

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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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 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, February 26	12:10 p.m.	Intentions of Rosalie Graziano
Tuesday, February 27	9:30 a.m.	Sr. Catherine Donnelly School at the school
	12:10 p.m.	† Leo Arrigo
Wednesday, February 28	12:10 p.m.	† Antoinetta Figliuzzi
	7:00 p.m.	† Josephine, Charles and Douglas Mitchell
Thursday, February 29	12:10 p.m.	† Mary Ritchie
Friday, March 1	12:10 p.m.	† Beryl Fairchild
	7:00 p.m.	Intentions of Gail Churchill and Doug Crawford
		Stations of the Cross led by Parish Staff
Saturday, March 2	9:00 a.m.	† David Raizenne
		† Helena Heran
		† Ramon and Reno Suarez
		† Richard Surka
		Intentions of Emma Clancy

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: **Anne Connelly and Doreen Ann Thompson.**

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 the Liturgy of the Word with Children



We will celebrate a separate Liturgy of the Word with children on **Sunday, February 25th, March 10th and 17th, during the 12:00 p.m. Mass.** All

children between the ages of 4 and 8 are invited to participate. The children and leaders are sent after the Opening Prayer to celebrate a separate Liturgy of the Word and they return during the Preparation of the Gifts. If you are interested in becoming a leader or have questions please contact David at dmurdoch@archtoronto.org.

Hospitality Sunday– March 2/3

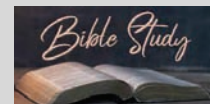
Hosted by **The Society of St. Vincent de Paul.** You are invited to stop by the hall after Mass for conversation and simple refreshments. If you would like to bake some muffins or cookies please drop them off in the hall on your way into church. Thank you!

Readings for 3rd, 4th and 5th Sundays in Lent

Please note: on March 3rd, 10th and 17th at all Sunday (Saturday evening) Masses the readings for the Liturgy of the Word will be from Year A. The readings all have a strong baptismal theme. For those who use a *Living with Christ* Missal to prepare you will find these readings in your Missal.

Parish Bible Study

We are pleased to announce that the Parish Bible Study starts this **Thursday, February 29th** at either 1:30 p.m. or 7:00 p.m. in our parish hall.



Women's Lenten Prayer Group

All women interested in joining a Women's Lenten Prayer Group are invited to come on Monday nights throughout Lent from 7-8:30 pm in the parish hall. For more information, please contact the parish office. *All are welcome!*

Confirmation Preparation: Important Reminder! Catechetical Meeting # 2 Candidates and Sponsors

The next catechetical meeting for candidates and sponsors is in Lent. IF the sponsor cannot attend it is understood that the parent will be present. This meeting is only offered once. All candidates and sponsors are to attend on **Monday, February 26th at 7:30 p.m.** The meeting will conclude by 9:00 p.m.

Human Trafficking

The presentation by the OPP Human Trafficking Unit has been rescheduled to **Tuesday, April 30th from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.** *Please mark your calendars for this important presentation.*

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.

All Adults 55+ Ministry with Maturing Adults

All are welcome to attend the various sessions 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 27th on Zoom**. 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).

An Afternoon of Music: Wednesday March 13th 2:00 – 3:30 p.m. - Russ Clayton and Pat Gowan of The Flailing Shilaleighs will be performing mostly traditional Irish and East Coast Canadian music. Refreshments will be served. Free will offering. All are welcome.

Important Reminders for Families Preparing for First Communion

All parents preparing their child for first Holy Communion are to attend the **Parent (Only) Catechetical Meeting**. The meeting is offered twice, you attend one meeting. You may attend on **Tues. Feb. 27th or Thurs. March 7th** at 7:30 p.m. You will receive a second book at this meeting. **Attendance at this meeting is essential.**

Celebrating First Reconciliation: Important Reminder to Parents!

When you have completed the book, ***We Prepare for Reconciliation*** you are to bring your child to celebrate reconciliation on one of the following dates:

Saturday, Feb. 24th 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Wednesday, Feb. 28th 4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
Saturday, March 2nd 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Wednesday, March 6th 4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
Wednesday, March 13th 4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

You choose which of the above dates you will bring your child. Your child is to bring the completed book to the church and will take their book into the reconciliation room. After your child celebrates, you take the book home. This is a good resource for you and your family.

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, March 22nd**.



LIFETEEN – for high school teens to explore their faith through talks, prayer and friendship meeting

monthly on Sunday nights. Our next gathering is **Sunday, March 10th** 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!

The Cross of Christ – Musical Gala

Original Oratorio Based on The Last 7 Words of Jesus Christ on the Cross by Romulo Delgado.

Sunday, March 10th at 3:30 p.m. at Holy Spirit Parish, 650 Essa Road. Tickets \$50.00 each and available after all Masses, online at <https://mission.archtoronto.org/Event/TheCrossOfChrist-HolySpiritParish/#/register> or by calling 705-722-3771 ext. 8.

Wedding Anniversaries: Celebrating the Sacrament of Marriage



The married couples in our parish are a sign to us of God's faithfulness and through their witness we are strengthened. If you celebrated a wedding anniversary in February we shall pray with you and share in your joy at all Sunday (Saturday evening) Masses on **February 24th25th**. Please join us in thanking God for the gift of the married couples in our midst.

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