

# St. Mary's Church

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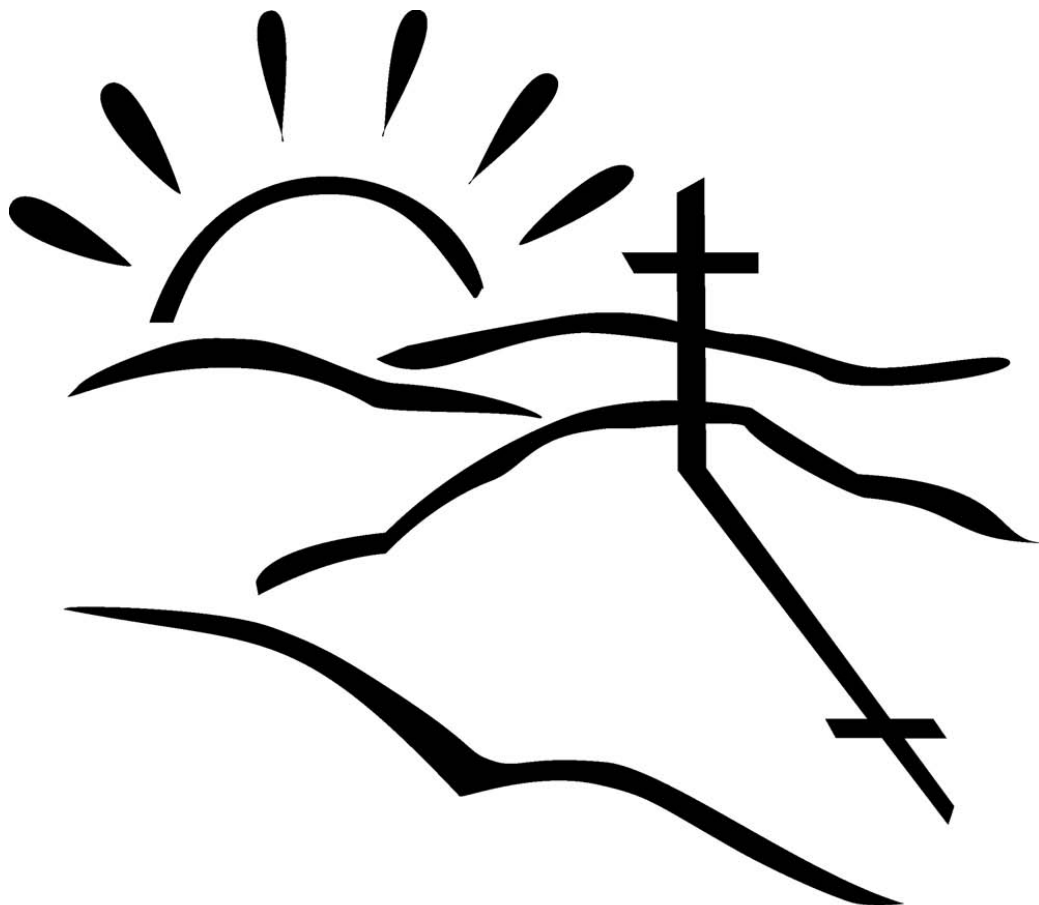
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*Rejoice!*

*For the Lord is truly risen!*

## Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, April 1	9:00 a.m.	† Karen Downey
Tuesday, April 2	12:10 p.m.	† Rev. Fred Schmidt
Wednesday, April 3	7:00 p.m.	† John and Helena O'Neil
Thursday, April 4	12:10 p.m.	Intentions Betty Borho
Friday, April 5	12:10 p.m.	† Bill and Marion Lynn
	7:00 p.m.	† Domenic Gullo
Saturday, April 6	9:00 a.m.	† George Skinn
		† Dieu Van Dao
		† Bill Taylor
		Intentions of Donald Garratt



# Christ is Risen! Alleluia!



For 50 days we celebrate the great feast of Easter! In our parish and homes, we continue to praise our God and celebrate Jesus' victory over death. Alleluia! As your family gathers for meals throughout the season of Easter you are invited to begin by lighting a candle and then praying together.

*God, source of life,  
Pour in our hearts the joy of Easter, and grant us to live the new life  
that Christ has gained for us through his resurrection,  
for he reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God for ever and ever. Amen.*

*(adapted from Blessings and Prayers for Home and Family, © Concacan Inc., 2004)*



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 Peace

We remember in prayer those who have died recently including: **Shirley Easson.**



**Hospital Visitation** - 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.

### Divine Mercy Sunday – April 7<sup>th</sup>



All are invited to a holy hour on **Divine Mercy Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup> from 2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.** Divine Mercy Sunday is celebrated on the Second Sunday of Easter, and was established by St. John Paul II centered on the revelations to St. Faustina Kowalska. A Divine Mercy Novena began on Good Friday.

Pamphlets are available in the church. The Divine Mercy Chaplet is prayed on Rosary beads with a different set of prayers. During the holy hour, there will be Adoration, confessions and the sung Divine Mercy at 3:00 p.m. There are special graces that our Lord promised for those who pray on Divine Mercy Sunday and can only be received for oneself, through reception of Holy Communion in a state of grace. A plenary indulgence, however, can be offered for oneself, or for souls suffering in purgatory.

*St. Faustina, pray for us!*

### ShareLife: Embrace Jesus' love and compassion through giving



Jesus' love and example inspire us to extend a helping hand to others, especially those facing the greatest challenges. ShareLife agencies continue to reach out to the most vulnerable members of our community, offering essential services made possible by your compassion and generous contributions. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at [sharelife.org/donate](http://sharelife.org/donate).

**Our parish goal is \$136,500.00**  
**The next ShareLife Sunday's are:**  
**April 28<sup>th</sup> and June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024**

Please give generously or at [www.sharelife.org](http://www.sharelife.org)

### Seasons of Hope Bereavement Group



Our Lord assured us that those who mourn are blessed and shall be comforted. Seasons of Hope helps us come together to share in God's love. Whether your loss is recent or long ago, Seasons of Hope is a nurturing link to the Church, our God and people of faith who understand what it means to grieve. This program is centered on Jesus Christ and grounded in the healing wisdom, traditions and practices of the Catholic Church. Come and be comforted. The group meets at 7:30 p.m. for six consecutive Wednesdays beginning **April 10, 2024** in St. Joseph's Room. Registration is required. For more details or to register please contact Catherine Ecker in the parish office at 705 728 2985 ext. 115.

**Celebrating the Joy of Easter and Deepening  
Our Grasp of the Sunday Liturgy**



During the Easter season we will study Rita Ferrone's book **Pastoral Guide to Pope Francis's Desiderio Desideravi** (*On the Liturgical Formation of the People of God*).

Pope Francis's pastoral letter to the people of God invites us on a retreat providing us with prompts to deepen our understanding of the Liturgy.

Preregistration is necessary and each participant will need a copy of the book (\$20.00).

We will meet from **10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. on Thursdays beginning April 11<sup>th</sup> and concluding May 9**. To register please contact Catherine Ecker ([cecker@archtoronto.org](mailto:cecker@archtoronto.org)) 705 728 2985 ext. 115.

**Confirmation Preparation: Important Reminder!  
Catechetical Meeting # 3 Candidates and Sponsors  
7:30 p.m. – 8:45 p.m.**



It is understood that the candidate and sponsor will attend the meeting. **IF**, the sponsor cannot attend the parent is to attend. The candidates are grouped alphabetically. Please make every effort to attend the assigned meeting. If there

is a serious reason, such as illness, you may attend the other meeting. You **do not** need to notify the parish office if you are attending a different meeting.

**Thursday, April 4<sup>th</sup> Surnames A to L  
Monday, April 8<sup>th</sup> Surnames M to Z**

This is the last catechetical meeting for all candidates! Questions or concerns please contact David Murdoch ([dmurdoch@archtoronto.org](mailto:dmurdoch@archtoronto.org)) or Catherine Ecker ([cecker@archtoronto.org](mailto:cecker@archtoronto.org)) 705 728 2985 ext. 115.

**Preparation for First Sharing in Holy Communion:  
Parent Child Meeting # 2  
7:00 – 8:15 p.m. Please arrive 10 minutes early!**



Each parent and child will participate in a family catechetical meeting. Please arrange childcare for siblings, so you and your child preparing for Holy Communion may participate fully. You are asked to attend the assigned meeting. **IF** for serious reasons you cannot attend the assigned date please attend the other meeting.

**Tuesday, April 9<sup>th</sup> Surnames A to L  
Monday, April 15<sup>th</sup> Surnames M to Z**

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**Faith Matters**

*Grow in your  
knowledge of Christ  
and your faith in God.*



**You are Invited to Join Us for  
A Time of Faith Nourishment  
on Tuesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>  
at 7:00 p.m.**

**Topic: Easter Joy!  
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

We will gather for a time of prayer, reflection, discussion and catechesis on the Easter liturgies. All are welcome! We gather for 7:00 p.m. and conclude by 8:30 p.m. All are welcome. Simple refreshments will be provided.

**All Adults 55+  
Ministry with Maturing Adults**

All are welcome to attend the various sessions 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, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024 on Zoom**. All are welcome! If you are interested in learning more about this form of prayer please contact Catherine Ecker. ([cecker@archtoronto.org](mailto:cecker@archtoronto.org) or 705 728 2985 ext. 115).



**Cards / Bid Euchre:** all are welcome to participate. Lessons will be provided for those new to Bid Euchre! Join us in the parish hall on **Thursday, April 4<sup>th</sup>** from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. Simple refreshments are provided.

**Everything Old is New Again  
Spring is Here: Join us for a Time of Renewal  
Wednesday, April 17<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m.**

Join us for an afternoon of conversation, games and refreshments! We will play bingo, assorted board games and have some door prizes! All are welcome, no previous play experience needed!

*"Earth is a task garden; heaven is a playground".*

**G. K. Chesterton**

***If you want to be ready for heaven you need to play!***

**Youth Ministry**



**M.E.R.C.Y. (Ministry to Educate Roman Catholic Youth)** is for youth grades J.K. to Gr. 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, April 12<sup>th</sup>**. Registration required.

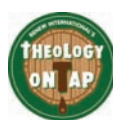


**EDGE** is a youth ministry program for youth grades 5-8 to come together once a month on a Friday from 6:00-7:30 p.m. EDGE is a safe, fun place for youth to find solid Catholic community, to get answers to their questions about faith and most importantly, to experience Jesus in a profound and personal way. Our next gathering is **Friday, April 26<sup>th</sup>**.



**LIFETEEN** – for high school teens to explore their faith through talks, prayer and friendship meeting monthly on Sunday nights. Our next gathering is **Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup>** after the 4:00 p.m. Mass. Dinner provided.

For information on our Youth Ministry please email [smarysyoungministrybarrie@gmail.com](mailto:smarysyoungministrybarrie@gmail.com) 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 6:00-9:00 p.m.: **May 5<sup>th</sup> and June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024.**

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