



# 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 10	12:10 p.m.	† Peter Dao
Tuesday, March 11	12:10 p.m.	† Theresa Light
Wednesday, March 12	12:10 p.m.	† Luciana Ciccarello
	7:00 p.m.	† Carlos Kiss Arcelles
Thursday, March 13	12:10 p.m.	† Leovina Tolentino
Friday, March 14	12:10 p.m.	† Bill Taylor
	7:00 p.m.	<b>Stations of the Cross led by the parish staff</b>
Saturday, March 15	9:00 a.m.	† Les Lewis
		† Robert Rogers
		† Medardo Medina



**We invite you to attend Stations of the Cross each Friday during Lent at 7:00 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.



*In Loving Remembrance*

We remember in pray those who have died recently including:  
**Fabiola Langlois and Maureen Cicinelli.**

## ShareLife

**Your love is a guiding light during Lent**

Maria, a 64-year-old newcomer to Canada, arrived seeking a fresh start but found herself struggling to find both stable employment and affordable housing. Through your support of ShareLife, she received personalized guidance at Catholic Crosscultural Services that helped her secure both a job and a home. She found stability and peace of mind, giving her the strength to embrace her new life.

Now, she's a guiding light for seniors, helping others access the support that changed her life. This Lent, you can walk the same path as a testament to resilience and the transformative power of community.

Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at [sharelife.org/donate](http://sharelife.org/donate).

**ShareLife Sunday's are  
March 30<sup>th</sup>, May 4<sup>th</sup> and June 8<sup>th</sup>  
Our Parish Goal is \$150,000.00  
Thank you for supporting our parish's  
ShareLife campaign.**

### Hospital Visitation



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.

### Lent Prepares and Leads us to Easter!



The Church reminds us that Lent has two major purposes: It recalls or prepares for baptism and emphasizes a spirit of penance. The emphasis on a spirit of penance assists us in preparing to renew our baptismal promises.

Throughout the season of Lent we are called to listen more attentively to the Word of God

and to set aside additional time for prayer. The traditional Lenten practices of prayer, fasting and works of charity (almsgiving) are to assist us as we prepare to renew our baptismal promises.

### 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays in Lent

Please note: on March 23, 30 and April 6 at all Sunday (Saturday evening) Masses the readings for the Liturgy of the Word will be from Year A. For those who use a Living with Christ missal to prepare you will find these readings in your Missal.

### 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.

Faith Matters



**Vitamin F: Living as Pilgrims of Hope**

**Tuesday March 11, 2025 from 7:00 p.m. – 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 is 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.

**Celebrating First Reconciliation: Important Reminder to Parents!**

When you have completed the book, ***We Prepare for Reconciliation*** you are to bring your child to celebrate reconciliation on one of the following dates:

- Saturday, March 15<sup>th</sup> 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, March 19<sup>th</sup> 4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
- Saturday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, March 26<sup>th</sup> 4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> 4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

You choose which of the above dates you will bring your child. Your child is to bring the completed book to the church and will take their book into the reconciliation room. After your child celebrates, you take the book home. This is a good resource for you and your family.

**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 **Tues. March 11,**

**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.



**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, March 13<sup>th</sup>** in St. Joseph's Room.

**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, April 4<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, March 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, March 23<sup>rd</sup>** 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.

**BIBLE CAMP 2025** - Save the date - St. Mary's Bible Camp is from **Monday, July 7<sup>th</sup> to Friday, July 11th, 2025 from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. daily.**

The cost is \$75.00 per youth.

For more information on youth ministry, or to register for Edge Camp or Bible Camp please contact Shannon Barks at [stmarysyouthministry-barrie@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:dmurdoch@archtoronto.org).

• **Classic Movies – Family Film for March Break.**

No cost (free will offering). Snacks and drinks included! All are welcome! Our next film is on **Tuesday, March 11<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m.** - a family film for March break – Walt Disney's **"Pinocchio."**

*Please note children must be accompanied by an adult.*



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



**St. Mary's Men's Core Spirituality Group**



We are a group of men who meet twice a month to discuss our faith journeys and to learn about the

Catholic Faith. Our next meeting is **Saturday, March 15<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.** in the St. Joseph's room. For more information about our group, please contact Fr. Scott in the parish office.

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