

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., 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.

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.

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

Adoration Chapel: Mary Bond - 705-726-6641

Altar Servers: David Murdoch - 705-728-2985

Bereavement Committee: Parish Office

Catholic Family Services: 705-726-2503

Catholic Women's League: Susan Murley - 705-252-1918

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

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

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

Rosary Apostolate - Anné Garipey - 705-305-0911

Sacramental Preparation: Catherine Ecker - ext. 115

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

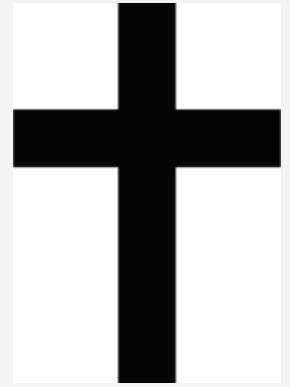
PARISH REGISTRATION

Please register with the parish before seeking any sacraments or any other services.

Registration forms are available in the church foyer and in our parish office.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, April 29	12:10 p.m.	† Eugenio Tolfo
Tuesday, April 30	12:10 p.m.	† Rev. Maurice Swift
Wednesday, May 1	7:00 p.m.	† Wayne Nelissen
Thursday, May 2	12:10 p.m.	† Guy Hachey
Friday, May 3	12:10 p.m.	† Joe Padfield
	7:00 p.m.	† Bill Taylor
Saturday, May 4	9:00 a.m.	† Stanley Ritchie
		† Peter De Lenardo
		† George Dolak
		† Tom Kutty



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 Peace

We remember in pray those who have died recently including: **Mathurin (Mat)**

Noël and Stanislawa (Stella) Oziwicz.

IN THE HOSPITAL

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.

Celebrating Initiation During Easter



In the Church the Easter season is the normative time for celebrating the Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist.

Beginning today children will join us at the table of the Lord for the first time. *You are asked to pray for all families who will join us at the Lord's table. We thank God for their witness of faith.*

Human Trafficking



The presentation by the OPP Human Trafficking Unit will be held on **Tuesday, April 30th from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.**

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul Summer Camp Sign-Up



It's that time of year to register your child(ren) for summer camp! The Society of St. Vincent de Paul has two camps; Marygrove for girls

ages 5 - 13 near Penetang and Camp Ozanam for boys ages 7 - 12, near South River, On. Camps are for families experiencing financial difficulties.

Registration will be held in the parish library on the following dates:

Wednesday, May 1 from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, May 4 from 9:00 a.m.- 11:00 a.m.

Wednesday, May 8 from 5:00 p.m.- 7:00 p.m.

Please bring ID for yourself and your child(ren).

A Sign of our Communion with God and Union with Others

Beginning this weekend, April 27 /28, a number of our young people will begin to share in Holy Communion. They and their parents have been preparing for months. This is an ideal time to review the process for sharing in Holy Communion.

Our sharing in Holy Communion is a profoundly public personal act. We process forward to share in Holy Communion. It is most definitely a holy union with Jesus and with our brothers and sisters in Christ. There is nothing private about the Communion procession. In 2011, the Canadian Bishops instructed that our common sign of reverence before sharing in Holy Communion be a bow of the head. The Church's ritual does not expect anyone to genuflect, kneel or make the sign of the cross before or after receiving Holy Communion.

At the time of Holy Communion when the person in front of you has received Holy Communion and you are in the front of the procession, you **bow your head**, the Minister of the Body of Christ will say, "**The Body of Christ**", you reply, "**Amen**".

It is important to note that the only appropriate response is **Amen**. The Church expects that **Amen** is said in a voice that can be heard by the Minister of Holy Communion.

After saying **Amen** the Minister of Communion places the host in your hand. You put the host in your mouth. If you are going to share in the Blood of Christ you move to the Minister and he / she says, "**The Blood of Christ**", you answer "**Amen**" and take the chalice and take a sip. Then you return to your place.

The Communion procession is a time of communal prayer. We sing the Communion hymn as an outward sign of our unity. We sit or kneel for silent prayer when the priest sits down after Communion.

TODAY IS THE SECOND SHARELIFE SUNDAY!

Share the love with our beloved seniors through ShareLife

Last year, ShareLife supporters like you offered quality care and companionship to over 2,300 vulnerable seniors. "*The largest thank you to all ShareLife donors for your continued generosity! With your support, our centre is able to provide assistance to seniors in need through our community programs.*" – Jaymie Daunt, LA Centre for Active Seniors. We ask you to share your blessings through the parish or at sharelife.org/donate.

Our parish goal is \$136,500.00

The next ShareLife Sunday is June 2nd.

SCHOOL HAPPENINGS?



The Good Shepherd Catholic School Celebrates Its 25th Anniversary!

All former students, families and staff members are welcome to join us for a special afternoon of gratitude and unity as we honour our past quarter of a century in Catholic education. We will be commemorating this special anniversary on **Sunday, May 5th at 2:00 p.m.** at the Good Shepherd Catholic School. Let's celebrate the past 25 years and our bright future! Please rsvp to the school at 705-728-2302 or at gshoffice@smcdsb.on.ca.

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 30, 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 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, May 2nd** from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. Simple refreshments are provided.



The Role & Importance of a Power of Attorney and Will / Estate Planning - Join us for an informative session on **Wednesday May 22nd from 7:30 –**

9:00 p.m. The session will be led by: Robert Galloway, Partner with DOOLEY LUCENTI. All are welcome! **Hold the Date: Wednesday June 19th: Celebrating the Gift of Years!** Join us for a potluck lunch as we celebrate Seniors' Month and give thanks to God. Details to follow.

Seeing With Heart - A Day of Reflection for Parents of LGBTQ Young Adults

Saturday, June 1, 2024: 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Manresa Jesuit Spiritual Renewal Centre, 2325 Liverpool Rd., Pickering. This day of reflection will provide parents with an opportunity to share their stories, listen to presentations from an experienced Catholic chaplain, reflect on the gifts and talents of their children, and participate in group discussions. The day ends with Mass.

Facilitator: Kelly Stephen - chaplain of Monsignor Paul Dwyer Catholic High School. Fr. Bernie Carroll, S.J. - Superior of the Pickering Jesuit Community. A suggested offering of \$65 per person. Includes lunch. For more information or to Register: Call Mike Hyland - 647-296-2499.

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, May 10th.** 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, May 24th.**



LIFETEEN – for high school teens to explore their faith through talks, prayer and friendship meeting monthly on Sunday nights. Our next gathering is **TODAY Sunday, April 28th** after the 4:00 p.m. Mass. Dinner provided. For information on our Youth Ministry please email stmarysyouthministrybarrie@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 5th and June 23rd, 2024.**

Pro-Life Apologetics Evening – Knights of Columbus

Tuesday, May 28th from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 93 Berczy Street. Keturah Duhmaine, from CCBR (*The Canadian Centre for Bio-Ethical Reform*), will speak on how we can compassionately and effectively respond to the challenges that are presented in our world today when faced with life issues. Contact Michael Mora with any questions: mike_mora@hotmail.com.

Catholic Women's League

Bake Sale next **Saturday May 4th from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the parish hall.** Pick up of orders will be done at this time.

Mobility Scooter

A Shoprider mobility scooter is available for a reduced price. Used for less than 4 months. Please call the parish office for further information.



Parish Religious Article Store

The Religious Article Store is open every Sunday between the morning Masses. Hours of operation are: **(9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., and 1:00 p.m. to 1:15 p.m.)**

We invite you to visit our parish store. We offer a wide collection of religious articles, gifts, books and greeting cards. Why not think ahead and buy that special gift for the next special occasion? For further information please call Pat Dunn at 705-718-1853. Thank you for your support!

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