Baldwin Lane

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. Please note there is no exercise program on December 26th.

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 19th on Zoom**. All are welcome! If you are interested in learning more about this form of prayer please contact Catherine Ecker. (cecker@archtoronto.org or 705 728 2985 ext. 115)

Classic Movies on Thursday, December 21 at 2:00pm. We will be showing the Christmas classic Frank Capra's ***It's a Wonderful Life*** (1946) starring Jimmy Stewart and Donna Reed. Holiday treats and hot drinks are included. All are welcome!



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Youth Ministry

M.E.R.C.Y. (Ministry to Educate Roman Catholic Youth) Our next gathering is **Friday, January 12th!**



EDGE Our next gathering is **Friday, January 26th.**



LIFE TEEN –for high school teens.

Our next gathering is today **Sunday, December 17th.**

For more info. on Youth Ministry, please email: smarysyouthministrybarrie@gmail.com or call Shannon Barks at 705-229-7426.

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