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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 24	12:10 p.m.	† June, Earl and Ruth Johnson
Tuesday, March 25	12:10 p.m.	† Rita Roberts
Wednesday, March 26	12:10 p.m.	† Frank De Amicis
	7:00 p.m.	† Sam Arrigo
Thursday, March 27	12:10 p.m.	† Hannah Cutt
Friday, March 28	12:10 p.m.	† Mark and Michael Gellegan
	7:00 p.m.	<i>Stations of the Cross led by the Knights of Columbus</i>
Saturday, March 29	9:00 a.m.	† John O'Donnell
		Intentions Josh Muirhead



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.

Rest in Peace

We remember in prayer those who have died recently including:

Patricia Elliot, Alice Dionne and

James Connelly.

H IN THE HOSPITAL

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.



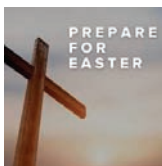
CPR Course - Saturday, April 6th from 9:00 am to 1:30 pm in parish hall. Sign in at 8:30 a.m. Call or text Karen Boyle at 705-321-0898 to register. Class size limited to 12.

Preparing for Easter by Living Lent! Suggestions for the 3rd Week of Lent

The gospel today tells the story of Jesus' encounter at Jacob's well with the Samaritan woman. The Church proclaims this passage from St. John's gospel as part of our preparation for Easter when we will renew our baptismal promises.

During this week of Lent, you are invited to focus on water. Fresh clean water is not readily available to all people. You are invited to use a reusable water bottle, to include a prayer of gratitude for the gift of water, find the date of your baptism and record it on your family / personal calendar and to pray for those who are preparing for baptism. We are encouraged to continue the practice of fasting.

As we continue to journey to the living waters of Easter you are asked to pray for our Elect who are preparing for Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist.



Church Parking Lot



Please! Do not double park or block any of the laneways in the church parking lot. Ambulances and Fire Emergency Vehicles must be able to access all of our entrances. Priests also need to be able to **exit out of the garage for emergency calls**, do not block their driveway or exit.

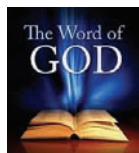
Also, please do not park in numbered parking spots in St. Mary's Seniors Residence. Thank You.

ShareLife Sunday is March 30th, 2025.

Our parish goal for this year's campaign is \$150,000. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.

Celebrating a Scrutiny and the Word of God on the 3rd, 4th and 5th Sundays in Lent

On March 23rd, March 30th and April 6th at all Sunday (Saturday evening) Masses the readings for the Liturgy of the Word will be from Year A.



We proclaim Year A readings because we will be celebrating a scrutiny with the elect. The Baptismal images in these readings are strong and offer reflection for us and the elect as we prepare to renew our baptismal promises at Easter.

The Church tells us that "The scrutinies are meant to uncover, then heal all that is weak, defective or sinful in the hearts of the elect; to bring out then strengthen all that is upright strong and good." As we journey through Lent, we are in solidarity with the Elect and reflect on how the interior of our hearts and lives need to be healed so all that is good and upright may be strengthened.

For those who prepare for Sunday Mass by reading the Scripture before Mass the *Living with Christ* missal includes the readings from Year A.

Catholic Family Services Counselling + Wellbeing Hold Me Tight - A Couples Online Workshop

The Hold Me Tight® group guides couples through seven essential conversations for creating a strong and securely bonded relationship.



This online workshop is a good fit if you and your partner:

- Have a strong, loving relationship, but still find yourselves experiencing moments of disconnection or conflict
- That go through the motions of a relationship without experiencing true, intimate connection.
- Repeatedly have the same arguments without resolution.
- Feel unheard and misunderstood, rather than seen and supported.

Following completion of this group, couples will be offered access to counselling services.

Date and time: This virtual group runs on Tuesdays from 6:00 pm-8:00 pm for 8 weeks starting April 1st.

To register: visit <https://tinyurl.com/cmxxhhpb4> or call Catholic Family Services at 705-726-2503.

**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:



Sat., March 22nd 11:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.
Wed. March 26th 4:30 p.m.– 5:30 p.m.
Wed. April 2nd 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.

**Preparation for first Holy Communion:
Parent Child Meeting # 2 Reminder!**



The meeting is a time of prayer, catechesis, and practicing the proper way to share in Holy Communion. The meeting is for the child and parent(s). You are asked to attend the meeting assigned; however, if necessary you may attend the other meeting. Both meetings begin at 7:00 p.m. and conclude at 8:15 p.m.

Tuesday, March 25th Surnames A - G
Monday, March 31st Surnames H - Z

Please attend the assigned meeting.

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.



A SPECIAL
THANK YOU
FOR YOUR GENEROUS DONATIONS

**A Note of Thanks
from The Society of
St. Vincent de Paul.**

Thank you to those who attend events for Maturing Adults and buy door prize or 50 / 50 tickets to support St. Vincent de Paul. Our recent door prize tickets raised \$235.00. Your ongoing support is wonderful and most appreciated.

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 25, 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: April 30th

When the Blues Don't Go Away: Understanding Depression in Later Life - 2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

A time of conversation, information, refreshments and fellowship. 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, April 4th**.



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, April 25th**.



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, March 23rd** 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 7th to Friday, July 11th, 2025 from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. daily**.

The cost is \$75.00 per youth.



Young Adult Ministry - THEOLOGY ON TAP – Join us on **Sunday, May 11th at 6:00 p.m.** at Flying Monkeys Brewery, 107 Dunlop St. East. (*in the Attic Lounge*

upstairs). For more information on youth ministry, or to register for Edge Camp or Bible Camp please contact Shannon Barks at 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.

- **Classic Movies** – No cost (free will offering). Snacks and drinks included! All are welcome! Our next film is on **Tuesday, March 25th at 2:00 p.m. - It Happened One Night**. Frank Capra's award-winning comedy. Mark your calendars for our next feature film on Tuesday, April 15th – *“On the Waterfront.”*



- **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, April 8th at 2:00 p.m.** in St. Joseph's Room.



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