



# 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

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

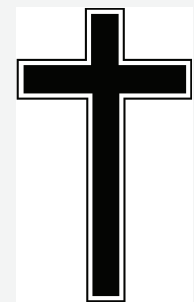
## PARISH REGISTRATION

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

<b>Monday, February 17</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	† Theresa Light
<b>Tuesday, February 18</b>	<b>12:10 p.m.</b>	† Patricia Greene
<b>Wednesday, February 19</b>	<b>12:10 p.m.</b>	<b>Anointing of the Sick</b>
	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	† Mary Ritchie
<b>Thursday, February 20</b>	<b>12:10 p.m.</b>	† George Wick
<b>Friday, February 21</b>	<b>12:10 p.m.</b>	† Michael and Mark Gellegan
<b>Saturday, February 22</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	† Leonard Roberts
		† Kathy Andross



## 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 19<sup>th</sup> 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.



### 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: **Rita Roberts**



**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.

### Family Day: Monday, February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025



The family is the domestic church, the place where we encounter the love of God for the first time. As the domestic church we are invited to gather for a family meal each day and to pray together. As we mark Family Day you are invited to include time for prayer. We offer the following prayer.

*O God, whose desire is that all 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.*

### Catholic Women's League

Please mark your calendars for our next meeting on **Tuesday, February 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.** in the parish hall. Guest speaker is Karen from the Barrie Food Bank. Please bring a non-perishable food item to contribute. All women of the parish are invited to attend.

### 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 25<sup>th</sup>**  
**Monday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**Surnames A to L**  
**Surnames M to Z**

### Important Reminder regarding Preparation for first Holy Communion

All families who are formally registered in the preparation for first Holy Communion are reminded of the next **Parent Catechetical Meeting**.

This meeting is for parents. The parent is to attend one of the following meetings: **Thursday, February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025** or **Monday, February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025**. The meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. and will conclude by 8:45 p.m. At this meeting you will receive a second book, **We Share in the Eucharist** which will be completed at home. **Attendance at this meeting is necessary.**



### 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](mailto: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 25<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto:cecker@archtoronto.org) or 705 728 2985 ext. 115



**An Afternoon of Music: Wednesday, March 12<sup>th</sup> 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 27<sup>th</sup> and concluding April 3<sup>rd</sup>**. 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](mailto:cecker@archtoronto.org).

## Wedding Anniversaries: Celebrating the Sacrament of Marriage

The married couples in our parish are a sign to us of God's faithfulness and through their witness we are strengthened. If you celebrated a wedding anniversary in February we shall pray with you and share in your joy at all Sunday (Saturday evening) Masses on **February 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>**. *Please join us in thanking God for the gift of the married couples in our midst.*

*Catholics in Ontario who have the legal right to vote are being called upon as citizens to exercise their right. The Church encourages and reasserts its belief in "the political freedom and responsibility of citizens." By exercising their right to vote, citizens fulfill their duty of choosing a government and at the same time send a clear signal to the candidates being presented by the political parties.*

This campaign period is brief and we need to be proactive in contacting our local candidates. We know that lack of appropriate and affordable housing and access to timely health care are two common concerns. Please visit <https://stmarysba.archtoronto.org/en/our-community/ontario-elections-2025/> to see a list of potential questions you could pose to candidates.

Shelter bed = \$69/day

Jail = \$143/day

Psychiatric inpatient bed = \$665/day

Supportive/social housing = \$25-\$31/day

Canadian Housing & Renewal Association

## 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 7<sup>th</sup>**.



**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 21<sup>st</sup>**.



**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 **Sunday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>** after the 4:00 p.m. Mass. Dinner provided.

## Lift Jesus Higher Rally

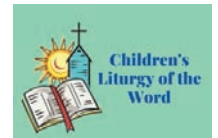


**LIFT JESUS HIGHER RALLY**

Join thousands of Catholics on **Saturday, March 29<sup>th</sup>, 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 [stmarysyoungministry-barrie@gmail.com](mailto:stmarysyoungministry-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](mailto:dmurdoch@archtoronto.org).

- **Celebrating the Liturgy of the Word with Children** on Sunday, March 9<sup>th</sup> 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 **'Now Voyager** with Bette Davis on **February 25<sup>th</sup>**. Bette Davis plays a lonely woman who embarks on a journey of self-discovery and romance. Mark your calendars for our next movie on March 11<sup>th</sup> – a family film for March break – Walt Disney's **"Pinocchio."**



- **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 18<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m.** in St. Joseph's Room.



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