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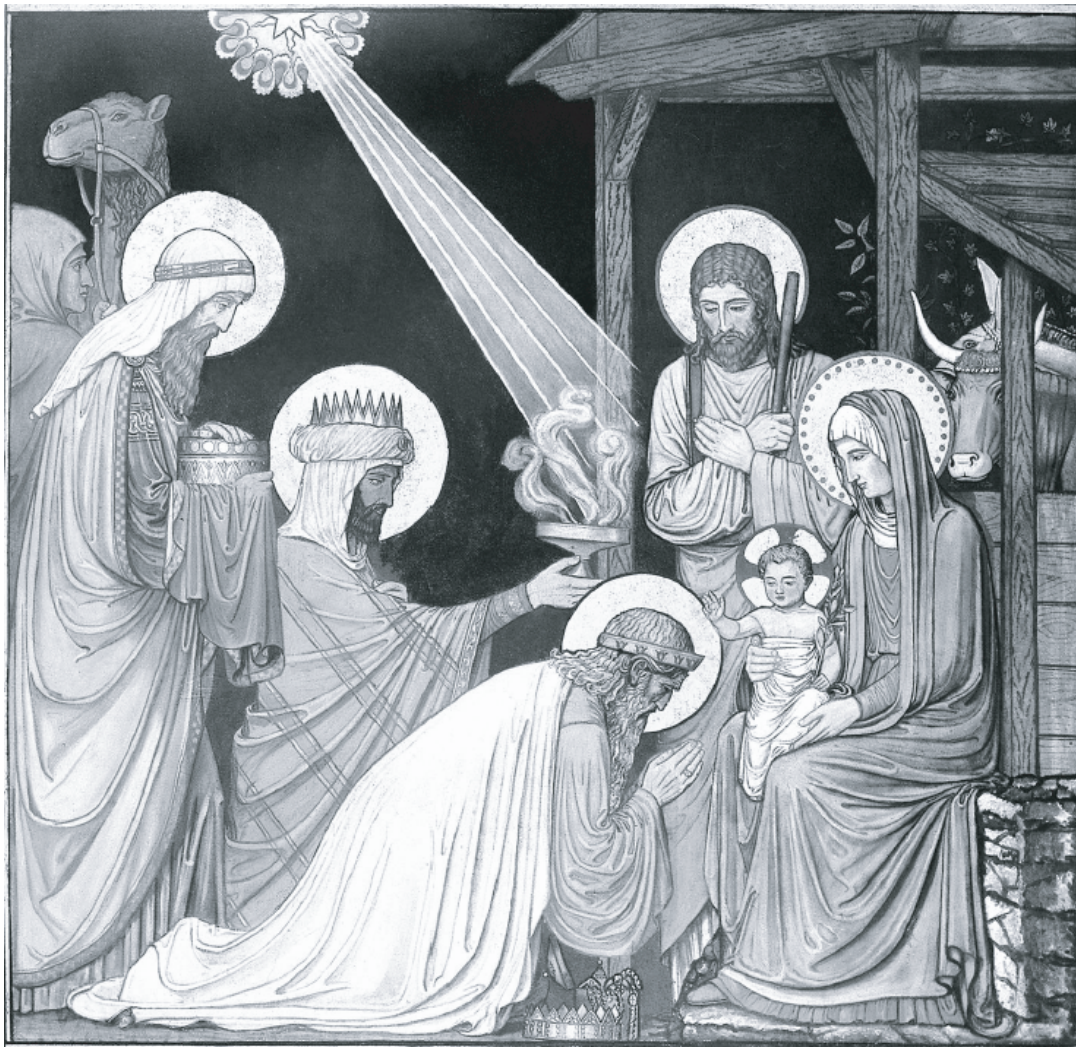
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Feast of the Holy Family

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, December 30	12:10 p.m.	Intentions of Rosalie Grazani
Thursday, January 2	12:10 p.m.	† Herman Struthmann
Friday, January 3	12:10 p.m.	† Joseph Tien Tran
	7:00 p.m.	† David Smith
Saturday, January 4	9:00 a.m.	Intentions of Andrea Donato
		Intentions of Bern Gattelle
		† Christopher Litster
		† Leila Martinez



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.

Holy Hour and Benediction

Friday, January 3 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

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.

We remember in prayer those who have died recently. We pray for all deceased members of our parish including **Josey Ratusny**.

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 Christmas until January 12, 2024



The Christmas season continues until the feast of the Baptism of the Lord celebrated this year on Sunday, January 12, 2025. Throughout the liturgical season of Christmas our Church celebrates the many ways that God is made present in our midst and world. We are invited to celebrate the full season of Christmas. From Christmas Day until the Baptism of the Lord, the following prayer can be prayed when your family gathers for a meal.

Father in heaven, you so loved us that You sent Your Son, among us as Savior and Lord. Fill us with Your blessing, that we may grow in love and continue to live our Christian faith. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Bible Study

We invite you to join us for Bible Study on the Gospel of St. Luke starting **January 22, 2025 through to April 9** each Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. in St. Joseph's Room. To register, please contact the parish office at 705.728.2985 or email stmarysba@archtoronto.org.

Feast of the Holy Family

Today we rejoice in the gift of family and thank God for the many ways we are able to reflect God's love to the world.

Prayer for Families

O God, whose desire is that all the peoples of the world should be one human family, living together in harmony, grant that our home, by its worship and its witness, may help to hasten the day when your will is done on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.



Pope Francis' Prayer to the Holy Family

Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, in you we contemplate the splendor of true love, to you we turn with trust. Holy Family of Nazareth, grant that our families too may be places of communion and prayer, authentic schools of the Gospel, and small domestic Churches. Holy Family of Nazareth, may families never again experience violence, rejection and division: may all who have been hurt or scandalized find ready comfort and healing. Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, graciously hear our prayer. Amen.



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January 1 – Feast of Mary the Mother of God and Word Day of Prayer for Peace

This feast celebrates Mary as the Mother of God. Every year on January 1st the Pope marks the World Day of Peace with a special message inviting all people to reflect on the important work of building peace. In 1967 Pope Paul VI, now St. Paul VI began this tradition. We pray for peace in our homes, communities, country and world.

Are You New to Our Parish ?



We offer you a warm welcome! Please take the time to register. Forms are available in the vestibule or at the parish office. We invite you to support the parish through either offertory envelopes or preauthorized giving. For information on Preauthorized Giving please visit <https://stmarysba.archtoronto.org/en/parish-life/downloadable-forms/> or collect offertory envelopes from the vestibule or parish office. **Thank you for your support and we are glad you're here!**

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.

Auxiliary Bishop John Boissonneau will celebrate a Jubilee Mass on **Thursday, January 30, 2025 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 31st**.



Christian Meditation an ancient form of contemplative prayer is deeply rooted in the Christian tradition. Our next meeting will be at 10:30 a.m. on **Tuesday, January 7, 2025 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.



Save the Date! Begin 2025 with an afternoon of fun! Everyone is invited to attend our **Birth Party on Wednesday January 15, 2025 at 2:00 p.m.** There will be refreshments, games, cake and some door prizes. All are welcome.

Youth Ministry



M.E.R.C.Y. (Ministry to Educate Roman Catholic Youth) is for youth grades J.K. to Gr. 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, January 10, 2025.** Registration required.



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, January 24, 2025.**



LIFETEEN – for high school teens to explore their faith through talks, prayer and friendship meeting monthly on Sunday nights. Our next gathering is **Sunday, January 12, 2025** after the 4:00 p.m. Mass. Dinner provided.



Theology on Tap – Sunday, January 19 at 6:30 p.m. at Flying Monkeys Brewery, 107 Dunlop St. East.

Questions? Please call Shannon Barks our Youth Minister at 705-229-7426 or email stmarysyouthministrybarrie@gmail.com.

If you are interested in any of the following ministries of programs, please contact David at dmurdoch@archtoronto.org.

- **Celebrating the Liturgy of the Word with Children** We will celebrate a separate Liturgy of the Word with Children on January 26, February 9 and March 9 during the 12 noon Mass. All children between the ages of 4 and 8 are invited to participate.
- **Altar Servers?** Are you in Grade 3 or above and have made your First Holy Communion? We have a particular need for 8:00 a.m. servers.
- **Classic Movies at St. Mary's Parish** - Twice a month in the parish hall we offer great movies at no cost (free will offering). Snacks and drinks included! All are welcome. No sign up – Tuesdays at 2:00pm. Our next film is Alfred Hitchcock's **Strangers on a Train** on **January 14** and **Libeled Lady** on **January 28**.
- **Just Sing!** - You're invited to join us for song and fellowship as we come together to JUST SING our way through folk, pop, gospel and traditional music. No sign up – just come and just sing! Cookies and tea included. Join us on **Tuesday, January 21 at 2:00 p.m.** in St. Joseph's Room.



Catholic Women's League Membership and Hospitality Weekend - January 4 and 5, 2025

Membership renewals and new members are welcome. Annual membership is \$37.00. Membership dues may be dropped at the CWL Table, in the offertory box envelopes, or can be e-transferred to: cwlmembers20@gmail.com. The Catholic Women's League is many things to many people, whether it's faith, service, social justice or sisterhood, our sisters have found fulfillment by becoming members. We support charities both at home and abroad.

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