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*Give thanks to the Lord for
His many Blessings on Thanksgiving*

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, October 14	9:00 a.m.	† Fran Cadeau
Tuesday, October 15	12:10 p.m.	† Alick Paguandas
Wednesday, October 16	7:00 p.m.	† Betty and Orest Krelove
Thursday, October 17	12:10 p.m.	† Barbara McPhee
Friday, October 18	12:10 p.m.	† May McKendry
Saturday, October 19	9:00 a.m.	† Patricia Greene
		† Maria Castilho
		† Ernie Ashley
		† Marianne Hannan
		† Ann Gubbels



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 pray those who have died recently including **Valda Keller, Leo Cunningham and Ted Barks.**



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.



SHARE LIFE: Archbishop Leo encourages you to help your neighbor.

"We see and feel the pain of those struggling to feed their families, and it moves us deeply," says Archbishop Francis Leo. "Proverbs 22:9 reminds us,

'The generous will themselves be blessed, for they share their food with the poor.' Our faith calls and challenges us to be the beating heart and outstretched hands of Christ himself, extending his love and compassion to those in need. Together, we will continue to bring hope and dignity to our community, to those who suffer thus making a concrete difference in the lives of our neighbours. Please share your blessings by making a contribution at sharelife.org/donate or at our parish using a ShareLife envelope. Thank you for living the Gospel.

Calling all Catholic Mom's



Women who would like to help with the start of a Catholic Mom's group here at St. Mary's are invited to a workshop/drop

in on **Thursday, October 17th between 3:30 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.** in the parish hall. Come and see how this exciting movement can be implemented in the parish.

Oktoberfest – Saturday, October 19th, 2024



You're invited! Saturday, October 19th in our Parish Hall from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Hosted by Knights of Columbus, includes German style meal, live music by "Alpine Express", and 50/50 raffle.

Cash bar. Tickets \$35/pp. Proceeds toward Coats for Kids and other local causes. For more information contact: oktoberfestbarrie@outlook.com.

Giving Thanks to God!

As you gather with family or friends to celebrate Thanksgiving Day you are invited to begin with prayer.



O God, you dispel the darkness of our lives with the shining glory of the resurrection of your Son. Bless this food and drink which you provide for us, that being renewed in body and soul, we may serve you with holiness of life, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Celebrating the Liturgy of the Word with Children (October to December)



We will celebrate a separate Liturgy of the Word with Children today, October 13, and October 27, November 10, 24, and December 8 and 22 during the 12 noon Mass. All children between the ages of 4 and 8 are invited to participate. The children and leaders are sent after the Opening Prayer 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.

Thanksgiving Food Drive

Thank you to all who have responded to the food drive to this point. If you forgot your bag of groceries this weekend, by all means bring it next week and place it in the hall. All donations go to the Barrie Food Bank. **Thank you to the Knights of Columbus for overseeing this important parish effort.**



World Missionary Month is October and Sunday, October 20th, 2024 is **World Mission Day!** Please support this universal collection. It's fruits are distributed worldwide. Thank you for your support!

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 15, 2024 on**

Zoom. The Zoom link is on 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.



Save the Date and Reserve your Spot! Wednesday, October 23rd - Soup and Movie

You are invited to join us at 12:00 p.m. for soup and bread followed by the movie "**Mrs. Doubtfire.**" We welcome donations of cookies or sweets. To be sure we have sufficient food please reserve your spot by **Monday, October 21st**. To reserve a place call **Catherine at 705.728.2985 ext. 115** or email: cecker@archtoronto.org. Cost: free will donation.

Preparing for Confirmation

If you did not attend the preparation meeting in October and wish to prepare your child to celebrate the sacrament of Confirmation in 2025 please email the parish catechist Catherine Ecker at cecker@archtoronto.org.



Preparing for First Sharing in Holy Communion

If you did not attend the Information Meeting held in September and you wish to prepare your child for first Holy Communion you are asked to email the parish catechist, Catherine Ecker at cecker@archtoronto.org.



Registering for Confirmation or First Communion

For families who received registration packages please remember to register **after** Mass on October 19 / 20 or October 26 / 27 2024. Please bring the completed **Parish Registration Form, the Registration form for the Sacrament, a legible photocopy of the Baptismal certificate and the Sacramental Preparation envelope.**

Questions: please email Catherine Ecker at cecker@archtoronto.org or call 705 728 2985 ext. 115 or email David Murdoch at dmurdoch@archtoronto.org.

Just Sing! Next date – Tuesday, October 15th



You're invited to a 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, October 15th at 2:00 p.m.** at the parish. *Additional dates:* Nov.12, Dec. 3, Jan.21, 2025, Feb.18, April 8, May 6, and June 3.

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, November 29th.**



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, October 18th.**



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 20th**

Pasta Dinner Fundraiser – Sunday, October 20th, 2024 at 5:30 p.m.

You're invited to come out and enjoy a dinner served by our youth in support of our youth ministry. Tickets are \$20/pp or \$50/family and available after all Masses or from the parish office. The dinner includes pasta, salad, artisan bread and dessert. Thank you for your support!



All Saints Family Dance! Join us for St. Mary's "All Saints" Family Dance on **Saturday, November 2nd, 2024 beginning at 6:00 p.m. The cost is \$25 per family.**

Come dressed as your favourite saint, or be a saint-in-the-making, and there will be a DJ, prizes and refreshments for the whole family! Tickets can be purchased after the Masses or from the parish office.

We The North Retreat for Teens - inviting all teens to partake in a "We the North" overnight retreat on **November 15-16, 2024** with parishes from the northern region of the Archdiocese of Toronto. The retreat will take place at Guardian Angels parish in Orillia, and the cost is \$40 per youth. For more information, please email stmarysyouthministrybarrie@gmail.com

Questions? Please reach out to Shannon Barks at email stmarysyouthministrybarrie@gmail.com or call Shannon at 705-229-7426.

Classic Movies

You're invited to come out on a Tuesday afternoon at 2:00 p.m. for a Classic Movie held in our parish hall. Snacks included (free will offering). All welcome – no sign ups. Our feature film on **Tuesday, October 29th** is "Vertigo." The classic mind-bending mystery of identity and obsession starring Jimmy Stewart as a recovering police detective and Kim Novak as the woman he's trailing in one of Alfred Hitchcock's classics. Mark your calendars for the next Classic Movie on Tuesday, November 26th – the comedy, "To Be or Not To Be." Any questions, please contact David at dmurdoch@archtoronto.org. Free will offering.



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