# St. Mary's Church

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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

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

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#### **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, October 28 12:10 p.m. † Marianne Hannan Tuesday, October 29 12:10 p.m. † David Ritchie Wednesday, October 30 7:00 p.m. † Antonio Nicoletta Thursday, October 31 12:10 p.m. **† Kevin Nicol** Friday, November 1

† Joe Badali 12:10 p.m. 7:00 p.m. † Rev. Fred Schmidt

Saturday, November 2 9:00 a.m. † For all souls

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 pray those who have died recently including Helen Lemay, Anita

Attwell,, Arthur Cook and Doria Robert.

#### **TODAY Coffee Sunday** Sunday, October 27th



Come and join us in the parish hall after the 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. Masses today for fellowship and treats. A big thank you to Sister Catherine Donnelly School who will be hosting and serving.

#### **Recess Supervisors Needed**

St. Monica's is looking for Recess Supervisors to support our school community over the two recess/nutritional breaks (11:00 am-11:40 am and/or 1:00 pm-1:40 pm). This is a paid position. If you are available one (or more) days per week on an on-call basis please contact the school office at 705-726-8221 and ask for Mrs. Davies. A Criminal Background Check with Vulnerable Sector Screening is required.

#### Celebrating the Liturgy of the Word with Children (October to December)



We will celebrate a separate Liturgy of the Word with Children **TODAY Sunday, October 27,** November 10, 24, and December 8 and 22 during the 12 noon Mass. All children between the ages of 4 and 8 are invited to participate.

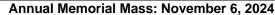
The children and leaders are sent after the Opening Prayer and they return during the Preparation of the Gifts. If you are interested in becoming a leader or have questions please contact David at dmurdoch@archtoronto.org

#### 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.





On **Wednesday, November 6<sup>th</sup>** 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 burning in the church.

After Mass everyone is invited to join us in the parish hall for simple refreshments and fellowship.

#### **Unpacking the Synod on Synodality**

Sunday, November, 10, 2024 from 4:00 pm to 6:00 p.m. at St. Michael's College School Centre for the Arts - 1515 Bathurst Street, Toronto.

Join us for a panel discussion to help unpack the Synod on Synodality. The three-year process of listening and dialogue, undertaken between 2021 and 2024, has garnered participation from Catholics worldwide. Moderated by Dr. Josephine Lombardi, panelists include: Sr. Nathalie Becquart, XMCJ, undersecretary of the Synod of Bishops, Archbishop J. Michael Miller CSB of Vancouver, theologians Dr. Moira McQueen and Sr. Gill Goulding, CJ. Limited tickets available - they are free but must be reserved by visiting: www.archtoronto.org/synod.

Hospital Visitation: If you or a family member are admitted to RVH please 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.

#### Thanksgiving Food Drive



The Knights of Columbus, Council 1626 are pleased to announce that the collection of cash, cheques and gift cards for the 2024 Thanksgiving Food Drive was

\$4,663.00 and a total of 2662 lbs. in food donations was collected!

Also, a huge and gracious thank you to Chris' No Frills on Blake Street for donating 100 reusable bags and 44 pre-filled bags and also to Purolator Tackle Hunger Program for donating 300 reusable bags. This is truly an



exemplary demonstration of the generosity from all who participate and show a desire to assist the food insecure in our community. Thank you all for your generosity!

## 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 October we shall pray with you and share in

your joy at all Sunday (Saturday evening) Masses TODAY, on **October 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>.** We thank God for the gift of the married couples in our midst.

#### 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 29, 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. <a href="mailto:cecker@archtoronto.org">cecker@archtoronto.org</a> or 705 728 2985 ext. 115.

Registering for Confirmation or First Communion For families who received registration packages please remember to register *after* Mass on October 26 / 27 2024. Please bring the completed *Parish Registration Form, the Registration form for the Sacrament, a legible photocopy of the Baptismal certificate and the Sacramental Preparation envelope.* 

Questions: please email Catherine Ecker at cecker@archtoronto.org or call 705 728 2985 ext. 115 or email David Murdoch at dmurdoch@archtoronto.org.

#### **Preparing for Confirmation**

If you did not attend the preparation meeting in October and wish to prepare your child to celebrate the sacrament of Confirmation in 2025 please email the parish catechist Catherine Ecker at cecker@archtoronto.org.

**Preparing for First Sharing in Holy Communion** 



If you did not attend the Information Meeting held in September and you wish to prepare your child for first Holy Communion you are asked to email the parish catechist, Catherine Ecker at cecker@archtoronto.org.

#### Just Sing! Mark your Calendars!



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 <a href="mailto:dmurdoch@archtoronto.org">dmurdoch@archtoronto.org</a>. Join us on Tuesday, November 12<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. at the parish.

Additional dates: Dec. 3, Jan.21, 2025, Feb.18, April 8, May 6, and June 3.

#### **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 29<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 Saturday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> for the All Saints Family Dance and Friday, November 22<sup>nd</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 on November 15/16 at the We The North Retreat (see below) and Sunday, November 17<sup>th</sup>.



All Saints Family Dance! Join us for St. Mary's "All Saints" Family Dance on Saturday, November 2nd, 2024 beginning at 6:00 p.m. The cost is \$25 per family. Come dressed as your favourite saint, or be a saint-in-the-making, and there will be a DJ, prizes and refreshments for the whole

family! Tickets can be purchased after the Masses or from the parish office.

We The North Retreat for Teens - inviting all teens to partake in a "We the North" overnight retreat on November 15-16, 2024 with parishes from the northern region of the Archdiocese of Toronto. The retreat will take place at Guardian Angels parish in Orillia, and the cost is \$40 per youth. For more information, please email <a href="mailto:stmarysyouthministrybarrie@gmail.com">stmarysyouthministrybarrie@gmail.com</a> Questions? Please reach out to Shannon Barks at email <a href="mailto:stmarysyouthministrybarrie@gmail.com">stmarysyouthministrybarrie@gmail.com</a> or call

#### **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 29<sup>th</sup>* is "Vertigo." The classic mind-bending mystery of identity and obsession starring Jimmy Stewart as a recovering police detective and Kim

Shannon at 705-229-7426.



Novak as the woman he's trailing in one of Alfred Hitchcock's classics. Mark your calendars for the next Classic Movie on **Tuesday**, **November 26**<sup>th</sup> – the comedy, "To Be or Not To Be." Any questions, please contact David at <a href="mailto:dmurdoch@archtoronto.org">dmurdoch@archtoronto.org</a>. Free will offering.

#### **Eucharistic Adoration**

Come and spend an hour with our Lord. Adoration is daily in the chapel Monday through Friday from 1:00 p.m. Mass until 6:00 p.m. For information or if you have any question, please call Mary Bond at (705) 726-6641.



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