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*Father, You revealed Your Son to the nations
by the guidance of a star. Lead us to
Your Glory in Heaven by the Light of Faith.*

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, January 6	12:10 p.m.	† Francis and Daisy Martyn
Tuesday, January 7	12:10 p.m.	Intentions of Frank and Theresa Matys
Wednesday, January 8	7:00 p.m.	† Bruno Raizenne
Thursday, January 9	12:10 p.m.	† Brian Cutt
Friday, January 10	12:10 p.m.	† Johanna Gubbels
Saturday, January 11	9:00 a.m.	† Gladys Srigley
		† Nancy Storms
		† Leila Martinez de Cuellar
		† Josephine Moreau



With Sincere Thanks!

As we celebrate the visit of the three wise men to Jesus we mark the end of



the Christmas season. We have so much to be thankful for in St. Mary's Parish. To our music ministry, led by Shannon Barks, who have enriched our liturgies and to our lectors, communion ministers, altar servers and ushers, a heartfelt thank you for all you do! Thank you also to those who bring communion to our nursing homes, care facilities, and to all shut-ins. Thank you to Robert Lynn for his dedication and commitment changing the votive candles that burn in the church year-round. Thank you to Frances Kay, Eria, Caleb, Cloe, Michelle, Brian and Brandon who helped

Thank you for **your hard work and dedication!**

decorate the church and to Nadia De Amicis who once again this year decorated our front entrance planters! We are grateful for our parish schools: principals, teachers, administration and staff who work for Catholic Education. We hope you had a good break! And to all who shared their good cheer with kind words and actions, your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated. Let us look eagerly to the coming jubilee year as a pilgrim parish.

Fr. Larry and Fr. Neil



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 pray those who have died recently including: **George Wick, Monica Vellinga, Linda Petras and Corneilus O'Connell.**

H IN THE HOSPITAL Visiting the Hospital: if you or a family member are admitted to RVH please let them know you are Catholic and call the parish office to inform us. If you wish to receive Holy Communion please let the parish office know and one of our pastoral visitors will come to see you.

**Sunday, January 5th:
Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord.**



The word Epiphany means manifestation. On this feast the Church celebrates the manifestation of our Lord to the whole world. Christ

is revealed as the light of the Gentiles. During the coming week as part of your family time you can talk about how your family is a sign of God's loving presence in our community, city and parish.

Sincere Thanks!

The parish wishes to extend our sincere thanks to the following:

**The staff and owners of Wrights Cleaners
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Wrights Cleaners have donated their services of dry cleaning the priest's vestments and parish Altar cloths for many years. Please consider Wrights Cleaners for all your dry-cleaning needs.

**Adams Funeral Home and Cremation
Services Inc., by Arbor Memorial Inc.,
445 St. Vincent Street, Barrie.**

Adams, once again, generously provided poinsettias that were used to decorate the church at Christmas.

**Larry Meyer, Manager of St. Mary's Cemetery,
208 Sunnidale Road, Barrie**

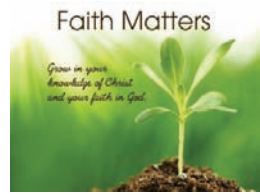
for supplying a limited number of 2025 calendars.

Catholic Women's League Membership and Hospitality Weekend – this weekend!

Hospitality is offered after all masses this weekend by The Catholic Women's League. You're invited into the parish hall to enjoy refreshments and timbits and learn more about the CWL. 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.

With best wishes for the coming year

Vitamin F: Living as Pilgrims of Hope
Tuesday January 14th, 2025 from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.



Faith Matters
 The Church invites us to continue to grow in our relationship with God and our understanding of our faith. All are welcome to attend this time of catechesis, conversation and prayer as we explore what it means for the baptized to live as pilgrims of hope. We will have some simple refreshments available and conclude by 8:30 p.m. All are welcome.

Enrolment for Confirmation: Reminder to Candidates!



All young people who have formally registered in the preparation process for Confirmation will bring their letter to Father Larry to the Enrolment. The letter will be presented during one of the Saturday evening or Sunday morning Masses on

January 11th/12th or January 18th/19th, 2025.

On the day of Enrolment, as a tangible sign of our membership in the Body of Christ and commitment to living as disciples each candidate is asked to bring new socks, gloves or hot paws. (Please no mitts.) The items will be shared with those who are unhoused.

All Adults 55+ Ministry with Maturing Adults

All are welcome to attend the various sessions offered for those in the second half of life.



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. Our next meeting will be at 10:30 a.m. on **Tuesday,**

January 7th, 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



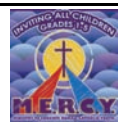
Alumni Writing Group: this is a gathering for those who have already completed the Life Story Writing program. The monthly meeting will be held at 2:00 p.m. on **Thursday, January 9th** in St. Joseph's

Room. If you have any questions please contact Catherine Ecker (cecker@archtoronto.org) at 705 728 2985 ext. 115.



Save the Date! Begin 2025 with an afternoon of fun! Everyone is invited to attend our **Birthday Party on Wednesday January 15th, 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 smarysyoungministrybarrie@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 26th, February 9th and March 9th 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 14th** and **Libeled Lady** on **January 28th**.
- **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 21st at 2:00 p.m.** in St. Joseph's Room.



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