

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

Catherine Ecker, Coordinator of Ministry with Maturing Adults and Parish Catechist - ext. 115

Shannon Barks, Music/Youth Minister - ext. 116 or 705-229-7426

Susan Scarff, Administrative Assistant - ext. 101

David Murdoch, Pastoral Assistant - ext. 113

Pat Borho, Finance - ext. 102

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, December 2	12:10 p.m.	† Anna Marie Sherlock
Tuesday, December 3	12:10 p.m.	† Ann Gubbels
Wednesday, December 4	7:00 p.m.	Int. of the Knights of Columbus
Thursday, December 5	12:10 p.m.	† Carmelo Galle
Friday, December 6	12:10 p.m.	Int. Theresa Da Silva and Family
<i>(There is no First Friday Mass – Adoration will be in the Chapel until 6:00 p.m.)</i>		
Saturday, December 7	9:00 a.m.	† Peter Dao
		† Niphone Manivong
		† All Souls
		† Maria Lai
		† Reginald Driscoll



Christmas Concert – Friday, December 6th at 7:00 p.m.



We invite you to join us for our Annual Christmas Concert, featuring choirs, ensembles and soloists from within our parish and school community. Come and begin this Advent Season together in song. A free-will offering will be taken for our parish Youth Ministry.

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 prayer those who have died recently including: **Rosemary Cranney, James McNamara and**

Annette Manning.

H IN THE HOSPITAL 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.

Eucharistic Adoration



Give yourself - and Jesus - a gift! Commit to spending one hour a week with Him in the Eucharistic Adoration Chapel. For information please call Mary Bond at (705)726-6641.

St. Mary's Men's Core Spirituality Group



We are a group of men who meet twice a month to discuss our faith journeys and to learn about the Catholic Faith. Our next meeting is scheduled for **Saturday, December 14th 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.

Parish Religious Articles Store



We have a wonderful variety of Christmas gifts and decorations; tree ornaments, Christmas cards, Nativity figurines, children's books and jewelry pieces. Store hours: **Saturday 4:30-4:50 p.m. & 6:00-6:15 p.m. and on Sunday 9-9:50 a.m., 11-11:50 a.m., 1-1:15 p.m., 3:30-3:50 p.m. & 5-5:15 p.m.** *Limited supplies! Shop early.*

CELEBRATING ADVENT: A Season of Joyful Expectation Prayer for the First Week of Advent



Before your meal, light the first candle on your Advent wreath. If you do not have an Advent wreath you may light a taper before you pray.

O God, as we light this candle, remind us of the need to bring the light of hope into the world.

Help us to stay awake to the needs of others by seeing with our eyes and hearts.

Give us courage to reach out in hope to the lonely in our schools, parishes and communities. Amen

Advent Reflection: Living in Hope Wednesday December 4th 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.



Hope is at the centre of our Advent preparations. But it is also key to the theme that Pope Francis has chosen for the Jubilee Year that will begin on Christmas Eve this year. During this time of reflection and prayer, we will explore our Advent hope by unpacking some inspiring recent teachings from Pope Francis.

All are welcome to join us for this time of prayer and reflection. Our facilitator is Murray Watson, the Adult Faith Formation Animator with the Simcoe Muskoka Catholic District School Board. Refreshments will be provided; pre-registration is not required. Questions please contact Catherine Ecker 705 728 2985 ext. 115. (cecker@archtoronto.org).

Calendars for 2025: Unfortunately, Adams Funeral Home is not able to provide complimentary calendars for 2025. They apologize for the inconvenience.

Advent Lessons and Carols



Join us for **Advent Lessons and Carols on Wednesday, December 11th at 2:00 p.m.** At the beginning of the Advent season you are invited to pause from preparations for Christmas to

hear God's Word. Following this time of prayer and reflection there will be time for fellowship and simple refreshments. All are welcome.

A New Liturgical Year: Year C

The Church follows a three-year cycle and on the first Sunday of Advent, December 1, 2024 we embark on a new liturgical year. On Sundays during Year C the Gospel reading will most often be from the gospel of St. Luke.



How to Use the Missal: you are invited to review the instructions for using the Missal found on pages 4 and 5. Copies of the Missal are still available for purchase for \$5.00/copy.

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, December 3rd, 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.

Knights of Columbus, Council 1626 Children's Christmas Party on Sunday, December 8th



All children of the parish are invited to the parish hall for an afternoon of fun and crafts, snacks and refreshments from 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. A special guest is expected! This event is free to all. No reservations required.



Barrie & District Christmas Cheer Donation Deadline is next Sunday, December 8th



Please consider donating **NEW unwrapped toys** for all ages, knit hats/mitts and PC, Visa or Mastercard Gift Cards. Donation deadline is next

Sunday, December 8th. Please bring to the parish hall. You may also donate at <https://christmascheerbarrie.com/>, or drop off a cheque to the parish office or text "CHEER" to 30333 from your cellphone. **(No food donations please).**



Preparing for Confirmation! Catechetical Meeting # 1: Parent, Candidate & Sponsor

All families who have registered in the preparation process for Confirmation are reminded to attend the parent candidate sponsor meeting. The meeting will begin with Mass at 7:00 p.m. and conclude by 9:00 p.m.



It is understood that the candidate, sponsor and parent will attend the meeting. The candidates are grouped alphabetically. If you **cannot** attend the assigned meeting date, please attend the other meeting. You **do not** need to notify the parish office that you are attending a different meeting.

Wed. Dec. 4th 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. Surnames A to L
Wed. Dec. 11th 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. Surnames M to Z

Preparing for First Holy Communion and First Reconciliation

All families who have formally registered their child in the preparation process are reminded to participate in the Enrolment ceremony at one of the Sunday (Saturday evening) Masses on **Dec. 7/8 or Dec. 14/15.**



Please remember to bring the 'lamb' with you to enrolment. You only participate in enrolment once. Please continue to check your emails for updates and reminders via Flocknote.

If you any questions / concerns regarding preparation for the sacraments please contact Catherine Ecker at cecker@archtoronto.org or call 705 728 2985 ext. 115 or David Murdoch (dmurdoch@archtoronto.org).

Youth Ministry



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 **TODAY, Sunday, December 1st.**

EDGE – next gathering is December 20, 2024

M.E.R.C.Y. – next gathering is January 10th, 2025

Questions? Call Shannon Barks at 705-229-7426 or email stmarysyouthministrybarrie@gmail.com.

Celebrating the Liturgy of the Word with Children



We will celebrate a separate Liturgy of the Word with Children on **Sunday, 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.

Just Sing! "Advent and Christmas Sing-a-long"



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 this **Tuesday, December 3rd at 2:00 p.m.** in St. Joseph's Room. *Additional dates in 2025: Jan.21, Feb.18, April 8, May 6, and June 3.*

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