

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., 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.

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.

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

Cathy O'Connor-Horgan, Custodian of Records – ext. 113

Dennis Cormier, Building Manager

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

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Monday through Friday

1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. All welcome

Adoration Chapel: Mary Bond - 705-726-6641

Altar Servers: David Murdoch - 705-728-2985

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

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 Garipey - 705-305-0911

Sacramental Preparation: Catherine Ecker - ext. 115

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 and in our parish office.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, April 15	12:10 p.m.	† Madeleine Reitz
Tuesday, April 16	12:10 p.m.	† Dean Edgar
Wednesday, April 17	7:00 p.m.	† Joseph Marchand
Thursday, April 18	12:10 p.m.	† Ziggy Milewski
Friday, April 19	12:10 p.m.	† Wayne Nelissen
Saturday, April 20	9:00 a.m.	† Patricia Greene; † Guy Hachey † Ken Thompson; † Paul Milewski

Intentions of Monique Tessier



Christ is Risen! Alleluia!

For 50 days we celebrate the great feast of Easter! In our parish and homes, we continue to praise our God and celebrate Jesus' victory over death. Alleluia!

Pray 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:
Josie Tolfo.

H IN THE HOSPITAL Visiting the Hospital: if you or a family member are admitted to RVH and would appreciate a visit from someone at St. Mary's please call or email the parish office. Please note: the hospital no longer provides us with a list of Catholics who are hospitalized; therefore, you must notify the parish.

The Catholic Women's League

The CWL is doing a fundraiser selling seeds for your gardens. The ladies will be taking orders after each Mass **next weekend, April 20th/21st and the weekend of April 27th/28th**. Cash only for the orders. Orders can be picked up May 4th at our bake sale.

What a Marvelous Food Drive!

Thank you to all who supported this year's Easter Food Drive. We collected 2,201 lbs. of food and \$3,067.05 in cash, cheques and gift cards.

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul Summer Camp Sign-Up



It is that time of year to register your child(ren) for summer camp. The Society of St. Vincent de Paul has two camps; Marygrove for girls ages 5 - 13 near Penetang and Camp Ozanam for boys ages 7 - 12 near Stouffville. Camps are for families experiencing financial difficulties.

Registration will be held in the parish library on the following dates:

Wednesday, May 1 from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, May 4 from 9:00 a.m.- 11:00 a.m.

Wednesday, May 8 from 5:00 p.m.- 7:00 p.m.

Please bring ID for yourself and your child(ren).

Archdiocese of Toronto Volunteer Appreciation Week

The Archdiocese of Toronto's **Volunteer Appreciation Week:** Every Moment Matters will be celebrated from April 14-20, 2024, in alignment with Volunteer Canada's National Volunteer Week. This is a time of appreciation and celebration of every volunteer and each of the contributions they make at any moment. Collectively, every moment of sharing in time, skills, and empathy strengthens our community and answers the call to serve others following the example of Jesus and in response to His call to service for each of us. Galatians 6:10: "So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith."

Every day across the Archdiocese of Toronto, parishioners generously give their time and talent to nurture and strengthen the community and share the Gospel. We recognize that each of our parish volunteers are at the heart of the Archdiocesan call to stewardship and are instrumental in all that we do. **We thank each one of you!**

Your ShareLife gift is a lifeline to families in need



Many individuals and families silently suffer from depression, anxiety, grief and trauma. ShareLife-supported Catholic Family Services agencies provide a lifeline to those dealing with mental health challenges. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.

Our parish goal is \$136,500.00

Our next ShareLife Sunday is April 28th

Celebrating the Liturgy of the Word with Children

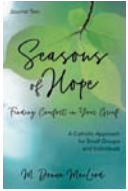
We will celebrate a separate Liturgy of the Word with children on Sunday, April 21st during the 12 p.m. Mass. Children between ages 4 and 8 are invited to participate. The children and leaders are sent after the Opening Prayer to celebrate a separate Liturgy of the Word. They return during the Preparation of the Gifts. If you are interested in becoming a leader or have questions please contact David at dmurdoch@archtoronto.org.

Pasta Dinner Night Youth Fundraiser – TODAY - Sunday, April 14th @ 5:00 p.m.

Join us to support our parish youth for a delicious pasta dinner, Caesar salad, bread and dessert in our parish hall. Tickets \$15/person OR \$40/family and sold after all Masses this weekend or at the door.



**Seasons of Hope
Bereavement Group**



Our Lord assured us that those who mourn are blessed and shall be comforted. Seasons of Hope helps us come together to share in God's love. Whether your loss is recent or long ago, Seasons of Hope is a nurturing link to the Church, our God and people of faith who understand what it

means to grieve.

This program is centered on Jesus Christ and grounded in the healing wisdom, traditions and practices of the Catholic Church. Come and be comforted.

The group meets at 7:30 p.m. for six consecutive Wednesdays beginning **April 17, 2024** in St. Joseph's Room. Registration is required. For more details or to register please contact Catherine Ecker in the parish office at 705 728 2985 ext. 115.

Altar Server Training

There will be altar server practice for new servers on **Tuesday, April 16th at 6:30 p.m. OR Tuesday, April 23, at 6:30 p.m.** in the church. All children Grade 4 and up who have received their first communion are welcome to attend one of these practices. Any questions please email David dmurdoch@archtoronto.org.

St. Mary's Classic Movies



Join us for **Classic Movies** at St. Mary's Parish. Our next movie is on **Thursday, April 25th** at



2:00 p.m. in the parish hall. We will be showing the classic Irish comedy **The Quiet Man** (1952) starring John Wayne and Maureen O'Hara about an American boxer who comes to live in a small whimsical town in Ireland. Snacks are included and all are welcome!

**Preparation for First Sharing in Holy Communion:
Parent Child Meeting # 2
7:00 – 8:15 p.m. Please arrive 10 minutes early!**



Each parent and child will participate in a family catechetical meeting. Please arrange childcare for siblings, so you and your child preparing for Holy Communion may participate fully. The final opportunity to attend this essential meeting is **Monday, April 15th**.

Questions or concerns please contact David Murdoch (dmurdoch@archtoronto.org) or Catherine Ecker (cecker@archtoronto.org) 705 728 2985 ext. 115.

Human Trafficking

The presentation by the OPP Human Trafficking Unit will be held on **Tuesday, April 30th** from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.



**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, April 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 or 705 728 2985 ext. 115).

Everything Old is New Again - Spring is Here: Join us for a Time of Renewal: Wednesday, April 17th at 2:00 p.m. - Join us for an afternoon of conversation, games and refreshments! We will play bingo, assorted board games and have some door prizes! All are welcome, no previous play experience needed!

"Earth is a task garden; heaven is a playground".
G. K. Chesterton

If you want to be ready for heaven you need to play!

Cards / Bid Euchre: all are welcome to participate. Lessons will be provided for those new to Bid Euchre! Join us in the parish hall on **Thursday, April 18th** from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. Simple refreshments are provided.

The Role & Importance of a Power of Attorney and Will / Estate Planning - Join us for an informative session on **Wednesday, May 22nd from 7:30 – 9:00 p.m.** The session will be led by: Robert Galloway, Partner with DOOLEY LUCENTI. All are welcome!

Youth Ministry



M.E.R.C.Y. (Ministry to Educate Roman Catholic Youth) For grades J.K. to Gr. 4 Next gathering is Friday May 10th from 6:00-7:30 p.m. Registration required.



EDGE: For youth grades 5-8. Our next gathering is **Friday, April 26th**.



LIFETEEN – For high school teens. Our next gathering is **Sunday, April 14th** after the 4:00 p.m. Mass. Dinner provided. For information on our

Youth Ministry please email stmarysyouthministrybarrie@gmail.com or call Shannon Barks at 705-229-7426.



Theology on Tap - At the Flying Monkeys Brewery (*in the Attic Lounge upstairs*) on the following Sundays from 6:00-9:00 p.m.:

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