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. Mass is livestreamed on Sundays at 10:00 a.m. The Church opens at 8:00 a.m. and closes at 5:00 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.

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: Dorothy Cepas - 705-627-0026 Youth 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 - 705-728-0736

PARISH STAFF:

Rev. Larry Léger, Pastor – ext. 104 Rev. Sávio Bruto da Costa, Associate Pastor – ext. 107 Rev. Scott Young – In Residence 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 Assistant 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

Monday through Friday 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 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: Parish Office - 705-728-2985 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.



Praying for the Sick - If you or a family member is sick please let us know and we shall add their name to our praver list which is posted in the gathering space of the church.

Rest in Peace

We remember in pray those who have died recently including:

Mary (May) McKendry, Michael Bagley, Larry Kitchen, June Bouchard, Julia Fazio and Maria Castilho.

Visiting the Hospital: if you or a family member are admitted to RVH please let them know you are Catholic and call the parish office to inform us. If you wish to receive Holy Communion please let the parish office know and one of our pastoral visitors will come to see you.

All Saints Day



On November 1st the church celebrates All Saints Day. On this day we celebrate the women and men who have lived before us and the Church has given

them the title of saint. For example, people like St. Peter, St. Paul, St. Theresa, St. Matthew, St. Agnes and St. Monica. On all Saints Day we also celebrate all of the people who lived holy lives and have died. Some of these people would be our grandparents, aunts, uncles, leaders who have worked for justice and peace. We believe in the communion of saints which means we believe that through baptism we are united with the baptized who are living on earth, those who have died and all who have been named saints. We pray: All holy men and women, pray for us.

Book of Remembrance



The parish Book of Remembrance will be available in the church proper during the month of November so that

you may inscribe the names of those who have gone before you marked with the sign of faith. Please remember to use your own pen.

Annual Memorial Mass

On Thursday, November 2nd, All Souls Day we will pray for all of the faithful departed at the 7:00 p.m. Mass. Our Bereavement Committee has extended a personal invitation to all families who had a loved one buried from St. Mary's Parish during the past year to attend this Mass. All parishioners are welcome to attend as we pray for family near and far who have died this past year. When you arrive, we will give you a lit candle which you will place on the steps near the altar. When Mass has ended you are welcome to take a candle home or to leave it in burning in the church. After Mass everyone is invited to join us in the parish hall for simple refreshments and fellowship.

Hallowe'en is actually a Christian celebration that is over 1000 years old



October 31st Hallowe'en and November 1st All Saints Day have been celebrated since the early 8th century. Pope Gregory III wanted to establish a day to celebrate all Saints. The word Hallowe'en comes

from "All Hallows Eve" that refers to the night before All Hallows Day, also known as All Saints Day. Hallow as a noun is an old English word for saint and Hallow as a verb is to make holy or to honour as holy.

Traditions - The supernatural aspects of Hallowe'en, like ghosts and demons, have their roots in Catholic belief. At certain times of the year it was believed that the veil separating earth from the afterlife was very thin. When this veil is "thin" the ghosts and demons could be seen. October 31st and November 1st were considered a time when the veil was thin. People would wear costumes to scare away the ghosts and demons.

All Adults 55+ Ministry with Maturing Adults



All are welcome to attend the various session offered for those in the second half of life.

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 is an ancient form of contemplative prayer rooted in the Christian tradition. We will meet at 10:30 a.m. on

Tuesday, October 31st on Zoom. All are welcome! If you are interested in learning more about this form of prayer please contact Catherine Ecker. (<u>cecker@archtoronto.org</u> or 705 728 2985 ext. 115)

Thursday Afternoon: November 2nd from 1:00p.m. to 3:00 p.m.



rom 1:00p.m. to 3:00 p.m. On the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month join us for cards or your favourite board game. We serve simple refreshments. No Registration

is required. All are welcome.



Mark Your Calendars! Wednesday, November 22nd at 12:30 p.m.

Soup and a Movie

Wednesday, December 6th at 2:00 p.m. *Advent Lessons and Carols*





Wednesday, December 13th at 2:00 p.m. *Advent Reflection: Living in Hope*

Pop-up Covid-19 and Flu Vaccine Clinic



The Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit will hold a Covid-19 and Flu Clinic in our parish hall on **Wednesday, November 1st** from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Appointments can be booked at <u>https://covid-19.ontario.ca/bookvaccine</u> or by calling 1-833-943-3900. Walk-ins accepted while supplies last.

Catholic Women's League – PRAYER SHAWLS

Prayer Shawls are available for women, men and children who are seriously ill or grieving. A Prayer Shawl can wrap, enfold, comfort and give solace to a person who is suffering. Each shawl is crafted with prayers for the recipient. Contact Diana at 705-722-7067 or email: <u>dancatton@rogers.com</u>.

Registration for Confirmation or First Sharing in Holy Communion

Families who participated in the September / October 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 this weekend, **October 28 / 29. Please note: Registration forms are only accepted after Sunday (Saturday) Mass.** If you have questions about the form or the preparation process please email Catherine Ecker, parish catechist at cecker@archtoronto.org or call 705 728 2985 ext. 115.

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. **Our next gathering is Friday, November 10**th.

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, November 24.**



<u>LIFE TEEN</u> –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 **TODAY**, **Sunday**, **October 29th**. For more information on our Youth Ministry, please email: <u>stmarysyouthministrybarrie@gmail.com</u> or call Shannon Barks at 705-229-7426.

Theology on Tap

At the Flying Monkeys Brewery (in the Attic Lounge upstairs) on the following Sundays from 6-9:00 p.m.: Nov. 19, Jan. 21, March 17, May 5 and & June 23.





Daylight savings time 2023 will come to an end on Saturday, November 5 at 2:00 a.m. Don't forget to adjust your clocks back one hour.

