

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

Catherine Ecker, Coordinator of Ministry with Maturing Adults and Parish Catechist –ext.115

Shannon Barks, Music/Youth Minister – ext. 116 or 705-229-7426

Susan Scarff, Administrative Assistant – ext. 101

David Murdoch, Pastoral Assistant – ext. 113

Pat Borho, Finance – ext. 102

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

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

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.

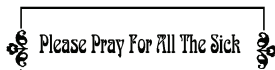
Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, November 25	12:10 p.m. † Duilio Antonioni
Tuesday, November 26	12:10 p.m. † Gregory Prenty and John Angel
Wednesday, November 27	7:00 p.m. Intentions of Catholic Women's League Members
Thursday, November 28	12:10 p.m. † Mark and Michael Gellegan
Friday, November 29	12:10 p. m. † Chris Doyle
Saturday, November 30	9:00 a.m. † Helen Lemay † Eugene Cudney † Joseph Dong † Maria Chen Intentions of Barbara and Jan Rylski



This weekend, we welcome **Sebastien Cardinal** representing "**Handicraft Holy Land Christians**", who after all the masses will briefly address the issues and concerns regarding the Christian presence in the Holy Land. Christians in the Holy Land graciously ask your support through conscience prayers and will have many unique hand carved olive wood religious art pieces made by these families in Bethlehem available for purchase after every mass. Proceeds of the sales generate much needed employment for our Christian brothers and sisters in Bethlehem. May God Bless you for your generosity, for your help and for your prayers. Cash, debit, credit cards and cheque will be accepted. Visit www.HolylandChristians.ca for more information.

Please note: the parish religious articles store will be closed for this weekend.



Please Pray For All 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: **Elizabeth Mika, Ricardo Ravanese, James McNamara and all those mentioned in our Book of Remembrance.**



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.

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 November we shall pray with you and share in your joy at all Sunday (Saturday evening) Masses **this weekend, November 23rd and 24th**. We thank God for the gift of the married couples in our midst.

St. Mary's Men's Core Spirituality Group



We are a group of men who meet twice a month to discuss our faith journeys and to learn about the Catholic Faith. Our

next meeting is scheduled for **Saturday, December 14th from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.** in the St. Joseph's room. For more information about our group, please contact Fr. Scott in the parish office.

World Youth Day – TODAY November 24



World Youth Day takes place this year on Sunday, November 24, the Solemnity of Christ the King. You're invited to visit the link below to read a message from Archbishop Leo. The message also includes an invitation for youth to join Mass with His Grace to mark the occasion at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica on **November 24th at 2:00 p.m.** <https://www.archtoronto.org/en/outreach/news/archdiocese/world-youth-day-message-from-archbishop-leo/>

A New Liturgical Year: Year C



The Church follows a three-year cycle and on the first Sunday of Advent, December 1, 2024 we embark on a new liturgical year. On Sundays during Year C the Gospel reading will most often be from the gospel of St. Luke.

How to Use the Missal: you are invited to review the instructions for using the Missal found on pages 4 and 5. Copies of the Missal are still available for purchase for \$5.00/copy.



Just Sing! Mark your Calendars!



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, December 3rd at 2:00 p.m.** at the parish. *Additional dates:* Jan.21, 2025, Feb.18, April 8, May 6, and June 3.

Barrie & District Christmas Cheer



Please consider donating NEW unwrapped toys for all ages, knit hats/mitts and PC, Visa or Mastercard Gift Cards. Donation deadline is **Sunday, December 8th**. Please bring to the parish hall. You may also donate at

<https://christmascheerbarrie.com/>, or drop off a cheque to the parish office or text "CHEER" to 30333 from your cellphone. (No food donations please).

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 Nov.26, 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

Advent Reflection: Living in Hope



Wednesday, December 4th from 2:00 – 3:30 p.m.

Hope is at the centre of our Advent preparations. But it is also key to the theme that Pope Francis has

chosen for the Jubilee Year that will begin on Christmas Eve this year. During this time of reflection and prayer, we will explore our Advent hope by unpacking some inspiring recent teachings from Pope Francis.

All are welcome to join us for this time of prayer and reflection. Our facilitator is Murray Watson, the Adult Faith Formation Animator with the Simcoe Muskoka Catholic District School Board. Refreshments will be provided; pre-registration is not required. Questions please contact Catherine Ecker 705 728 2985 ext. 115. (cecker@archtoronto.org)

Celebrating the Liturgy of the Word with Children



We will celebrate a separate Liturgy of the Word with Children TODAY, **Sunday, November 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.

Preparing for first Holy Communion: Parent Catechetical Meeting # 1



All families who have registered in the preparation process for first Holy Communion are reminded to attend the **parent catechetical** meeting in November. **This meeting is ONLY for families who have formally registered in the preparation process.**

Parents will receive a family book and catechesis focused on preparing to celebrate reconciliation (confession). We ask that **only parents** attend. It is fine for one parent to attend. The **parent meeting** will be held from **7:30 – 8:45 p.m.** **The final opportunity to attend this meeting is Tuesday, November 26th**. You must attend one of the meetings.

If you have any questions please call Catherine Ecker 705 728 2985 ext. 115 or email (cecker@archtoronto.org) or David Murdoch (dmurdoch@archtoronto.org)

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, November 26th**, will be "To Be or Not to Be" 1942 American comedy starring Jack Benny and Carole Lombard. 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. **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, December 20th.**



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 on **Sunday, December 1st**. **Questions?** Call Shannon Barks at 705-229-7426 or email stmarysyouthministrybarrie@gmail.com.



Vocations

Are worldly cares dragging you down? Be follower of the Master. If God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto 416-968-0997 or email vocations@archtoronto.org.

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