# 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., 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.

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 - 705-737-6563

#### 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 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) - 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, September 30 **Tuesday, October 1** Wednesday, October 2 Thursday, October 3 Friday, October 4

12:10 p.m.
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9:00 a.m.

**†** George Harradine + Vince Filo-Carroll **† Kenneth Kay † Krysta Hopley †** Ronald Caicco † Marianne Hannan **†** Briant Duncan **†** Frank Light

Saturday, October 5

### Parish Breakfast - Today! The Knight of Columbus Council 1626, will be hosting a parish breakfast in the hall after the

The Knight of Columbus Council 1626, will be 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. Masses TODAY,

Sunday, September 29th, 2024. Pancakes, sausages, maple syrup and fruit salad will be served. Coffee, tea, and juice will also be provided. No reservations required, come on and come all and ioin us for a wonderful breakfast! Cost is \$ 10 per person or \$ 30 per family paid by debit or cash.

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: Johanna "Ann" Gubbels, Darleen Simpson and Walter Strasser.



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

#### A Big Thank you

A big thank you to Leland Fraser for his help in refurbishing the statue of Our Lady in the back yard of the church. Our Lady looks brand new!

#### St. Mary's Men's Group



We are a group of men who meet twice a month to discuss our faith journeys and to learn about the Catholic Faith.

We meet on the first and third Saturdays of each month from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the St. Joseph's room. For more information about our group, please contact Fr. Scott in the parish office.

#### Oktoberfest – Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024



Mark your calendars! Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup> in our Parish Hall from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Hosted by Knights of Columbus, includes German style meal, live music by "Alpine Express", and

50/50 raffle. Cash bar. Tickets \$35/pp available after all masses this weekend and October 5/6 (cash or debit). Proceeds toward Coats for Kids and other local causes. For more information

contact:oktoberfestbarrie@outlook.com.



A special collection will be held on October 5/6, 2024 to support the Indigenous Healing & Reconciliation Fund. The collection is part of a national grassroots effort to assist



healing and reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples of This Land. The Archdiocese of Toronto has raised almost 50% of its \$6 million pledge with \$2.7 million in funds already allocated to support eight projects that focus on culture and language revitalization, education and community building, healing and reconciliation for communities and dialogue involving Indigenous elders, spiritual leaders and youth. For more information or to donate online, visit:

www.archtoronto.org/healingandreconciliation.

#### The Barrie Mayor's Prayer Breakfast

Wednesday, October 2nd, 2024 at 7:25 a.m. at the South Shore Centre on Lakeshore Dr., Barrie, Guest speaker will be former NHL star Dave Burrows. Music provided by Shannon and John Barks, Dr. Jim Shaver will be honoured for his community contributions. Tickets \$30 in advance or \$35 at the door. Please contact Trevor Owen at trevor.owen@owendickey.com for tickets and further information.

#### Interfaith Refugee Committee

St. Mary's Interfaith Refugee Committee are looking to our community for support as we continue to work toward the integration of recent refugee families. We are hoping someone might have a used vehicle (mini-van and sedan) that they would be willing to donate and receive a tax receipt in kind.

#### **Annual Thanksgiving Food Bank Drive**

Bags will be distributed by the Knights of Columbus after all Masses next weekend of October 5/6<sup>th</sup>. Please return the bags when you attend Mass on Thanksgiving Weekend. Food items, cash, gift card or cheque donations are welcome. All food collected will be directed to the Barrie Food Bank who are in need of baby formula, children's lunch snacks, cereal, beef jerky, Ensure protein shakes, feminine products, diapers (sizes 4-6). Thank you for your support.

## Faith Matters

Vitamin F: Our Father! Preparing for the Jubilee Year in 2025 Tuesday October 8<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 third and forth petition in the Lord's Prayer: *Your will be done and Give us this day our daily bread.* 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.

#### New Program - Just Sing!



You're invited to a 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 <u>dmurdoch@archtoronto.org</u>. Join us on **Tuesday, October 15<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m**. at the parish. *Additional dates:* Nov.12, Jan.21, 2025, Feb.18, April 8, May 6, and June 3.

#### **Classic Movies**

You're invited to come out on a Tuesday afternoon at 2:00 p.m. for a Classic Movie held in our parish hall. Snacks included (free will offering). All welcome – no sign ups. Our feature film on **Tuesday, October 8**<sup>th</sup>



is "Mildred Pierce" starring Joan Crawford in this film noir classic about a dedicated mother who gets tangled in murder and intrigue because of her spoiled daughter. *Mark your calendar for our next move on Tuesday, October 29<sup>th</sup> – we will be showing Hitchcock's Vertigo!* Any questions, please contact David at dmurdoch@archtoronto.org. Free will offering.

Life Chain – Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Sunday, October 6 from 2-3:00 p.m. Please meet at the Kozlov Centre parking lot at the northwest corner of Bayfield and Cundles Road from 2-3 pm. All are welcome to join this peaceful demonstration. Signs will be available to display. Roses for Life: Rose iron on patches will be offered after all Masses on the weekend of October 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>. Free will donation.

#### 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 (<u>cecker@archtoronto.org</u>) for details on the preparation process.

#### 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** an ancient form of contemplative prayer is deeply rooted in the Christian tradition. We meet at 10:30 a.m. on **Tuesday, October 1, 2024 on** 

**Zoom.** The Zoom link is on our parish website or contact Catherine Ecker if you are interested in learning more about this form of prayer or have questions. All are welcome! Catherine Ecker. <u>cecker@archtoronto.org</u> or 705 728 2985 ext. 115.



Cards / Bid Euchre and Games: all are welcome to participate. Lessons will be provided for those new to Bid Euchrel, Joir

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1:00 – 3:00 p.m. Simple refreshments are provided. All are welcome!

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Mark your Calendar for **Soup and a Movie:** October 23<sup>rd</sup> at 12 noon.

#### 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, October 18th. 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>. <u>Questions?</u> Please reach out to Shannon Barks at email <u>stmarysyouthministrybarrie@gmail.com</u> or call Shannon at 705-229-7426.

#### Preparing for Confirmation

The preparation for Confirmation formally begins in October with an Information Meeting. All young people who are baptized Catholic and were born in 2012 or earlier are invited to prepare for the sacrament of Confirmation. At the Information Meeting details regarding the preparation process are shared. The information meeting for **Confirmation** will be offered twice at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday October 3<sup>rd</sup> and Monday October 7<sup>th</sup>. You attend one meeting, preregistration is NOT required. **The parent and young person seeking Confirmation are to attend.** 

Preparing for First Sharing in Holy Communion The preparation for first Holy Communion formally begins in September with an Information Meeting. All young people who are baptized Catholic and were born in 2017 or earlier are invited to prepare for first sharing in Holy Communion. The final opportunity to attend the information meeting for first Holy Communion will be on Monday September 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. You must attend one meeting, preregistration is NOT required. This meeting is for parents, to foster your full participation please arrange for childcare. Questions regarding the preparation process for either sacrament please contact the parish catechist: Catherine at 705 728 2985 ext. 115 (cecker@archtoronto.org) or David Murdoch (dmurdoch@archtoronto.org.)

