

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, 10:00, 12:00 & 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.

RECONCILIATION:

Wed. 6:15 to 6:45 p.m. or Sat. 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

BAPTISM INFORMATION: Contact a priest after Mass on Sunday.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: Contact the Parish Office

R.C.I.A. - For adults wishing to become Catholic, and for the baptism of older children (aged 7-14)

Public/Private School Program - for school aged children not attending Catholic Schools.

MINISTRIES TO THE HOSPITALIZED & SHUT-INS: If people are in the hospital or are unable to come to mass because of age or other limitations, contact the parish so that they may receive communion regularly.

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. Jeremias Inoc, Associate Pastor - ext. 107

Deacon Ron MacLellan - ext. 110

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

Clint Tyler, MSW Counsellor - ext. 101

Pat Borho, Finance - ext. 102

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

Dennis Cormier, Building Manager

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 IN OUR ADORATION CHAPEL

Monday to Friday: 1:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

All welcome.

Adoration Chapel: Mary Bond - 705-726-6641

Altar Servers: Parish Office - 705-728-2985

Bereavement Committee: Parish Office - 705-728-2985

Catholic Family Services: 705-726-2503

Catholic Women's League: Dianne Hunter - 705-725-9007

Cenacle: Audrey Belcourt - 705-792-0489

Children's Liturgy: Alba Aray - 705-719-0429

Development & Peace: Becky Johnson - 705-327-9609

Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Communion - 705-728-2985

Knights of Columbus: Dean Beaudry - 728-1641 (Hall)

Simcoe Sojourners: Jacinta Kewin - 705-720-2492

Lectors: Parish Office - 705-728-2985

Library: Arlene LeBlanc - 705-728-0736

Marriage Encounter: John & Daphne Jeffery-705-721-1694

Marriage Preparation Registration: 705-728-2985

Maturing Adults: Catherine Ecker - 705-728-2985

Ministry Affirmation: (Screening):Parish Office - 705-728-2985

New Beginnings: Mary Golds - 705-737-0368

Refugee Committee: Christine Ignas - 705-770-9199

Religious Articles Store: Pat Dunn - 705-720-2483

Retrouaille: (for troubled marriages) - 416-281-6007

Rosary Apostolate - Anné Gariepy - 705-305-0911

Social Life: Parish Office - 705-728-2985

Stay 'n Play: Parish Office - 705-728-2985

St. Mary's Cemetery: Larry Meyer 705-726-3931

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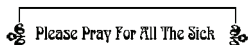
Youth Ministry: Shannon Barks - 705-229-7426

PARISH REGISTRATION

Please register with the parish before seeking any sacraments or any other services. Registration forms are available in the church foyer, on our parish website, and in our parish office.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, December 9	12:10 p.m.	† Eugenio Tolfo
Tuesday, December 10	10:00 a.m.	St. Monica's School at the Church
	12:10 p.m.	† Manuel DaSilva
	1:00 p.m.	Msgr. Clair School at the School
Wednesday, December 11	9:30 a.m.	St. Joseph's High School at the School
	1:30 p.m.	St. Marguerite d'Youville at the School
	7:00 p.m.	† Jake Calvert
Thursday, December 12	12:10 p.m.	† Marjorie Gail Oliveira
Friday, December 13	12:10 p.m.	Intentions of Mary Lorbetskie
Saturday, December 14	9:00 a.m.	† Al Smith; † Kenneth Kay; † Rene Demers
		† Cathy Demers; † Isabel Harper; † Irenarco Acosta



Please Pray For All The Sick

Please remember to pray for those who are sick especially

Tibor Toth, Penny Obnowleny, Teresa Perry, Russ Cadeau, Antony Gariepy; Mike Carbone



In Loving Remembrance

Please remember to pray for those who have died especially

Al Mortier and Cathy Marley.

ARCHDIOCESAN WEEK OF CONFESSIONS

From **December 15th-20th, 2019**, each parish in the Archdiocese of Toronto will be holding a **Day of Confessions**. This week, let us make the journey into the heart of our relationship with God. Take a long, loving look at the ways God calls us to grow. Take this challenge and hold it in readiness for the rich blessing that is manifest in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.



In our parish, the schedule for confessions is as follows: **Wednesday, December 18th at 7:30 p.m.** (Please note: there will be no confessions at 6:15 p.m. to 6:45 p.m.)

Confessions at our neighbouring parishes are as follows: *Holy Spirit Parish, Friday, December 20th from 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and at St. John Vianney Parish, Friday, December 20th from 9:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m. and 6:00-8:00 p.m.* Resources are be available at the back of the church and by visiting <http://www.archtoronto.org/confession/>.

MEMORIAL LAMP & SPECIAL INTENTIONS

December 7th to December 14th

Our sanctuary lamp is lit –

In loving memory of a dear husband, father and grandfather

† **Eugenio Tolfo**

Who is forever in our hearts and prayers.

Requested by: Antonia Tolfo and Family



December 6th to December 13th

The sanctuary lamp in our chapel dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary is lit:-

For the Special Intentions of:

Rita Raizenne

Who is forever in our prayers.

Requested by: The Hay Family



CHRISTMAS CHEER DONATION DEADLINE IS NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15th



Please consider helping by purchasing canned and packaged foods, new unwrapped toys, new books and any knitted items (hats, scarves, and mittens). Most needed items are for boys and girls aged 8-10 years old, toddler sized diapers, pull-ups and baby items. Cash donations welcome. You may leave these with the parish office.

You may drop off your donations at the back doors of Flags Unlimited on St. Vincent Street located at the bottom of the overpass until **Wednesday, December 18th**. If donations are brought to the church, you may leave them in the parish hall. **Thank you for your support!**

Mark your calendars!

The parish is hosting an annual Christmas Concert on

Friday, December 13 at 7:00 p.m. featuring sacred music. There will be a free-will offering taken up for The Society of St. Vincent de Paul.



The **Ministry with Maturing Adults** seeks to support the lifelong faith development of women and men throughout all phases of the pre-retirement and retirement years. The various programs are open to all members of St. Mary's who are in the second half of life.



Christian Meditation is an ancient form of contemplative prayer rooted in the Christian tradition. The group meets twice a month. The next session is on **Tuesday, December 10th at 10:30 a.m. in meeting room 3.** All are welcome. No prior experience is needed.

Neighbourhood Circle: The parish-based group of maturing adults will meet on **Thursday, December 12th at 2:00 p.m.** in the Collier Place in the TV room at 2:00 p.m. All are welcome.

Writing Circle Alumni Group: this is a gathering for those who have already completed the Life Story Writing program. Meeting will be held on **Thursday, December 12th at 1:00 p.m.** in room 3.

For further information on the **Ministry with Maturing Adults** please contact Catherine the coordinator at 705 728 2985 ext. 115 or by email: caecker@archtoronto.org.

**PREPARING FOR CONFIRMATION:
Catechetical Meeting # 1 December 11th:
Parent, Candidate & Sponsor**



The meeting will begin with Mass at 7:00 p.m. and conclude by 9:00 p.m. It is understood that the candidate, sponsor and parent will attend the meeting. You are to attend one meeting. The candidates are grouped alphabetically. This is the final opportunity to attend this essential meeting.

KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS CAR MAGNETS



The Knights of Columbus Barrie Council #1626 are selling **"Keep Christ in Christmas"** car magnets today to silently evangelize about the real meaning of the Christmas season. Each vehicle featuring the magnet on its bumper provides another chance to minimize the commercialization of this blessed season. Magnets are \$5.00 each.

CELEBRATING ADVENT



Join us for **Advent Lessons and Carols** on **Wednesday, December 11th at 2:00 p.m.** A social time will follow in the parish hall. Bring a favourite treat to share with others. We will begin at 2:00 p.m. in the Church. All are welcome!

**ADVENT: A SEASON OF DEVOUT AND EXPECTANT DELIGHT!
PRAYER FOR THE SECOND WEEK**



Before your family meal, light two purple candles on your Advent wreath. If you do not have an Advent wreath you may light a taper before you pray.

Father in heaven, set our hearts ablaze to follow in the steps of John the Baptist.

May we bring light and love to all we meet, that the darkness of sin

and fear may be overcome.

In Christ's name we ask this. Amen.

**RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION:
A Sign of our Communion with God
and Union with Others**



Beginning the first Sunday of Advent at every liturgy, we shall be invited to share both the Body and Blood of Christ. It is always good for those of us who come to the table each week to pause and recall the proper way to receive Holy Communion.

At the time of Holy Communion, when the person in front of you has received Holy Communion and you are in the front of the procession you will bow your head, the Minister of the Body of Christ will say, *"The Body of Christ"*, you will reply, *"Amen"*. It is important to note that the only appropriate response is **Amen**. The Church expects that **Amen** is said in a voice that can be heard by the Minister of Holy Communion.

After saying **Amen** you will consume the host immediately and if receiving the Precious Blood you will move to the Minister of the Chalice who will say, *"The Blood of Christ"*, you will reply, *"Amen"* and take a sip from the chalice. You will not bow a second time for the act of receiving the Body and Blood of Christ is one ritual gesture. (GIRM, paragraph 160) The Canadian Bishops have instructed that our common sign of reverence be a bow of the head. As a sign of our unity and respect for the Body of Christ we join in singing the Communion hymn. After everyone has shared in Holy Communion there will be a time of silence for prayer.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY
TODAY! In the Parish Hall from 1-3:00 p.m.** Crafts, music, food and a visit from Santa! Children of all ages from the parish are invited to attend. (No reservations required and no cost).

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