



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

Monday, March 3	12:10 p.m.	† David Raizenne
Tuesday, March 4	12:10 p.m.	† Pace Oreste
Wednesday, March 5	12:10 p.m.	ASH WEDNESDAY
	7:00 p.m.	“ “
Thursday, March 6	12:10 p.m.	† Theresa Light
Friday, March 7	12:10 p.m.	† Joe, Bernadette and John Shaughnessy
	7:00 p.m.	† Sherry-Jane Jeffery
		<i>Stations of the Cross led by Father Larry</i>
Saturday, March 8	9:00 a.m.	† Betty Anne Healy
		† John Sanko



ASH WEDNESDAY: March 5th marks the beginning of Lent. There will be Mass at 12:10 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. Each will include the distribution of ashes. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence in Canada. The law of abstinence is to refrain from eating meat. All persons who have completed their fourteenth year are bound by the law of abstinence. The law of fasting is to limit food to one full meal and two smaller snacks. Those who have completed their eighteenth year of age are bound by the law of fasting up to the beginning of their sixtieth year.

ADDITIONAL MASSES DURING LENT: Wednesday's at 12:10 p.m.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Celebrated each Friday evening at 7:00 p.m. On March 7th and April 4th they will be celebrated after Mass at 7:30 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.

Rest in Peace

We remember in prayer those who have died recently including:
Elaine Tate and Douglas Lita.



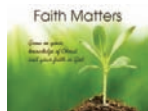
IN THE HOSPITAL Visiting the Hospital: if you or a family member are admitted to RVH please let them know you are Catholic and call the parish office to inform us. If you wish to receive Holy Communion please let the parish office know and one of our pastoral visitors will come to see you.

Pancake Supper - Youth Ministry Fundraiser



You're invited to the Annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on **Tuesday, March 4th**. Our Parish Youth will be serving pancakes, sausages and more! Come out to the parish hall from 4:30-6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10.00 per person or \$30.00 per family and are available after all Masses this weekend and next or from the parish office. We will also have prizes and a Silent Auction!

Vitamin F: Living as Pilgrims of Hope Tuesday, March 11th from 7:00 p.m. to 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 explore what it means for the baptized to live rooted in hope. What does hope look like and how can we deepen our roots? We will have some simple refreshments available and conclude by 8:30 p.m. All are welcome.



Lent Prepares and Leads Us to Easter

Lent is an Anglo-Saxon word meaning Spring or Springtime. Understanding that Lent has no meaning apart from Easter is essential.

Lent is a season of preparation that begins on Ash Wednesday. The season of Lent Easter is a 90-day period. For the 40 days of Lent we prepare so we are able to celebrate with unfettered joy the 50 days of Easter. Lent is a time of spiritual preparation for those seeking baptism and for the baptized it is a time of spiritual preparation to be ready to renew our baptismal promises. The season of Lent has a penitential spirit. The season of Lent is a privileged time of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. These three traditional practices are intended to assist us in preparing to celebrate Easter. The Church invites us to be deliberate and intentional in our prayer; deliberate and intentional in our fasting and acts of charity or service or almsgiving. We engage in these Lenten practices to prepare us for Easter. We call upon God's Spirit to assist us in examining our lives, to name what keeps us from living in union with God and then to seek God's care and guidance as we strive to live in a way that we are in closer union with God. Fasting can be from food, drink, habits or behaviors. We can fast from complaining, being judgmental, wasting time on the internet, gossiping, etc.

Preparation for Confirmation: Important Reminder!



The next meeting is for the Candidates and Sponsors. **IF**, the sponsor cannot attend the parent is to attend. The second and final opportunity to attend this essential meeting is **Monday, March 3rd. The meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. and conclude by 8:45 p.m.**

ShareLife

Your participation in the 2024 ShareLife Parish Campaign was truly extraordinary, achieving a record-breaking \$14.4 million raised. Your compassion is making a meaningful difference in the lives of the most vulnerable members of our community.

In acknowledgement of your kind generosity, His Eminence Frank Cardinal Leo, Metropolitan Archbishop of Toronto extends his heartfelt gratitude. You can find his letter expressing thanks here.

<https://sharelife.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/FINAL-SL-Cardinal-Leo-Thank-you-letter.pdf>

As we approach our first 2025 ShareLife Sunday collection on March 30, it is essential that we come together in compassion to meet our Parish Campaign goal, addressing the growing needs in our communities. By reaching this goal, our agencies will continue to:

- offer walk-in counselling to those facing mental health issues
- help victims of domestic violence
- ensure isolated seniors are not forgotten
- distribute food to families in our community
- form priests and deacons who will minister in our parishes

Our 2025 parish goal is \$140,000.00

Your support of ShareLife makes these programs possible, among many others. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.

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, March 4, 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,



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

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, March 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 **Sunday, March 9th** after the 4:00 p.m. Mass. Dinner provided.

EDGE CAMP 2025 – Save the date

- **August 20-24th** at Camp White Pine with an EDGE stream for youth going into grades 5-9, and a teen stream for high school youth. **Registration opens March 1st**.

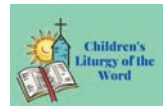


BIBLE CAMP 2025 - Save the date - St. Mary's Bible Camp is from **Monday, July 7th to Friday, July 11th, 2025 from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. daily**. The cost is \$100.00 per youth. **Registration opens March 1st**.

For more information on our youth ministry, or to register for Edge Camp or Bible Camp 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 on Sunday, 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! Our next film is on **Tuesday, March 11th at 2:00 p.m.** - 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, March 18th at 2:00 p.m.** in St. Joseph's Room.



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