# St. Mary's Church

65 Amelia Street, Barrie, Ontario L4M 1M7 Telephone: 705-728-2985 Fax: 705-728-2989 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.

WEEKDAY MASSES: 12:10 p.m. (except Wed.) Wednesday & 1st Friday.....7:00 p.m. Saturday & Holidays.....9:00 a.m. (All daily Masses are livestreamed.)

#### 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: Susan Murley – 705-252-1918 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 Rev. Gomi Fernando – In Residence Rev. Scott Young – In Residence (Health Leave) 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 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

# 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, March 7 12:10 p.m. Tuesday, March 8 12:10 p.m. Wednesday, March 9 12:10 p.m. Thursday, March 10 12:10 p.m. Friday, March 11 12:10 p.m. Saturday, March 12

**Intentions of Nancy Calvo † Jack Pratt †** Steven Blacklock **†** Joe Galle Intentions of Seminarians at St. Augustine's Seminary **†** William Bolger **†Giuse Bich** † Maria Hien, † Maria Terese

# PRAYING FOR THE SICK



If you or a family member is sick please let us know and we shall add their name to our

7:00 p.m.

9:00 a.m.

prayer list which is posted in the gathering space of the church.

Rest in fleare We remember in prayer those who have died recently including: Anna Holden, Benjamin Fordham, and Gloria Kodra.

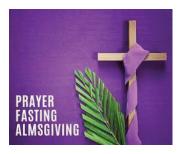
# THE SEASON OF LENT

he Church reminds us that Lent has two

major purposes: It recalls or prepares for baptism and emphasizes a spirit of penance. The emphasis on a spirit of penance assists us in preparing to renew our baptismal promises.



For those who will be baptized at the Easter Vigil the spirit of penance is to assist them in preparing for their baptism.



Throughout the season of Lent we are called to listen more attentively to the Word of God and to set aside additional time for prayer. The traditional Lenten

practices of prayer, fasting and works of charity (almsgiving) are to assist us as we prepare to renew our baptismal promises.

# HUMANITARIAN RELIEF

Ukraine has been plunged into war after the Russian military invaded the country last week, resulting in widespread violence and a looming humanitarian crisis. In response to the request of parishioners, the Archdiocese of Toronto has launched a humanitarian relief effort to help the Ukrainian people at this time. Hundreds of thousands of Ukrainian civilians have already fled their homes and are trying to find shelter in neighbouring countries. The United Nations estimates that there could eventually be up to five million Ukrainian refugees, depending on how the war transpires.

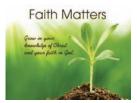
The Archdiocese of Toronto will channel donations to support the Office for Refugees. Archdiocese of Toronto (ORAT) and the Catholic Near East Welfare Association (CNEWA). CNEWA is a papal agency with a long history of humanitarian relief; it is currently working in Eastern Europe, providing Ukrainians with food, shelter, medicine and transportation to safe locations. ORAT will use donations to bring Ukrainian refugees to Canada as soon as possible. Those wishing

# to help may do so as follows:

- Online through the Archdiocese of Toronto website: www.archtoronto.org
- By calling the Development Office-416-934-3411
- Through the parish, making cheques • payable to: St. Mary's Church-Ukrainian Relief-Humanitarian Relief

Please continue to pray for the Ukrainian people and all those who suffer under the human tragedy of war. Thank you for your continued assistance.

# YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN US FOR FAITH NOURISHMENT Tuesday, March 8 The Sacrament of Reconciliation: A Sacrament of Healing!



The Church calls all people to continue to grow in understanding and knowledge of our faith. Join us on March 8th as we explore the history of the

sacrament of reconciliation and examine the current rite for this sacrament. This session will be in person at 7:30 p.m. Please bring your own water / coffee and your mask. All are welcome to join Father Larry and Catherine Ecker for a time of faith nourishment!

# JOURNEY TO EASTER! A Time of Purification and Enlightenment A Lenten Series: March 10, 17, 24 and March 31st.

The season of Lent is a time to prepare for baptism or to prepare to renew our baptismal promises. You are invited to participate in a four-part series on Thursday mornings. We will hear and reflect on the Gospels that will be proclaimed on the 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th Sundays of Lent. We will meet online from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. All are welcome. For more information and the link please email Catherine Ecker at cecker@archtoronto.org or call 705 728 2985 ext. 115.

# THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL



Thank you to everyone who continues to support our ministry. In the month of February we served 107 families-(271 adults and 192 children). We are able to provide gift cards through Giant

Tiger on Cundles only through the generosity of our parishioners. If you are able to make a donation to help those less fortunate in our community, you may do so by using the poor boxes in the church, by cheque -*Society of St. Vincent de Paul, St. Mary's Parish or etransfer to ssvpoffice@gmail.com.* Every donation is greatly appreciated. Please keep us in your prayers.

### MINISTRY WITH MATURING ADULTS



VON SMART (Seniors Maintaining Active Roles Together) Exercise Program is held on Tuesday mornings. For details regarding the program and

registration please call: 705 737 5044 ext. 221. **Christian Meditation** is an ancient form of contemplative prayer rooted in the Christian tradition. This group meets on Tuesday mornings at 10:30 a.m. The next session will be on **Tuesday, March 8th** on Zoom. If you are interested in learning more about this form of prayer, have questions or would like the link please contact Catherine Ecker. (cecker@archtoronto.org or 705 728 2985 ext.

(cecker@archtoronto.org or 705 728 2985 ext. 115).

Writing Circle Alumni Group: this is a gathering for those who have already completed the Life Story Writing program. The monthly meeting will be held in person on Thursday, March 10th at 2:00 p.m. Current members are asked to confirm their attendance by email (cecker@archtoronto.org) or by phoning Catherine at 705 728 2985 ext. 115.

# Parent Catechetical Meeting # 2 Preparing for Full Participation in the Celebration of Eucharist

To assist all parents in preparing their children for first sharing in Holy Communion each parent is to attend a parent meeting in March. The second family book will be distributed at this meeting. To allow for your full participation and attention we ask that only parents attend the meeting. The second and final opportunity to attend this meeting is on **Thursday, March 10th at 7:30 p.m.** Participation in the meeting is essential.

# YOUTH MINISTRY

**M.E.R.C.Y.** -Grades J.K. to Gr. 4. Our next gathering is **Friday**, **March 11**<sup>th.</sup> **EDGE:** Grades 5-8. Our next gathering is **Friday**, **March 25**<sup>th</sup>.

LIFETEEN – for high school teens. Our next gathering is **Sunday, March 13<sup>th</sup>** after the 4:00 p.m. Mass. Dinner provided. For further information on our Youth Ministry email <u>stmarysyouthministrybarrie@gmail.com</u> or call Shannon Barks at 705-229-7426.

