

# 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 6:00 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. Neil Pereira, Associate Pastor – ext. 107

Rev. Scott Young – In Residence

Deacon Del Allan – ext. 125

Deacon Robert Suthers, Retired

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

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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

## EUCCHARISTIC 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

**Young 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) - 437-234-5610

**Rosary Apostolate** - Anné Gariepy - 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

## 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.

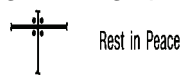
# Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, August 26	12:10 p.m.	† Mary Calvert
Tuesday, August 27	12:10 p.m.	† Rev. Fred Schmidt
Wednesday, August 28	7:00 p.m.	† Lambert Van Niekerk
Thursday, August 29	12:10 p.m.	† Joe Baldi
Friday, August 30	12:10 p.m.	† Eric Fairchild
Saturday, August 31	9:00 a.m.	† Dennis LeClair
		† Niphone Manivong
		† Peter Dao
		† Joseph Dao
		† All Souls



**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.



We remember in prayer those who have died recently including:

**Elizabeth Quinn, Kamil**

**Szypula, Sabrina Cericola, Magola Rangel and Tienie Hunnef.**

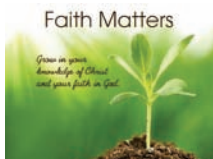
**Visiting the Hospital:** if you or a family member are admitted to RVH please let them know you are Catholic and call the parish office to inform us. If you wish to receive Holy Communion please let the parish office know and one of our pastoral visitors will come to see you.

## Wedding Anniversaries: Celebrating the Sacrament of Marriage



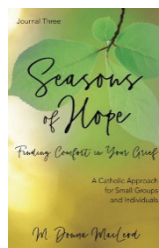
The married couples in our parish are a sign to us of God's faithfulness and through their witness we are strengthened. If you celebrated a wedding anniversary in August we shall pray with you and share in your joy at all Sunday (Saturday evening) Masses on August 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>. We thank God for the gift of the married couples in our midst.

## Vitamin F: Our Father! Preparing for the Jubilee Year in 2025 Tuesday, September 10<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.



In advance of the Jubilee Year, Pope Francis has asked for a preparatory year to take place in 2024 with a focus on the need for prayer, especially reflection on the Lord's Prayer. We shall continue our preparation, by reflecting and focusing on the first two petitions in the Lord's Prayer: *Hallowed be your name and Your Kingdom Come*. All are welcome to attend this time of catechesis, conversation and prayer. We will begin at 7:00 p.m., have simple refreshments available and conclude by 8:30 p.m.

## 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 September 25, 2024 in the parish library. Registration is required. For more details or to register please contact Catherine Ecker in the parish office at 705 728 2985 ext. 115 or email [cecker@archtoronto.org](mailto:cecker@archtoronto.org)

## Altar Server Training – FOR THE 2024-2025 Year



There will be an altar server practice for all new servers on **Thursday, September 12 at 6:15 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. OR Thursday, September 19 at 6:15 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.** in the church proper. All children Grade 4 and up who have

received their first communion are welcome to attend ONE of these practices. Any questions please email David Murdoch: [dmurdoch@archtoronto.org](mailto:dmurdoch@archtoronto.org).

## Church Bulletin Advertising

Liturgical Publications will be setting up the advertisements for our church bulletin. The advertising will begin in October 2024 and supports the bulletin service. Please support the bulletin and advertise your product or service. Call Liturgical Publications at 1-800-268-2637.



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

**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 September 3, 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).



**Wednesday September 11<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 p.m. - NEW DATE! BUY YOUR TICKETS!** - Join us for Lunch with food provided by the Mandarin.

The cost is \$20.00 (cash). You must get your ticket before **September 9<sup>th</sup>** Tickets are available from Catherine Ecker or at the parish office. Join us for conversation, fellowship and good food. There will be a 50 /50 draw. Proceeds will go to St. Vincent de Paul Society. Questions: contact Catherine Ecker at 705 728 2985 ext. 115 or email [cecker@archtoronto.org](mailto:cecker@archtoronto.org)



**Life Story Writing Program: September 2024 - The Life Story**

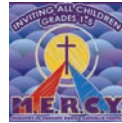
*Writing Programme provides an opportunity to stop, take stock, and look back over the process of life in order to gain deeper understanding, clearer perspective and a more integrated view. The program helps to uncover evidence that God has been with you and is still with you. The program nourishes participants and offers an opportunity for renewal.*

No writing experience is needed to participate in the Life Story Writing Program. Each person receives a workbook and the sessions provide suggestions and opportunities to practice writing. We will offer this six-week program beginning **Monday, September 16<sup>th</sup>**. The sessions will be held on Mondays from 2:00 – 3:30 p.m. A fee of \$20.00 is requested to cover the cost of printing. Advance registration is required. To register or for more information please contact Catherine Ecker at [cecker@archtoronto.org](mailto:cecker@archtoronto.org) or call 705 728 2985 ext. 115.

**Baptism for Children Over the Age of 7**

The preparation for baptism of children over the age of seven is distinctly different than the process for infants and young children. If you are seeking baptism for your child who is seven years of age or older, please contact Catherine Ecker ([cecker@archtoronto.org](mailto:cecker@archtoronto.org)) for details on the preparation process.

**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, October 4<sup>th</sup>.**



**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, September 27<sup>th</sup>.**



**LIFE TEEN** –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 **Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup>.**

**Questions or Helping with Youth:** For questions or if anyone is interested in helping with our youth ministry, please reach out to Shannon Barks at email [smarysyouthministrybarrie@gmail.com](mailto:smarysyouthministrybarrie@gmail.com) or call Shannon at 705-229-7426. Training days will be held in Toronto on September 22/23<sup>rd</sup>.

**Summer Classic Movie and Lunch**



Join us for our final Summer Classic Movie on **Tuesday, August 27<sup>th</sup> at \*\*1:00 p.m.\*\*** for lunch and a movie in the parish hall. Our feature film is My Fair Lady. Eliza Doolittle (*Audrey Hepburn*) is challenged to learn proper English and manners from the irascible (and confirmed bachelor) Henry Higgins, played by *Rex Harrison*, in one of the greatest musicals ever made which won the Academy Award for Best Picture in 1965. 170min (with intermission). Free Will Offering. **All are welcome.**

**New Program - Just Sing!**

Mark your calendars for a laid back, fun afternoon of song and fellowship as we come together to JUST SING, our way through the folk, pop, gospel and traditional music songbooks. Bring your voice whether you can sing or not! No sign up – just come and just sing! Cookies and tea included. Any questions please ask David [dmurdoch@archtoronto.org](mailto:dmurdoch@archtoronto.org).



Join us on **Tuesday, September 17 at 2:00 p.m.** at the parish. Other dates for *Just Sing*: October 15, November 12, January 21, 2025, February 18, April 8, May 6, and June 3.



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