

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 - 705-737-6563

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, November 11 <i>(Veterans Appreciation Mass)</i>	12:10 p.m.	† Roland Gervais
Tuesday, November 12	12:10 p.m.	† Vince Filo-Carroll
Wednesday, November 13	7:00 p.m.	† Carolyn Hewson Int. of Mary Lorbetskie
Thursday, November 14	12:10 p.m.	† Roger Chicoine
Friday, November 15	12:10 p.m.	† Marianna Adamski
Saturday, November 16	9:00 a.m.	† Irene Jean † Antonio Nicoletta † Helen Lemay † Raymond Wagner



SHEPHERD'S TRUST COLLECTION

Next Weekend – November 16/17, 2024

The mission of The Shepherds' Trust is to help ensure that elderly and disabled priests are provided with sufficient financial resources to lead a dignified life after many years of ministry. Your generous gift will help our priests to maintain a modest but active and independent lifestyle in their retirement years. For priests who are ill or otherwise infirm, the Trust ensures they have access to nursing home facilities and medical care. Thank you for your support of this important work. Please also consider remembering The Shepherds' Trust in your will. **Your generosity is greatly appreciated.**



Praying for the Sick: As the baptized we all share in the ministry of prayer. 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 **Gerald MacDonald and Reg Driscoll** and all those mentioned in Our Book of Remembrance.



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.

Save the Date! Staying Healthy as We Age!
Wednesday November 20th from 2:00 – 3:30 p.m.



Join us for a presentation and conversation on the difference between mental health and mental illness and exploring tips to stay mentally healthy as we age. There will be information from CAMH with time for conversation and refreshments. All are welcome.

Veterans Appreciation Mass



Monday, November 11th at 12:10 p.m. we will honour our veterans. The veterans who are present will be invited to stand for a blessing. Veterans are encouraged to wear their blazers and medals. Regular and Reserve Force personnel and

Cadets are invited to attend in uniform.

Sunday Missals for the New Liturgical Year!

The new Missals are available in the foyer or from the parish office. The cost is \$5.00. *Please remember to put your name in the Missal!*



Thank you to ShareLife for supporting the needy in our parish community.

Our parish and the Society of St. Vincent de Paul at St. Mary's Conference have each received \$15,000 grants to support families in need. This is only possible because of your generosity! At the present time ShareLife donations are being matched by a generous diocesan donor so when you give \$100.00 to ShareLife, ShareLife receives \$200.00. From November 1 until year end, your gift will be matched up to \$500,000. That means your compassionate generosity helps even more families in need, including those nourished through ShareLife's recently announced food programs. Double the impact of your kindness by giving at the parish with a ShareLife envelope or anytime at sharelife.org/donate. Thank you for living the Gospel.

Patron Saint of Widows and Widowers: St. Elizabeth of Hungary



It is customary to celebrate wedding anniversaries. The witness of a married couple is life giving and a sign of God's presence. In our parish, many widows and widowers continue to serve God, our parish and the community at large through their witness and living faith. The years of their married life continues to bear great fruit in our midst. St. Elizabeth of Hungary is the patron saint or an example for widows and widowers. The universal Church marks her feast day on the day of her death, November 17th.

On Sunday November 17 (Saturday November 16) at all Masses we will thank God for the witness of these many widow and widowers and ask God to bless them.

Preparing for first Holy Communion: Parent Catechetical Meeting # 1

All families who have registered in the preparation process for first Holy Communion are reminded to attend the **parent catechetical** meeting in November. Parents will receive a family book and catechesis focused on preparing to celebrate reconciliation (confession). We ask that **only parents** attend. It is fine for one parent to attend. The **parent meeting** will be held from **7:30 – 8:45 p.m.** This meeting is offered twice, you attend one meeting. You may attend on **Monday, November 18th or Tuesday, November 26th**.. You must attend one of the meetings. If you have any questions please call Catherine Ecker 705 728 2985 ext. 115 or email (cecker@archtoronto.org) or David Murdoch (dmurdoch@archtoronto.org).

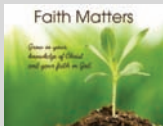
Just Sing! Mark your Calendars!



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 dmurdoch@archtoronto.org. Join us on **Tuesday, November 12th at 2:00 p.m.** at the parish. *Additional dates:* Dec. 3, Jan.21, Feb.18, April 8, May 6, and June 3.

Vitamin F: Our Father!

Preparing for the Jubilee Year in 2025
Tuesday, November 12th 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 fifth and sixth petition in the Lord's Prayer: *And forgive us our debts as we also have forgiven our debtors and Do not bring us to the time of trial.* 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.

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, November 12, 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. cecker@archtoronto.org or 705 728 2985 ext. 115

Barrie & District Christmas Cheer



Please consider donating NEW unwrapped toys for all ages, knit hats/mitts and PC, Visa or Mastercard Gift Cards. Donation deadline is **Sunday, December 8th**. **Please bring to the parish hall.** You may also donate at <https://christmascheerbarrie.com/>, or mail a cheque to: **Barrie & District Christmas Cheer, P. O. Box 161, Barrie L4M 4T2**, or text "CHEER" to 30333 from your cellphone. **(No food donations please).**

Handicraft Holyland Christians



On the weekend November 23-24, we will welcome our special guest **Sebastien Cardinal** representing "Handicraft Holy Land Christians", who after all the masses will briefly address the issues and concerns regarding the Christian

presence in the Holy Land.

Christians in the Holy Land graciously ask your support through conscience prayers and will have many unique hand carved olive wood religious art pieces made by these families in Bethlehem available for purchase after every mass.

Proceeds of the sales generate much needed employment for our Christian brothers and sisters in Bethlehem. May God Bless you for your generosity, for you help and for your prayers.

Cash, debit, credit cards and cheque will be accepted.

Please visit www.HolylandChristians.ca for more information.

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 29th.



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, November 22nd.



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 17th.**

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 stmarysyouthministrybarrie@gmail.com **Questions?** Please reach out to Shannon Barks at email stmarysyouthministrybarrie@gmail.com or call Shannon at 705-229-7426.



Thank you to all those who attended and supported the All-Saint Dance! A great time was had by all. We are all called to be saints and ask all the saints to pray for us.

Book of Remembrance



The parish Book of Remembrance is in the church proper during the month of November so that you may inscribe the names of those who have gone before you marked with the sign of faith. *Please remember to use your own pen.*

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