

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

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, January 13	12:10 p.m.	† Maria Wojtowicz
Tuesday, January 14	12:10 p.m.	† Irene Jean
Wednesday, January 15	7:00 p.m.	† Stanley Ritchie
Thursday, January 16	12:10 p.m.	Intentions of Mary Rose Stone
Friday, January 17	12:10 p.m.	† Eric and Beryl Fairchild
Saturday, January 18	9:00 a.m.	† Elizabeth Mika
		† Patricia Green
		Intentions of Ashleigh Jeffery Price and Family



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:

Margaret (nee Delaney) Toner;

Aniceto Doret and Sherry-Jane Jeffery.



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.

Feast of the Baptism of the Lord: Remembering Our Baptism



On Sunday January 12th we celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord marking the end of the Christmas season. This feast is a wonderful time for us to recall our own baptism. At your family meal you may consider

taking a few moments before you begin to light a candle and to pray a prayer of thanksgiving for all those who handed on the gift of faith to you. Remember to thank God for the gift of godparents, the priest or deacon who baptized and the parish where the baptism was celebrated. The time of thanksgiving could conclude with this prayer:

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation.

Today we give you thanks for the gift of baptism.

Give us grace to live in your love and help our family to draw closer to you by faith, prayer and example.

All glory is yours through Jesus your Son in the communion of the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. 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.

Vitamin F: Living as Pilgrims of Hope Tuesday, January 14, 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 is 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.

Lift Jesus Higher Rally

Save the date - **Saturday, March 29, 2025** at the Metro Toronto



Convention Centre. There will be buses available from St. Mary's Parish for all parishioners to attend this conference in Toronto. Cost is \$50.00/pp which includes admission, transportation. Ticket information will be available in the coming weeks.

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 11/12 or January 18/19, 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.



Mary Matthew Public Speaking Contest – 2025

The Catholic Women's League invites all Grade 7 & 8 students to participate in the Public Speaking Contest. Contest is to be held at St Mary's Parish on **Saturday January 18, 2025 9:30 a.m.** Registration begins 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Contest contestants will present a prepared speech that is not less than 3 minutes and no more than 5 minutes in length. Contestants will also be asked to prepare a 1 minute impromptu speech. Topic will be given after the prepared speech has been presented.



Jubilee Year Celebrations



The Catholic Church worldwide will be celebrating a special Jubilee Year this year. 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 opened 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 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.

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.



All Adults 55+ - Ministry with Maturing Adults



All are welcome to attend the various session 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 14, 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 **Birthday 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, February 7, 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 **TODAY, 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 stmarysyoungministrybarrie@gmail.com.

Communication, Intimacy, Relationship

Build a joyful marriage by learning the tools of healthy communication. Retrouvaille, a Catholic-origin program, welcomes all couples to help get their relationships back on track. Join us on January 17-19, 2025 in Mississauga. Call 437-234-5610 or visit www.torontoretrovaille.com or www.helpourmarriage.org

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