

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 6:00 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. Neil Pereira, Associate Pastor – ext. 107

Rev. Scott Young – In Residence

Deacon Del Allan – ext. 125

Deacon Robert Suthers, Retired

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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Dennis Cormier, Building Manager

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

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

Young 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) - 437-234-5610

Rosary Apostolate - Anné Gariepy - 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

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, September 2	9:00 a.m.	† Rev. Rob Brennan, SJ
Tuesday, September 3	12:10 p.m.	† Dean Edgar
Wednesday, September 4	7:00 p.m.	† Jeanne d'Arc Brouillard
Thursday, September 5	12:10 p.m.	† Manno Family
Friday, September 6	12:10 p.m.	† Hermanna Arbour
	7:00 p.m.	† Cecile Burke
Saturday, September 7	9:00 a.m.	† Ivan Ansley
		† Joseph Hargreaves
		† Frank Light
		† Elisabeth Vanderwerf
		† Rev. Andy MacBeth



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.



We remember in prayer those who have died recently including: **Roger Chicoine, Anthony LaMantia and Magola Rangel.**

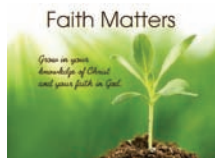
HOLY HOUR AND BENEDICTION

Friday, September 6 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Did You Lose a Ring? Please contact the parish office if you lost a University of Toronto ring.

Vitamin F: Our Father!

Preparing for the Jubilee Year in 2025
Tuesday, September 10th from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.



In advance of the Jubilee Year, Pope Francis has asked for a preparatory year to take place in 2024 with a focus on the need for prayer, especially reflection on the Lord's Prayer. We shall continue

our preparation, by reflecting and focusing on the first two petitions in the Lord's Prayer: *Hallowed be your name and Your Kingdom Come.* All are welcome to attend this time of catechesis, conversation and prayer. We will begin at 7:00 p.m., have simple refreshments available and conclude by 8:30 p.m.

New Program - Just Sing!



Mark your calendars for a laid back, fun afternoon of song and fellowship as we come together to JUST SING, our way through the

folk, pop, gospel and traditional music songbooks. Bring your voice whether you can sing or not! No sign up – just come and just sing! Cookies and tea included. Any questions please ask David dmurdoch@archtoronto.org. Join us on **Tuesday, September 17 at 2:00 p.m.** at the parish. Other dates for *Just Sing*: October 15, November 12, January 21, 2025, February 18, April 8, May 6, and June 3.

A Symposium to Educate our Community on Homelessness in Barrie Monday, September 23, 2024 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. – Parish Hall

This symposium is for all people concerned about homelessness in our community, the lack of affordable housing, and the shelter system. Come and hear speakers from the County of Simcoe, Barrie Homelessness and Housing Justice Network; Busby Centre, St. Mary's Parish and St. Vincent de Paul Society. Registration is not required! All are welcome!



Altar Server Training – FOR THE 2024-2025 Year

There will be an altar server practice for all new servers on **Thursday, September 12 at 6:15 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.** OR **Thursday, September 19 at 6:15 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.** in the church proper. 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 Murdoch: dmurdoch@archtoronto.org.



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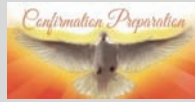
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Are you a university or college student? This school year, open your heart to an exciting

journey of spiritual growth and community. Join campus ministry to grow deeper in your faith, form lasting friendships and experience university/college life in a more meaningful way. Connect with campus ministry anywhere in Canada and find your Catholic home on campus! Scan the QR code or visit <https://chaplaincyconnect.ca>.

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. If you wish to receive Holy Communion please let the parish office know and one of our pastoral visitors will come to see you.

Preparing for Confirmation - The preparation for Confirmation formally begins in October with an Information Meeting. At the Information Meeting details regarding the preparation process and how to register are shared. The information meeting for **Confirmation** will be offered twice at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, October 3rd and Monday, October 7th. You attend one meeting. **The parent and young person seeking Confirmation are to attend.**



Preparing for First Sharing in Holy Communion - The preparation for first Holy Communion formally begins in September with an Information Meeting. The information meeting for **first Holy Communion** will be offered twice at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday September 24th and Monday September 30th. You attend one meeting. **This meeting is for parents.** Questions regarding the preparation process for Confirmation or first sharing in Holy Communion please contact the parish catechist: Catherine at 705 728 2985 ext. 115 (cecker@archtoronto.org) or David Murdoch (dmurdoch@archtoronto.org)

All Adults 55+ Ministry with Maturing Adults

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,**

September 3, 2024 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).

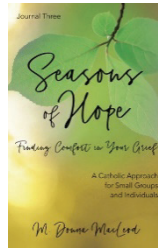


Wednesday September 11th at 12:30 p.m. NEW DATE! BUY YOUR TICKETS! Join us for Lunch with food provided by the Mandarin. The cost is \$20.00 (cash). You must get your ticket before **September 9th** Tickets are available from

Catherine Ecker or at the parish office. Join us for conversation, fellowship and good food. There will be a 50 /50 draw. Proceeds will go to St. Vincent de Paul Society. Questions: contact Catherine Ecker at 705 728 2985 ext. 115 or email cecker@archtoronto.org.

The Six Week Life Story Writing Program begins September 16th, 2024 at 2:00 p.m. – The program is open to those in the second half of life (55+). No writing experience is needed. The program offers an opportunity to reflect on the various stages of life and recognize Gods presence. To register or for more information please contact Catherine Ecker at cecker@archtoronto.org or call 705 728 2985 ext. 115.

Seasons of Hope Bereavement Group



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. Come and be comforted.

The group meets at 7:30 p.m. for six consecutive Wednesdays beginning **September 25, 2024** in the parish library. Registration is required. For more details or to register please contact Catherine Ecker in the parish office at 705 728 2985 ext. 115 or email cecker@archtoronto.org.

Baptism for Children Over the Age of 7

The preparation for baptism of children over the age of seven is distinctly different than the process for infants and young children. If you are seeking baptism for your child who is seven years of age or older, please contact Catherine Ecker (cecker@archtoronto.org) for details on the preparation process.

Classic Movies – Fall Schedule

We have a wonderful line up of classic movies. Snacks included (free will offering). All welcome – no sign ups. Movies shown on the following Tuesdays at 2:00 p.m. in our parish hall: **Sept. 10th & 24th, Oct. 8th & 29th, Nov. 26th, Dec. 17th.** Our feature film on **Tuesday, September 10th** is "Dodsworth" starring Walter Huston. Any questions, please contact David at dmurdoch@archtoronto.org

Youth Ministry



M.E.R.C.Y. (Ministry to Educate Roman Catholic Youth) is for youth grades J.K.-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, October 4th.**



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, September 27th.**



LIFE TEEN –for high school teens to explore their faith through talks, prayer and friendship meeting monthly on Sunday nights at 4:00 p.m. Our next gathering is **Sunday, October 6th.**

Questions or Helping with Youth: For questions or if anyone is interested in helping with our youth ministry, please reach out to Shannon Barks at email smarysyouthministrybarrie@gmail.com or call Shannon at 705-229-7426. Training days will be held in Toronto on September 22/23rd.

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