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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

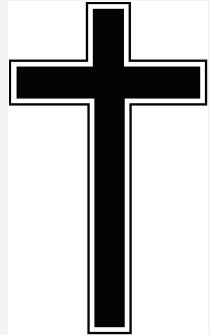
Adoration Chapel: Mary Bond - 705-726-6641
Altar Servers: David Murdoch - 705-728-2985
Bereavement Committee: Parish Office
Catholic Family Services: 705-726-2503
Catholic Women's League: Susan Murley - 705-252-1918
Young Adult Ministry: Shannon Barks - 705-229-7426
Development & Peace: Becky Johnson - 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, February 10	12:10 p.m.	† Yvan Whissell
Tuesday, February 11	12:10 p.m.	† Andy Wojtowicz
Wednesday, February 12	7:00 p.m.	† Nancy Storms
Thursday, February 13	12:10 p.m.	† Vincenzo DeGasperis and the Caracci Family
Friday, February 14	12:10 p.m.	† Patricia and Douglas Murdoch
Saturday, February 15	9:00 a.m.	† Theresa Light
		† Josey Ratusny
		† Patricia and Hubert Bond
		† Peter Dao
		† All Souls



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:
Antonio Poretta.



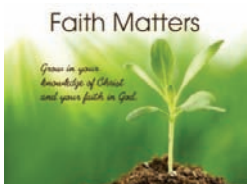
Visiting the Hospital: if you or a family member are admitted to RVH please let them know you are Catholic and call the parish office to inform us. If you wish to receive Holy Communion please let the parish office know and one of our pastoral visitors will come to see you.

Wednesday February 19th: Anointing of the Sick

The Anointing of the Sick conveys several graces and imparts the gifts of strengthening in the Holy Spirit against anxiety, discouragement and temptation and conveys peace and fortitude. The Anointing of the Sick is a prayer of healing including spiritual health and for the courage, strength and peace to bear the burden of illness. We will celebrate a **Mass of Anointing on Wednesday February 19th at 12:10 p.m.** All those requesting the Sacrament of Anointing, young and elderly are welcome to attend. A reception of soup and sandwiches will follow in the parish hall.



Vitamin F: Living as Pilgrims of Hope Continuing to Celebrate the Jubilee Year! Tuesday, February 11th, 2025 from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.



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 continue to 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.

Marriage Sunday



On the second Sunday of February each year, the Archdiocese of Toronto celebrates **Marriage Sunday**. In 2025, it is celebrated **this weekend, February 8/9**.

Bishop Ivan Camilleri will preside at a special Mass **TODAY, Sunday, February 9th, 2025 at 2:30 p.m. at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica (65 Bond Street, Toronto)**. All married couples will have an opportunity to renew their marriage commitment. All are welcome to attend. Couples celebrating a 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or 60+ anniversary in 2025 may register for reserved seating. All other seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. Those who are unable to attend at the Cathedral are invited to join the celebration via [livestream Mass](#). The broadcast will begin at 2:15 p.m.

Registration and other important information can be found at www.archtoronto.org/marriage.

Marriage Preparation Course

Holy Spirit Parish, 650 Essa Road, Barrie will be offering Marriage Preparation courses for those preparing for the sacrament of Marriage beginning **Tuesday, February 25th to April 8th, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.** For more information and to register, please contact the parish office at 705-722-3771.



Interfaith Refugee Committee A Sincere Thank You!



St. Mary's Interfaith Refugee Committee wishes to extend a sincere thanks to our parish Catholic Women's League, the Catholic Women's League at St. John Vianney Parish

and to the Knights of Columbus, Council 1626 for their generous donations totaling \$9,000.00!

We are grateful for all the support offered by St. Mary's parishioners in our campaigns. You are all part of our continuing and important initiative!

Preparation for Confirmation



The next meeting is for the Candidates and Sponsors. **IF**, the sponsor cannot attend the parent is to attend. The candidates are grouped alphabetically. Please make every effort to attend the assigned meeting. If there is a serious reason, such as illness, you may attend the other meeting. You **do not** need to notify us if you are attending a different meeting. The meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. and conclude by 8:45 p.m.

Tuesday, February 25th Surnames **A to L**
Monday, March 3rd Surnames **M to Z**

Confirmation Preparation for Adults

If you are an adult, baptized in the Catholic Church and would like to be Confirmed please contact Catherine Ecker (cecker@archtoronto.org or 705 728 2985 ext. 115) for details regarding registering for the preparation. Confirmation will be celebrated close to the feast of Pentecost.



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, February 4th, 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, February 13th** in St. Joseph's Room.



An Afternoon of Music: Wednesday, March 12th from 2:00 – 3:30 p.m.

The Flailing Shilaleighs will be performing mostly traditional Irish and East Coast Canadian music. Simple refreshments will be served. Free will offering. All are welcome.

Guided Book Discussion Group for Women

Women are invited to join a guided discussion group. We will meet on Thursday mornings in St. Joseph's Room from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. beginning **February 27th and concluding April 3rd**. The book is *God's Tender Mercy*. To register and reserve a copy of the book please contact Catherine Ecker at 705 728 2985 ext. 115 or email cecker@archtoronto.org.

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, March 7th**.



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, February 21st**.



LIFETEEN – Youth program for high school teens to explore their faith through talks, prayer and friendship meeting monthly on Sunday nights. Our next gathering is **TODAY Sunday, February 9th** after the 4:00 p.m. Mass. Dinner provided.

Lift Jesus Higher Rally



Join thousands of Catholics on **Saturday, March 29th, 2025** at the Metro Toronto Convention

Centre. There is an adult side and youth side. We have tickets for both conferences. The bus will depart from St. Mary's Church at 7:15 a.m. and return at approximately 6:00 p.m. Tickets are \$50/pp which includes admission and transportation. For tickets or more information, please contact Shannon Barks at stmarysyouthministry-barrie@gmail.com or 705.229.7426.

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 TODAY, February 9th and March 9th** during the 12 noon Mass. All children between the ages of 4 and 8 are invited to participate.



- **Classic Movies** – Twice/month in the parish hall. No cost (free will offering). Snacks and drinks included! All are welcome. No sign up – **Tuesdays at 2:00 p.m.** Our next film is **Citizen Kane** on **February 11th**. Mark your calendars for our next movie **Now, Voyager** with Bette Davis on **February 25th**.



- **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, February 18th at 2:00 p.m.** in St. Joseph's Room.



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