# St. Mary's Church

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Email: stmarysba@archtoronto.org Website: www.stmarysba.archtoronto.org 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.

#### CHURCH HOURS - OPENING/CLOSING

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

**WEEKDAY** - Open 11:00 a.m. - closed at 3:00 p.m except Wednesday's - open at 4:00 p.m. and 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.

**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 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

**Bereavement Committee:** Parish Office **Catholic Family Services:** 705-726-2503

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

Liturgy of the Word with Children: Parish Office

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: Bob Tinkess - 705-220-9103 Cell

Lectors: Parish Office

Library: Arlene LeBlanc - 705-728-073

#### **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

David Murdoch, Pastoral Worker, ext. 101

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#### PARISH SCHOOLS:

St. Mary's School - 705-726-1843
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#### **EUCHARISTIC 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: Parish Office
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 - 705-718-1853
Retrouvaille: (for troubled marriages) - 416-281-6007
Rosary Apostolate - Anné Gariepy - 705-305-0911
Sacramental Preparation: Catherine Ecker - ext. 115
Simcoe Sojourners: Jacinta Kewin - 705-720-2492

Social Life: Parish Office

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, December 13 Tuesday, December 14 Wednesday, December 15 Thursday, December 16 Friday, December 17 12:10 p.m.

Saturday, December 18

12:10 p.m. 12:10 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 12:10 p.m.

9:00 a.m.

† Roland Tessier † Blandine Trudel † Elisé Tessier † Allison Chaisson

† Eric Fairchild † Cidaliza Paiva

† Jose Domingo Acuna

† Manuel Pontes and Joanne Contois

† Bunnie Matheson

† Compton DeCunha



#### 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.

Rest in Heace We remember in pray those who have died

recently including Ignatius MacDonald, Shirley Greer, Lillian Donato, and Jerry Hurley.

#### PRAYER FOR THE THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT



Before your family meal, light two purple candles and the pink candle on your Advent wreath. If you do not have an Advent wreath you may light

one or three candles before you pray.

Leader: As we draw near to you, Lord God, keep us aware of your presence in all we do. Come with power to enlighten us by your grace, that we may live in praise and peace all our days. We ask through Christ our Lord. All: Amen

#### YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN US FOR FAITH NOURISHMENT Tuesday, December 14, 2021

#### Advent: A Season of Joyful Expectation

The Church calls all people to continue to grow in understanding and knowledge of our faith. Join us on December 14th as we reflect on



the season of Advent. This session will be in person on Tuesday December 14th at 7:30 p.m. All are welcome to join Father Larry and Catherine Ecker for a time of faith nourishment! Please remember to wear your mask!

#### ADVENT LESSONS AND CAROLS ON WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15TH AT 2:00 P.M.



In the midst of Advent, you are invited to pause from preparations for Christmas to hear God's Word. Following this time of prayer and reflection there will be time for fellowship and simple refreshments.

All are welcome.

#### **LECTORS AND EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS** OF HOLY COMMUNION

It is time to sign up to serve at the Christmas liturgies, (December 24th through January 2nd). We thank you for your commitment and service.



#### INDIGENOUS PEOPLES AND THE CHURCH: Walking Together Toward Healing & Reconciliation

We invite you to pray for the delegation that was to travel to Rome to meet with Pope Francis. The trip has been postponed because of the new Omicron variant of Covid 19. Following ongoing dialogue with the Assembly of First Nations, Métis, Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami, and other Indigenous partners, a group of residential school survivors, Elders, knowledge keepers and young people will share their experiences directly with the Holy Father. The delegation, organized by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops, represents a significant moment in the ongoing journey of healing and reconciliation while also serving as an important foundation for the future visit of the Holy Father to Canada, announced in late October. For more information on the delegation and related activity, please visit: www.cccb.ca.



# Christmas Mass Schedule



#### Christmas Eve -Friday, December 24

(No 12:10 p.m. Mass) \* 5:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m., \* 9:00 p.m., and 12:00 Midnight

#### <u>Christmas Day – Saturday, December 25</u> \* 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.

(No confessions and no 5:00 p.m. Mass)

Feast of the Holy Family - Sunday, December 26 8:00 a.m., \* 10:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m.

Monday, December 27

**9:00 a.m.** (Church closed at 10:00 a.m.)

**Tuesday, December 28** 

(Church is open at 11:30 a.m. and closed at 1:00 p.m.) **12:10 p.m.** 

#### Wednesday, December 29

(*Church is open at 5:00 p.m.*) Confessions 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. **7:00 p.m.** 

#### YOUTH MINISTRY

LIFETEEN – for high school teens to explore their faith through talks, prayer and friendship meeting monthly on Sunday nights. We are gathering TODAY, Sun., December 12<sup>th</sup> after the 4:00 p.m. Mass. Dinner provided.

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 17<sup>th</sup>. For information on our Youth Ministry please email <a href="mailto:stmarysyouthministrybarrie@gmail.com">stmarysyouthministrybarrie@gmail.com</a> or call Shannon Barks at 705-229-7426.

#### **KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS**



The Knights of Columbus Barrie Council #1626 are selling "Keep Christ in Christmas" fridge and car magnets to silently evangelize about the real meaning

of the Christmas season. Place one on your car or fridge to remind ourselves and everyone that sees them that Christ is the reason for the season. Magnets are \$5.00 each and all proceeds go to help the less fortunate in our community.

#### Thursday, December 30

(Church is open at 11:30 a.m. and closed at 1:00 p.m.

New Year's Eve – Friday, December 31 Vigil of the Feast of Mary, Mother of God 5:00 p.m. (No 12:10 p.m. Mass)

New Year's Day – Saturday, January 1 <u>Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God</u> \* 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.

(No confessions and no 5:00 p.m. Mass)

Epiphany - Sunday, January 2 8:00 a.m., \* 10:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m.

Monday, January 3 **9:00 a.m.** (*Church closed at 10:00 a.m.*)

\* Masses will be livestreamed on our parish Facebook page at https://www.facebook.com/st.marysbarrie.live

## PREPARING FOR CONFIRMATION!

Catechetical Meeting # 1: Parent, Candidate & Sponsor



All families who have registered in the preparation process for Confirmation are reminded to attend the parent candidate sponsor meeting. 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. The second and final opportunity to attend this meeting is on **Wed., Dec.** 15<sup>th</sup> beginning at 7:00 p.m.

#### MINISTRY WITH MATURING ADULTS



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.

Programs are open to everyone.

VON SMART (Seniors Maintaining Active Roles Together) Exercise Program is held on Tuesday mornings. For details regarding beginning dates and registration: VON at 705 737 5044 ext. 221. Christian Meditation meets on Tuesday mornings at 10:30 a.m. The next session will be on Tuesday, December 14th on Zoom. If you are interested in learning more about this form of prayer please contact Catherine Ecker through email cecker@archtoronto.org or 705 728 2985 ext. 115.

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