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# Mass Intentions for the Week



<b>Monday, March 31</b>	<b>12:10 p.m.</b>	† Yolanda Bosica
<b>Tuesday, April 1</b>	<b>12:10 p.m.</b>	† Frank DeAmicis
<b>Wednesday, April 2</b>	<b>12:10 p.m.</b>	† Members of the Germaine Family
	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	† Eva Burke
<b>Thursday, April 3</b>	<b>12:10 p.m.</b>	† Tom Kutty
<b>Friday, April 4</b>	<b>12:10 p.m.</b>	† Josephine, Charles and Douglas Mitchell
	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	† Bertha Van Den Elzen
	<b>7:30 p.m.</b>	<i>Stations of the Cross led by Young Adult Ministry</i>
<b>Saturday, April 5</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	† Sherry-Jane Jeffery, † Antonio Neves, † Anton Bader
		<b>Intentions of Darcy Healy and Dianne Healy-Hunter</b>
		<b>Intentions of Pauline Lucas</b>



## Parish Lenten Confessions

Our parish will have visiting priests available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation on **Monday, April 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.** We invite you to take this opportunity before Easter to make the journey into the heart of your relationship with God.

**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.

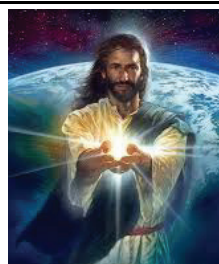
## Rest in Peace

We remember in prayer those who have died recently including: **Joan Rozario,**

**Margaret Ginley, Becky Woolnough, Pat Elliot and Lamberdina VanderWerf.**

**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.

### Preparing for Easter by Living Lent! Suggestions for the 4<sup>th</sup> Week of Lent

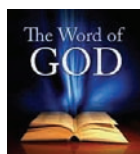


The gospel today tells the story of the man born blind and his encounter with Jesus. Jesus describes himself as the light of world and he tells us that we are to be light for the world. On the day of our baptism we are reminded to keep the flame of faith burning brightly. This week pray for those who brought you to be baptized and for those who have nurtured you in faith.

We are encouraged to continue the Lenten practices of prayer, fasting and giving. This week you are invited to pray for the different people you encounter. For example: you could pray for each cashier you encounter, the bus driver, the drivers who share the road with you and for all travelers.

You may fast from complaining or stating what is wrong in the world; and feast on sharing some good news about your day and others. You may choose to give your time to someone else, do an errand or chore for your husband/ wife; clear the table and do the dishes after a meal without being asked; turn off the television, computer or cell phone and read with your child, call a friend or family member just to say hello and ask them how they are – be sure to listen to them.

### Preparing for Easter: Celebrating the Second Scrutiny



Today during the 10 a.m. Mass we celebrate the second scrutiny with our 14 elect. 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. We continue to support the elect with our prayers.

### Procession of the Gifts at Mass

At each Sunday (Saturday evening) Mass after the collection has been taken, two people bring the gifts of bread and wine forward. Those carrying the gifts are to be Catholic and able to come and share in Holy Communion. Often two people from the same family are asked to carry the gifts and frequently two people who are not related bring the gifts forward. The gifts of bread and wine (and our financial contribution) are a visible sign of our participation in the Liturgy of the Eucharist. If you would like to bring the gifts of bread and wine to the altar please speak with David or Catherine when you arrive. Gift bearers are chosen at least 10 minutes before Mass is to begin.



### 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). The second and final time to attend this meeting is on Monday March 31<sup>st</sup> from 7:00 – 8:15 p.m. Please arrive a few moments early.



### 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.





# This weekend is ShareLife Sunday

ShareLife Sunday marks the first collection for our parish's annual campaign. But ShareLife is more than a parish collection. It is how we, as Catholics in the Archdiocese of Toronto, bring the hands of Christ to those in need. From children to seniors, and everyone in between, more than 40 ShareLife agencies are there each step of the way. 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](http://sharelife.org/donate).



**Holy Thursday** April 17<sup>th</sup> Mass of the Lord's Supper: 8:00 p.m. (there is no noon Mass).  
**Good Friday** April 18<sup>th</sup> Celebration of the Lord's

Passion 12:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. Live re-enactment of the Stations at 7:00 p.m.

**Holy Saturday** April 19<sup>th</sup> Midday Prayer and Blessing of the Easter Baskets 12:00 p.m.

**Easter Vigil** April 19<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 p.m. No 5:00 p.m. Mass.

**Easter Sunday** April 20<sup>th</sup> 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m.

## Ordination to the Priesthood



With joy we announce that Deacon James Cyfko will be ordained by his Eminence Frank Cardinal Leo at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica, 65 Bond Street, Toronto on Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.

His first Mass will be celebrated on Sunday, May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at St. Joseph's Parish, 5440 Durie Road, Mississauga at 12:30 p.m. All are invited to attend.

We look forward to welcoming Rev. James Cyfko on Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup> to celebrate the 4:00 p.m. Mass here at St. Mary's followed by a reception in our parish hall.

## Seasons of Hope Bereavement Group



Our Lord assured us that those who mourn are blessed and shall be comforted. Seasons of Hope helps us come together to share in God's love. Whether your loss is recent or long ago, Seasons of Hope is a nurturing link to the Church, our God and people of faith who understand what it means

to grieve. This program is centered on Jesus Christ and grounded in the healing wisdom, traditions and practices of the Catholic Church. Come and be comforted.

The group meets at 7:30 p.m. for six consecutive Wednesdays beginning **April 30, 2025** in St. Joseph's Room. Registration is required. For more details or to register please contact Catherine Ecker in the parish office at 705 728 2985 ext. 115.

## Ministry with Maturing Adults

**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, April 1<sup>st</sup>** at

**10:30 a.m. 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.

## Youth Ministry

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.



**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 25<sup>th</sup>**.



**LIFETEEN** – for teens interested in being part of Good Friday Stations of the Cross practices are Tuesday's at 4:30 p.m. April 1<sup>st</sup>, April 8<sup>th</sup> and April 15<sup>th</sup>. Live re-enactment of the Stations of the Cross, Good Friday, April 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

**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.



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

**BICYCLE PILGRIMAGE:** We invite all teens to our 2nd annual Bicycle Pilgrimage, as we follow the footsteps of the Martyrs. We leave from St. Mary's Church on Friday, May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 3:00 p.m. and the cyclists are picked up at Martyr's Shrine in the afternoon on Saturday, May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025. Families are invited to meet the cyclists (the time will be disclosed closer to the date), join us for Mass and dinner (picnic-style potluck) at the Shrine. This year, there are 3 incredible reasons to participate in our Bicycle Pilgrimage:

1. Martyr's Shrine is a "Holy Door" during this Year of Jubilee!
  2. It is the 100th anniversary of Martyr's Shrine!
  3. May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025 is the Feast of the Visitation of Mary to Elizabeth - bringing our young people closer to Our Lady, encouraging them to have the gift of hospitality in their faith life, as Mary showed Elizabeth.
- <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf-hAmXdzumE9fXNkfUPKGZRYsH3T0mGCIFMP6zX1fxlsBc4A/viewform?usp=sharing>

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** – Our next film is on **Tuesday, April 15<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m.** - "On the Waterfront"
- **Just Sing!** You're invited to join us for song and fellowship on **Tuesday, April 8<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m.** in St. Joseph's Room.

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