

# 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

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**Lectors:** Parish Office

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## 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

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## PARISH SCHOOLS:

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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, January 22	12:10 p.m.	† Charles Hicks
Tuesday, January 23	12:10 p.m.	† Karen McKenna- La Guevelle
Wednesday, January 24	7:00 p.m.	† May McKendry
Thursday, January 25	12:10 p.m.	† Guy Léger
Friday, January 26	12:10 p.m.	† John and Marion Bryk
Saturday, January 27	9:00 a.m.	† Paula McHugh
		† Joseph Steiner
		Intentions of Alan Weishar
		Intentions of Baby Thomas Price



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: **Joseph Marchand, Patricia Hughes, Gerald Boulay, Martin Foster, Art Betteridge and Lieve McPhee.**



**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.

## Bible Study



We are planning to offer Bible Study commencing **Thursday, February 8<sup>th</sup>** in the afternoon at 1:30 p.m. and in the evening at 7:00 p.m.

Participants would attend one session. The location will be at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Berczy Street. Sign up for either session is available after Mass. Further information including cost to follow.

## St. Mary's Classic Movies – Every Month



Join us for **Classic Movies** in the parish on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of every month in our parish hall.

Our next movie is this **Thursday, January 25<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m.** We will be showing the sophisticated comedy-drama **All About Eve (1950)** starring Bette Davis and Anne Baxter, a Best Picture winner about an aging actress who comes to learn that the younger protegee in her midst is taking over her life. Snacks are included and all are welcome!



## The Sunday of the Word of God January 21, 2024

In September 2019, Pope Francis issued an Apostolic Letter instituting the Sunday of the Word of God. "The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time is to be devoted to the celebration, study and dissemination of the word of God. In the General Instruction to the Roman Missal (GIRM) we read: ***The Church invites us to listen reverently to the Word of God as it is proclaimed. (par. 29) and "In the readings the table of God's Word is spread before the faithful, and the treasures of the bible are opened to them."* (par.57)** The celebration of the *Sunday of the Word of God* has ecumenical value, since the Scriptures point out, for those who listen, the path to authentic and firm unity." (Apostolic Letter, *Instituting Sunday of the Word of God*, par.3).



Before coming to Mass (Sunday and weekday) we are encouraged to read the Scripture at home so we are ready to listen as the Word of God is proclaimed.

## A Presentation on Human Trafficking Tuesday, February 13<sup>th</sup> 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Join us for this important topic and presentation by the OPP Human Trafficking Unit. All are welcome to this parish event.

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR!**

## Service for Christian Unity

**Thursday, January 25<sup>th</sup> (The Feast of the conversion of St. Paul) at 2:00 p.m.** hosted by Trinity Anglican Church, 24 Collier Street, Barrie. The theme is ***"You Shall Love the Lord your God....and your neighbour as yourself..."*** This years' prayer service was written by the people of Burkina Faso located in West Africa and explores the theme loving God and neighbour in the midst of a security crisis. All are welcome. Please mark your calendars. Refreshments to follow.

**Enrolment for Confirmation:  
Reminder to Candidates!**



All young people who have formally registered in the preparation process for Confirmation will bring their letter to Father Larry to the Enrolment. The letter will be presented during one of the Saturday evening or Sunday morning Masses on **January 20/21, 2024**. You only celebrate in enrolment once. On the day of Enrolment, as a tangible sign of our membership in the Body of Christ and commitment to living as disciples each candidate is asked to bring new socks, gloves or hot paws. (Please not mitts) The items will be shared with those who are unhouseed.

**Confirmation Preparation for Adults**

If you are an adult, baptized in the Catholic Church and would like to be Confirmed please contact Catherine Ecker ([cecker@archtoronto.org](mailto:cecker@archtoronto.org) or 705 728 2985 ext. 115) for details regarding preparation. Confirmation will be celebrated close to the feast of Pentecost.

**Preparing for First Holy Communion  
and First Reconciliation  
Parent Child Meeting # 1**



All families who have formally registered in the preparation process will participate in a parent child catechetical meeting on: **Tues. Jan. 23<sup>rd</sup> or Mon. Jan. 29<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 – 8:15 p.m.** Please note only the child preparing for the sacrament is to attend. To balance the number of people at the meeting please make every effort to attend the assigned meeting:

**January 23<sup>rd</sup> Surnames A through L  
January 29<sup>th</sup>- Surnames M through Z**

**Young Adult Ministry**

Are you a young adult looking for Catholic community in the Barrie area? Our Young Adult Ministry offers faith and fellowship through men's and women's small groups, Theology on Tap, and other social activities.



**Theology on Tap** - At the Flying Monkeys Brewery (*in the Attic Lounge upstairs*) on the following Sundays from 6:00-9:00 p.m.: **TONIGHT Jan. 21**, Mar. 17, May 5 and June 23, 2024.

**Bowling: Saturday, Jan. 27th.** Contact Joe and Elyse Schweighofer to RSVP and for further details at 249-989-1689 or 249-989-0609.



**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, January 23 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).

**All are invited to the Birthday Party!** Please join us on **Wednesday, January 24 at 2:00 p.m.** Enjoy the company of fellow parishioners, meet some new people and celebrate the gift of a new year.



There will be refreshments, games, cake and ice cream and door prizes. All are welcome.

**Youth Ministry**

**M.E.R.C.Y. (Ministry to Educate Roman Catholic Youth)** is for youth grades J.K. to Gr. 4 and gathers once a month on Friday nights from 6:00-7:30 p.m. where we explore our faith in a dynamic way through activities, games, crafts and music. Our next gathering is **Friday, February 9<sup>th</sup>**. Registration required.



**EDGE** is a youth ministry program for youth grades 5-8 to come together once a month on a Friday from 6:00-7:30 p.m. EDGE is a safe, fun place for youth to find solid Catholic community, to get answers to their questions about faith and most importantly, to experience Jesus in a profound and personal way. Our next gathering is **Friday, January 26<sup>th</sup>**.



**LIFETEEN** – for high school teens to explore their faith through talks, prayer and friendship meeting monthly on Sunday nights. Our next gathering is **Sunday, January 28<sup>th</sup>** after the 4:00 p.m. Mass. Dinner provided.

New Beginnings for separated and divorced individuals. Online drop-in support session: **January 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.** Please contact Arcangelo Limanni, Program Promoter Catholic Family Services of Toronto at: (416) 921-1163 ext. 2225 [alimanni@cfstoronto.com](mailto:alimanni@cfstoronto.com) or [cfstoronto.com](http://cfstoronto.com).

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