

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

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PARISH SCHOOLS:

St. Mary's School - 705-726-1843

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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

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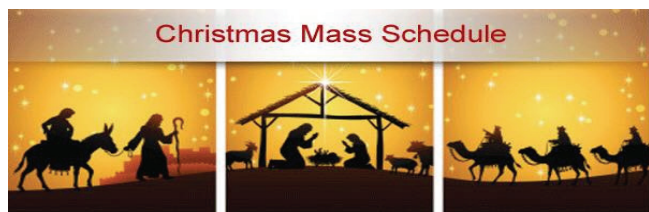
PARISH REGISTRATION

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 16	12:10 p.m.	† Roland and Vera LeBlanc
Tuesday, December 17	12:10 p.m.	† Eric Fairchild
Wednesday, December 18	7:00 p.m.	† Ella Brennan
Thursday, December 19	12:10 p.m.	† Manuel and Joanne Contois
Friday, December 20	12:10 p.m.	† Patricia Greene
Saturday, December 21	9:00 a.m.	† Allison Chiasson
		† Frank Moore
		† Bill Taylor
		† Paula McHugh
		Intentions of Chiman Wong



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 also livestreamed)
12:00 p.m.

Thursday, December 26

9:00 a.m. (Church closes at 10:00 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

Saturday, December 28

5:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 29

8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m.

Monday, December 30th

12:10 p.m. (Church closes at 2:00 p.m.)

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Tuesday, December 31

(No 12:10 p.m. Mass)

5:00 p.m.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from
6:00 p.m. until midnight

Wednesday, January 1

10:00 a.m. (this mass is also livestreamed)
12:00 p.m.

Thursday, January 2

12:10 p.m.

First Friday, January 3

12:10 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Parish Christmas Office Hours

Open - Monday, December 23	9am-12pm and 1-4pm
Open - Tuesday, December 24	9am-12pm
Closed - Christmas Day – Wednesday, December 25	
Closed - Thursday, December 26	
Open - Friday, December 27	Appointments only
Closed - Monday, December 30	Appointments only
Closed - Tuesday, December 31	Appointments only
Closed - Wednesday, January 1	
Open - Thursday, January 2	Appointments only
Closed - Friday, January 3	Appointments only



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 **Adeline Yuzdepski and Leila Martinez De Cuellar.**

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.

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

Lectors and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion!

Please sign up to serve at the Christmas and December 31/ January 1 Masses. Sheets are in the sacristy.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is as follows over the 2024 Christmas Season:
 Monday, December 23, 2024 – OPEN for usual hours.
 Tuesday, December 24, 2024 through to Wednesday, January 1st, 2025 – CLOSED
 Please note: Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God – Tuesday, December 31
 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be in the church proper from 6:00 p.m. until 12:00 a.m.
 Thursday, January 2, 2025 – OPEN for usual hours.
Come and thank the Lord for the blessings of 2024 and ask for continued blessings in 2025.

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.



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



Before your meal light three candles on your Advent wreath. If you do not have an Advent wreath you may light a taper before you pray.

As we draw near to you, Lord God, keep us aware of your presence in all we do.

Come with power to enlighten us by your grace, that we may live in praise and peace all our days. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Celebrating the Liturgy of the Word with Children

We will celebrate a separate Liturgy of the Word with Children next **Sunday, December 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. 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!



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.

Youth Ministry

EDGE – next gathering is **Friday, December 20 from 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.**

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 22.**

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.

Jubilee Year Celebrations

You may be aware that the Catholic Church worldwide will be celebrating a special Jubilee Year in 2025. This has been a tradition dating back to the year 1300 when Pope Boniface VIII announced the first Jubilee, which is also referred to as a “Holy Year.”

The Jubilee Year includes many celebrations within the city of Rome and also local initiatives in dioceses around the world. The theme of the 2025 Jubilee will be **“Pilgrims of Hope”**. In the words of Pope Francis: *“We must fan the flame of hope that has been given us, and help everyone to gain new strength and certainty by looking to the future with an open spirit, a trusting heart and a far-sighted vision.”*

The Holy Father will open the Jubilee Year on December 24, 2024, with the official opening of the Holy Door of Saint Peter's Basilica and continuing until January 6, 2026, the Solemnity of the Epiphany, with the closing of the Holy Door. In the Archdiocese of Toronto, we will open the Jubilee Year with a Solemn Opening Mass on Sunday, December 29, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica. Archbishop Francis Cardinal Leo extends a warm invitation for all to join in this special celebration. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available prior to the Eucharist from 3:30 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.

In the Northern Region St. Mary's, Barrie and Padre Pio Parish, Kleinburg are official Jubilee Pilgrimage Churches.

Auxilliary Bishop John Boissonneau will celebrate a Jubilee Mass on

Thursday, January 30th at 7:00 p.m.
at St. Mary's Parish, Barrie.

Reconciliation from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Archbishop Francis Cardinal Leo will celebrate a Jubilee Mass on

Tuesday, February 4, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.
at St. Padre Pio Parish in Kleinburg.

Resources along with helpful links and other information can be found by visiting www.archtoronto.org/jubilee.

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. There will be no program on **December 24 and 30.**



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 17 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.

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