

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

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

Dennis Cormier, Building Manager

PARISH SCHOOLS:

St. Mary's School - 705-726-1843

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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

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 - 705-737-6563

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

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Rosary Apostolate - Anné Gariepy - 705-305-0911

Sacramental Preparation: Catherine Ecker - ext. 115

Social Life: Parish Office

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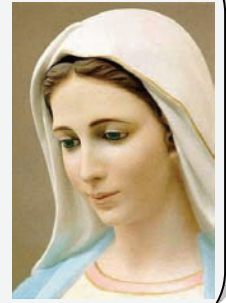
PARISH REGISTRATION

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 23	12:10 p.m.	† Vince Filo-Carroll
Tuesday, September 24	12:10 p.m.	† Lorna Jean Dobson
Wednesday, September 25	7:00 p.m.	† Lorie Adams
Thursday, September 26	12:10 p.m.	† Mark and Michael Gellegan
Friday, September 27	12:10 p.m.	† Alfredo Parra
Saturday, September 28	9:00 a.m.	† Joseph Hargreaves
		† Frank Light
		† Sister Jean Doyle, osy
		† Jackie Anderson



Stewardship Sunday is today, September 22nd, 2024 - A steward is someone who receives God's gifts gratefully, develops those gifts responsibly, shares those gifts lovingly in justice with others, and makes a return with interest to the Lord. As such, the goal of stewardship is to help increase the engagement of everyone in the life of the parish, inviting us all to become more involved in the myriad of different ways to serve one another for the glory of God. To learn more, we invite you to watch this homily by Archbishop Francis Leo and then prayerfully reflect on how you may be of service to others. See: <https://shorturl.at/YRMgN>



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: **Darlene Simpson and Walter Strasser.**



HOSPITAL VISITATION: 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.

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!

Special Collection next Weekend, September 28/29

Needs of the Church in Canada. Your gifts are used by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops to support pastoral activity. **Thank you for your support.**

Church Bulletin Advertising

Liturgical Publications will be setting up the advertisements for our church bulletin. The advertising will begin in October 2024 and supports the bulletin service. Please support the bulletin and advertise your product or service. Call Liturgical Publications at 1-800-268-2637.

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. 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 **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

Parish Breakfast- Next Sunday!

The Knight of Columbus Council 1626, will be hosting a parish breakfast in the hall after the 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. Masses on **September 29th, 2024**. Pancakes, sausages, maple syrup and fruit salad will be served. Coffee, tea, and juice will also be provided. No reservations required, come on and come all and join us for a wonderful breakfast! Cost is \$ 10 per person or \$ 30 per family paid by debit or cash. Mark your calendars!

The Barrie Mayor's Prayer Breakfast

Wednesday, October 2nd, 2024 at 7:25 a.m. at the South Shore Centre on Lakeshore Dr., Barrie. Guest speaker will be former NHL star Dave Burrows. Music provided by Shannon and John Barks, Dr. Jim Shaver will be honoured for his community contributions. Tickets \$30 in advance or \$35 at the door. Please contact Trevor Owen at trevor.owen@owendickey.com for tickets and further information.

The Catholic Women's League

The Catholic Women's League will be filling Christmas Shoeboxes for children in 3rd world countries again this year. This is open to all that wish to fill a shoebox. Boxes can be picked up **TODAY, Saturday, September 21st and Sunday, September 22nd after all masses.** Filled shoe boxes can be returned on Saturday, October 19th and placed in the hall on Sunday, October 20th, 2024.



Mass of Anointing – Wednesday, September 25th

The Anointing of the Sick conveys several graces and imparts the gifts of strengthening in the Holy Spirit against anxiety, discouragement and temptation and conveys peace and fortitude. The Anointing of the Sick is a prayer of healing including spiritual health and for the courage, strength and peace to bear the burden of illness. We will celebrate a **Mass of Anointing on Wednesday, September 25th at 12:10 p.m.** All those requesting the Sacrament of Anointing, young and elderly are welcome to attend. A reception of soup and sandwiches will follow in the parish hall.

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 an ancient form of contemplative prayer is deeply rooted in the Christian tradition. We meet at 10:30 a.m. on **Tuesday, October 1, 2024 on Zoom.** our parish website or

contact Catherine Ecker if you are interested in learning more about this form of prayer or have questions. All are welcome! Catherine Ecker. cecker@archtoronto.org or 705 728 2985 ext. 115

Preparing for Confirmation

The preparation for Confirmation formally begins in October with an Information Meeting. All young people who are baptized Catholic and were born in 2012 or earlier are invited to prepare for the sacrament of Confirmation. At the Information Meeting details regarding the preparation process 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, preregistration is NOT required. **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. All young people who are baptized Catholic and were born in 2017 or earlier are invited to prepare for first sharing in Holy Communion. 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, preregistration is NOT required. **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)

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.

Indigenous Healing and Reconciliation Fund Collection is October 5th and 6th, 2024.
Thank you for your support.

Life Chain



The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring this year's **Life Chain**, an annual vigil to demonstrate against abortion. The event is promoted by the Campaign Life Coalition. The event will be held on **Sunday, October 6 from 2-3:00 p.m.** Please meet at the Kozlov Centre parking lot at the northwest corner of Bayfield and Cundles Road from 2-3 pm. All are welcome to join this peaceful demonstration. Signs will be available to display. **Roses for Life:** Rose iron on patches will be offered after all Masses on the weekend of October 5th and 6th. Free will donation.

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 Ministry? Please reach out to Shannon Barks at email stmarysyouthministrybarrie@gmail.com or call Shannon at 705-229-7426. Training days will be held in Toronto on September 22/23rd.

Hospitality Sunday

A big Thank you to all those who helped with hospitality Sunday last weekend. Hospitality Sunday's brings the parish community together to enjoy fellowship and refreshments. For those who can help with future hospitality dates please call Susan in the parish office.

Men's Spirituality Group

The next meeting will be on **Saturday, October 4th at 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.** in the St. Joseph's Room.

Interfaith Refugee Committee

St. Mary's Interfaith Refugee Committee are looking to our community for support as we continue to work toward the integration of recent refugee families. We are hoping someone might have a used vehicle (*mini-van and sedan*) that they would be willing to donate and receive a tax receipt in kind.

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