

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: Susan Murley - 705-252-1918

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

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Monsignor Clair School - 705-737-2812

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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, February 12	12:10 p.m.	† John and Teresa Miranda
Tuesday, February 13	12:10 p.m.	† Vincenzo DeGasperis and Caracci Family
Wednesday, February 14	12:10 p.m.	ASH WEDNESDAY
	7:00 p.m.	“ “
Thursday, February 15	12:10 p.m.	† Madeleine Reitz
Friday, February 16	12:10 p.m.	Intentions of Theresa Da Silva
Saturday, February 17	9:00 a.m.	† John Scanlon
		† Simeon De Leon
		† Hubert and Patricia Bond
		† Rev. Fred Schmid



ASH WEDNESDAY: February 14th marks the beginning of Lent. There will be Mass at 12:10 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. Each will include the distribution of ashes. Ash Wednesday is a day of **fast** and **abstinence** when those over fourteen and under sixty are asked to refrain from eating meat and to limit food to one full meal and two smaller snacks.

ADDITIONAL MASSES DURING LENT: Wednesday's at 12:10 p.m.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Celebrated each Friday evening at 7:00 p.m. On March 1st they will be celebrated after Mass at 7:30 p.m.

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 pray those who have died recently including: **Helena Heran.**

Parish Pancake Breakfast – TODAY!!!

Hosted by the Knight of Columbus Council 1626, in the parish hall after the **8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. Masses TODAY Sunday, February 11.** Pancakes, maple syrup, sausages and fruit cocktail will be served. Coffee, tea, and juice will also be provided. No reservations required, Join us for a wonderful breakfast! Good Will donations will be accepted at the door, either cash or debit.

Parish Bible Study starts this **Thursday, February 15th** at either 1:30 p.m. or at 7:00 p.m. in our parish hall.

Parish Lenten Mission

Join us for three consecutive evenings beginning **Sunday, March 3rd at 6:00 p.m., Monday, March 4th and Tuesday, March 5th at 7:00 p.m.** Led by Chris Bray, one of Canada's most prolific Catholic speakers and musicians. Chris will lead us in three nights of talks about encountering Christ more deeply through this Eucharistic focused parish mission.

Lent

Lent Begins on February 14th.

Lent is an Anglo-Saxon word meaning Spring or Springtime. Understanding that

Lent has no meaning apart from Easter is essential. Lent is a season of preparation that begins on Ash Wednesday.

The season of Lent Easter is a 90-day period. For the 40 days of Lent we prepare so we are able to celebrate with unfettered joy the 50 days of Easter. Lent is a time of spiritual preparation for those seeking baptism and for the baptized it is a time of spiritual preparation to be ready to renew our baptismal promises. The season of Lent has a penitential spirit.

The season of Lent is a privileged time of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. These three traditional practices are intended to assist us in preparing to celebrate Easter. The Church invites us to be deliberate and intentional in our prayer; deliberate and intentional in our fasting and acts of charity or service or almsgiving. We engage in these Lenten practices to prepare us for Easter. We call upon God's Spirit to assist us in examining our lives, to name what keeps us from living in union with God and then to seek God's care and guidance as we strive to live in a way that we are in closer union with God. Fasting can be from food, drink, habits or behaviors. We can fast from complaining, being judgmental, wasting time on the internet, gossiping, etc.

Vitamin F: What are you doing for Lent?



Tuesday, February 13th from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. The Church invites us to continue to grow in our relationship with God and our understanding of our faith. All are welcome to attend this time of catechesis, conversation and prayer as we prepare for the next liturgical season. We will have some simple refreshments available. All are welcome.

Liturgy of the Word with Children

We are seeking adult leaders for Liturgy of the Word with Children at the 12:00 p.m. Mass. The commitment would be once or twice a month on a Sunday. Formation and training will be provided. Please contact David at dmurdoch@archtoronto.org if you are interested in leading this important ministry.

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 or 705 728 2985 ext. 115) for details regarding preparation. Confirmation will be celebrated close to the feast of Pentecost.

Classic Movies

For this month's **Classic Movies**, we'll be having our **Second Annual**, laugh-out-loud **I Love Lucy Episode Marathon** on **Thursday, February 22nd at 2:00 p.m.** in the parish hall. This year's episodes will revolve around Lucy's attempts to get into show business starting with the famous *Vitameatavegamin* episode, "*Lucy Does a TV Commercial.*" All are welcome! Free will offering. Snacks and drinks will be provided.



Public Speaking Contest

The Catholic Women's League invites all Grade 7 and 8 students to participate in the Public Speaking Contest to be held in the parish hall on **Saturday, February 24th from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.** Registration at 9:30 a.m. Contestants will present a prepared speech that is not less than 3 minutes and no more than 5 minutes and also asked to prepare a 1 minute impromptu speech. Topic will be given after the prepared speech has been presented. For further information or questions please contact Cindy Labas at tclabas@hotmail.com or 705-970-4266.

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, February 13th, 2024 on Zoom**. All are welcome! If you are interested in learning more please contact Catherine Ecker. (cecker@archtoronto.org or 705 728 2985 ext. 115).



Thursday, February 15th from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. Join us for cards or your favourite board game. We serve simple refreshments. No Registration is required. All are welcome.

Youth Ministry



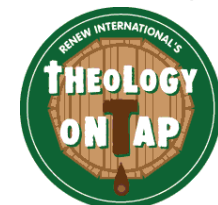
M.E.R.C.Y. (Ministry to Educate Roman Catholic Youth) is for youth grades J.K. to Gr. 4 and gathers once a month on Friday nights from 6:00-7:30 p.m. where we explore our faith in a dynamic way through activities, games, crafts and music. Our next gathering is **Friday, March 8th**. Registration required.



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, February 23rd**.



LIFETEEN – for high school teens to explore their faith through talks, prayer and friendship meeting monthly on Sunday nights. Our next gathering is **TODAY Sunday, February 11th** after the 4:00 p.m. Mass. Dinner provided.



Theology on Tap - At the Flying Monkeys Brewery (*in the Attic Lounge upstairs*) on the following Sundays from 6:00-9:00 p.m.: **March 17th, May 5th and June 23rd 2024**. Mark your calendars!

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