

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

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

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 9	12:10 p.m.	† Marina Prior
Tuesday, December 10	12:10 p.m.	† Richard and Amelia Poremba
Wednesday, December 11	7:00 p.m.	† Jake Calvert
Thursday, December 12	12:10 p.m.	† Manuel DaSilva
Friday, December 13	12:10 p.m.	† Compton D'Cunha
Saturday, December 14	9:00 a.m.	† Eugenia Cerra
		† Joseph Chen
		† Quan Dong
		† Dean Edgar
		† Bernadette, Joe and John Shaughnessy



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 pray those who have died recently including **Nancy Storms.**



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.

Celebrating Advent: A Season of Joyful Expectation Prayer for the Second Week of Advent



Before your meal, light two candles on your Advent wreath. If you do not have an Advent wreath you are invited to 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

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 **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.

Prayers and Best Wishes for Frank Cardinal Leo



The faithful of the Archdiocese of Toronto offer our prayers and best wishes for the newest members of the College of Cardinals, including our chief shepherd, the Archbishop of Toronto, Frank Cardinal Leo. This weekend, Cardinal Leo is in Rome as one of the 21 new cardinals from around the world gathered

with Pope Francis. Please pray for our new cardinal as he begins this important role of service to the Church. Regional Masses to celebrate Cardinal Leo and the beginning of the Jubilee Year will take place early in 2025. More details will be shared in the coming weeks. *Thank you for your ongoing co-operation. Please keep Archbishop Leo and all those who will travel to Rome this week close in prayer.*

Advent Confessions



To return to the Lord with integrity, we benefit greatly from celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Preparation for and the celebration of Confession allows us to set aside disruptive ways, to be renewed in heart and spirit, to be reconciled with our God who abounds with gracious, gentle tenderness.

St. Mary's Parish Advent Confessions

Monday, December 16th 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Wednesday, December 18th 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
Friday, December 20th 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Holy Spirit Parish, 650 Essa Road

Wednesday, December 18th 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

St. John Vianney Parish, 13 Baldwin Lane

Wednesday, December 18th Starting 6:30 p.m.

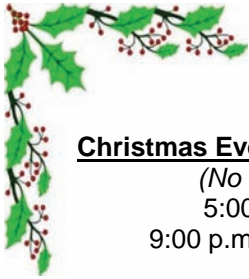
Parish Support for 2025

Offertory envelopes are available for pick up in the parish hall. Please remember to write your name on the envelopes for the first couple of weeks in January to ensure proper credit. For those who prefer to switch to P.A.G. at this time, forms are available at the back of the church, from the parish office or from our website.

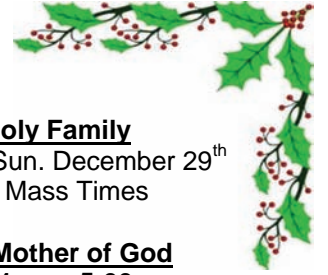
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Children's Christmas Party – TODAY!

Sunday, December 8th from 1 – 3:30 p.m. in our parish hall. All children of the parish are invited for an afternoon of fun, crafts, snacks and refreshments. This is a free event. Hosted by the Knights of Columbus, Council 1626.



Christmas Mass Schedule



Christmas Eve – Tuesday, December 24

(No 12:10 p.m. Mass)

5:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m.,

9:00 p.m., and 12:00 Midnight

Christmas Day – Wednesday, December 25

10:00 a.m. (this Mass is livestreamed)

12:00 p.m.

Thursday, December 26 9:00 a.m.

Friday, December 27 12:10 p.m.

Saturday, December 28 9:00 a.m.

(Confessions 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.)

Feast of the Holy Family

Sat. December 28th & Sun. December 29th

Regular Sunday Mass Times

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Tuesday, December 31 5:00 p.m.

(No 12:10 p.m. Mass)

Adoration from 6:00 p.m. until midnight

Wednesday, January 1

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

Thursday, January 2 12:10 p.m.

First Friday, January 3 12:10 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.

Vitamin F: Our Father!

Preparing for the Jubilee Year in 2025

Tuesday, December 10th 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 seventh petition in the Lord's Prayer: *Deliver us from the evil one, Amen.* 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.

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 **Sunday, December 22nd.**

EDGE – next gathering is **Friday, December 20, 2024**
M.E.R.C.Y. – next gathering is **Friday, 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 **TODAY 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.

St. Mary's Classic Movies

Tuesday, December 17 – "Remember The Night" at 2:00 p.m. in our parish hall. One of the best Christmas movies you've never heard of! Convicted jewel thief (*Barbara Stanwyck*) is put into the custody of a streetwise district attorney (*Fred MacMurray*) during the holidays and experiences the joy of Christmas and family for the first time in her life. A forgotten Christmas comedy!

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 **Tues. Dec. 10, 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

Alumni Writing Group: this is a gathering for those who have already completed the Life Story Writing program. The monthly meeting will be held at 2:00 p.m. on **Thursday December 12th** in St. Joseph's Room.

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. The second and final opportunity to attend this meeting is Wednesday December 11th at 7:00 p.m.

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).

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