

# 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. (livestreamed),  
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.

## CHURCH HOURS - OPENING/CLOSING

**WEEKEND** - Open 20 minutes prior to each Mass and closed directly after each Mass.

**WEEKDAY** - Open at 11:00 a.m. - Closed at 3:00 p.m.

Wednesday's - Open at 4:00 p.m. - Closed 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.

**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.

**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:** Parish Office - 705-728-2985

**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:** Dean Beaudry - 728-1641 (Hall)

**Lectors:** Parish Office - 705-728-2985

**Library:** Arlene LeBlanc - 705-728-0736

## PARISH STAFF:

Rev. Larry Léger, Pastor - ext. 104

Rev. Neyomal Liyanage Silva, Associate Pastor - ext. 107

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

## 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 IN THE CHURCH PROPER

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday

After the 12:10 p.m. Mass to 3:00 p.m. All welcome

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

**Marriage Preparation Registration:** 705-728-2985

**Maturing Adults:** Catherine Ecker - ext. 115

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

**New Beginnings:** Mary Golds - 705-737-0368

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

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

**Rosary Apostolate** - Anné Gariépy - 705-305-0911

**Sacramental Preparation:** Catherine Ecker - ext. 115

**Simcoe Sojourners:** Jacinta Kewin - 705-720-2492

**Social Life:** Parish Office - 705-728-2985

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

**St. Vincent de Paul:** 705-722-0753

**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, November 30	12:10 p.m.	† Duilio Antonioni
Tuesday, December 1	12:10 p.m.	† Al and Mary Bethune
Wednesday, December 2	7:00 p.m.	† Christopher Collingbourne
Thursday, December 3	12:10 p.m.	† Joe Aikins
Friday, December 4	12:10 p.m.	† Aline Rousselle
	7:00 p.m.	† Fran Cadeau
Saturday, December 5	9:00 a.m.	† Carmelo Galle
		† Members of the Oliveira Family
		† Alphonse Mahew; † Joseph Michael
		Special Intentions of Dean Edgar
		Special Intentions



*Please  
pray for  
the sick*

***Margaret Baker and Mel Fullerton.***

Please remember to pray for those who are sick including ***David Samuel, Joe Hargreaves, Carol Beatty, Nino Melchiorre, Vic White, Dean Edgar,***



Please remember to pray for those who have died recently and all the faithful departed.



### ADVENT:

#### A SEASON OF JOYFUL EXPECTATION!

This new season is marked by a change in liturgical colour from green to violet. The Church reminds us that "Advent has a twofold character, for it is a time of preparation for the Solemnities of Christmas, in which the first coming of the Son of God to humanity is remembered, and likewise a time when, by remembrance of this, minds and hearts are led to look forward to Christ's Second Coming at the end of time. For these two reasons Advent is a period of devout and expectant delight." *Universal Norms on the Liturgical Year and the General Roman Calendar, par. 39.*

During Advent, we are reminded that we are to be ready to welcome Christ in our brothers and sisters and to prepare to celebrate the mystery of the Incarnation: God with us.

### PRAYER FOR THE FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT



Before your family meal, light the first candle on your Advent wreath. If you do not have an Advent wreath you may light a taper before you pray.

***O God, as we light this candle, remind us of the need to bring the light of hope into the world.***

***Help us to stay awake to the needs of others by seeing with our eyes and hearts. Give us courage to reach out in hope to the lonely in our schools, parishes and communities. Amen***

### CELEBRATING ADVENT

Join us for **Advent Lessons and Carols on Wednesday, December 9<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m.** in the church proper. You are invited to join us for a time of reflection and prayer as we embrace the season of Advent.



### CARING FOR OUR SENIORS



**Seniors Wish** - This year the local Senior Wish Association is not able to accept gifts for our seniors who are isolated. If you are able to support this group as they brighten the Christmas season

for our seniors please visit

[www.aseniorwish.com](http://www.aseniorwish.com).

**Be a Santa to a Senior** - if you prefer to purchase a virtual gift for a senior please visit <https://www.beasantoasenior.com/>.

### MINISTRY WITH MATURING ADULTS



**Christian Meditation** is an ancient form of contemplative prayer rooted in the Christian tradition. The group will meet online on **Tuesday, November 24<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m.** and in person on **Thursday, November 26<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m.** If you wish to attend please email Catherine Ecker at [caecker@archtoronto.org](mailto:caecker@archtoronto.org) or call 705 728 2985 ext. 115.

The **Next Chapter Network** is a faith-based support network for women who are widowed. The network encourages and empowers widows to move forward into a positive future. *This group is not a bereavement support group.* The next meeting will be **Monday, November 30 from 1:30 – 2:45 p.m., please remember to wear your mask.** No refreshments will be served and physical distancing will be maintained. Questions or for more information please contact Catherine Ecker at [caecker@archtoronto.org](mailto:caecker@archtoronto.org).

**Neighbourhood Circle:** The parish-based group of maturing adults who live in the same neighbourhood will meet on **Thursday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 2:00 p.m.** Before the pandemic this group met at St. Mary's Seniors Residence and now we will meet at the parish in St. Joseph's Room. All are welcome. For information please contact Catherine at 705 728 2985 ext. 115.

### WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES Living and Celebrating the Sacrament of Marriage



The expression a wedding lasts a day a marriage lasts a lifetime highlights the importance of celebrating and living marriage vows day after day. 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 29<sup>th</sup>**. Please join us in thanking God for the gift of the married couples in our midst.

### REGISTRATION FOR CONFIRMATION OR FIRST SHARING IN HOLY COMMUNION



Families who participated in the parent information meeting for **Confirmation** or **first sharing in Holy Communion** received a package of material.

The completed registration form including a legible **photocopy** of the



young person's baptismal certificate, the Parish Registration Form and the Sacramental Preparation envelope will be accepted **AFTER** Mass has ended on **November 28 /29; December 5 /6 and December 12 /13.**

**Please note: Registration forms are only accepted after Sunday (Saturday) Mass.** If you have questions about the form, choosing the dates or other concerns please email Catherine Ecker, parish catechist at [caecker@archtoronto.org](mailto:caecker@archtoronto.org).

### ADVENT: A SEASON OF PREPARATION



2020 has turned our lives and routines upside down and inside out. As our church enters a new liturgical year you are invited to join in a three-part series titled: **"Life is For Living"**. The reflections will be based on writings by Sister Joan Chittister O.S.B. You can participate from the comfort of your home via Zoom. We shall meet on **Tuesday, Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> from 7:30 – 8:30 p.m.** Registration is required. Please email Catherine Ecker to register: [caecker@archtoronto.org](mailto:caecker@archtoronto.org).

### CHRISTMAS CHEER



This year, Christmas Cheer Barrie is holding a financial campaign. You are invited to help families in need by purchasing gift cards between \$20-\$25.00. A box is provided in the foyer or you may drop your cards at the parish office. Christmas Cheer will distribute the gift cards to local families so they may purchase toys, clothing, food, etc. Please visit <https://christmascheerbarrie.com/>



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