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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

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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, April 7	12:10 p.m.	† Bernadette Reynolds
Tuesday, April 8	12:10 p.m.	† Mick Ward
Wednesday, April 9	12:10 p.m.	† Mary Conte
	7:00 p.m.	† Robert Rogers
Thursday, April 10	12:10 p.m.	† Colleen Longlade
Friday, April 11	12:10 p.m.	† Rita Roberts
	7:00 p.m.	<i>Stations of the Cross led by The Catholic Women's League</i>
Saturday, April 12	9:00 a.m.	† Monica Vellinga
		† Elaine Tate
		† Joan Rozario
		Intentions Ezio Drago
		Intentions Elena and Antonio La Neve



Parish Lenten Confessions

Our parish will have visiting priests available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation on **Monday, April 7th 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.



space of the church.

Rest in Peace

Duncan McCormick, Freda Toth and Robert Nichols.

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

We remember in prayer those who have died recently including: **Edward Green, Duncan McCormick, Freda Toth and Robert Nichols.**

Visiting the Hospital: if you or a family member are admitted to RVH and would appreciate a visit from someone at St. Mary's please call or email the parish office. Please note: the hospital no longer provides us with a list of Catholics who are hospitalized; therefore, you must notify the parish.

Preparing for Easter by Living Lent! Suggestions for the 5th Week of Lent

During this fifth week of Lent we may fast from a meal in a restaurant and add the money to our ShareLife donation. In our family we may choose to feast on life giving words and actions and fast from words that tear down or destroy. The signs of new life are beginning to emerge in our community. As a family take some time to notice and share with one another the many signs of new life.

Preparing for Easter: Celebrating the Third Scrutiny

Today during the 10:00 a.m. Mass we celebrate the third 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 surround the elect with our prayers.

Faith Matters



Vitamin F: Spiritual Preparation for Holy Week and the Easter Triduum Tuesday, April 8, 2025 from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

All are welcome to attend this time of catechesis, conversation and prayer as we prepare for Holy Week and the Easter Triduum. We will have some simple refreshments available and conclude by 8:30 p.m. All are welcome.

WHY SHARELIFE?



...because individuals in our

community struggle with martial or personal challenges and need the support of Catholic Family Services; because in some distant poor country a nun has a bicycle to travel from village to village to do her work of religious education; because kids on the street in Toronto can depend on Covenant House for safety; because we always need to

educate new priests; because a widow in central America who is threatened with the loss of a few acres of land has someone to advocate for her. For these and a thousand other reasons we ShareLife.

We invite you to read the Cardinal's letter for this year's campaign: [Cardinal Leo ShareLife Letter](#). This letter is also posted on our bulletin board.

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.

Thank you to all who have supported ShareLife to date. We invite all parishioners to share the responsibility.

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.

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.

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

All are welcome to attend the various sessions 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. April 8th 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 or 705 728 2985 ext. 115.

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, April 10th** in St. Joseph's Room.

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 or 705.229.7426.

M.E.R.C.Y. (Ministry to Educate Roman Catholic Youth)s for youth grades J.K. to Gr. 4. Our next gathering is **Friday, April 4th from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm**.

EDGE-for grades 5-8. Our next gathering is **Friday, April 25th from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.**

LIFETEEN – for teens interested in being part of Good Friday Stations of the Cross, practices are Tuesday's at 4:30 p.m. April 8th & 15th - Live re-enactment of the Stations of the Cross, Good Friday, April 18th at 7 p.m.

EDGE CAMP 2025 – August 20-24th at Camp White Pine for grades 5-9, and high school youth.

BIBLE CAMP 2025 - Monday, July 7th to July 11th from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. daily. \$75.00 per youth.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY - THEOLOGY ON TAP – Sunday, May 11th at 6:00 p.m. at Flying Monkeys Brewery, 107 Dunlop St. East. (*Attic Lounge upstairs*).

BICYCLE PILGRIMAGE: All teens are invited. We depart from the parish on Fri., May 30th at 3:00 p.m. The cyclists are picked up at Martyr's Shrine in the afternoon on Sat., May 31st. Families are invited to meet the cyclists and join us for Mass and dinner at the Shrine.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSt-hAmXdzumE9fXNkfUPKGRysH3T0mGCIFMP6zX1fxlsBc4A/viewform?usp=sharing>

Just Sing! You're invited to join us for song and fellowship on **Tuesday, April 8th at 2:00 p.m.** in St. Joseph's Room.

Classic Movies – Join us on **Tuesday, April 15th at 2:00 p.m.** - "On the Waterfront"

Easter Food Drive

Members of the Barrie Council 1626 of The Knights of Columbus are coordinating our Easter Food Drive. Please bring your donations to the 8:00 p.m. **Mass of the Lord's Supper on Thursday, April 17th, 2025**. Food, cash, cheques or gift cards for grocery stores are welcomed. All food collected will be directed to the Barrie Food Bank who are in need of the following necessities: **Baby Formula, Children's Lunch snacks, Cereal, Beef Jerky, Ensure/Protein Shakes, Feminine products, Diapers (sizes 4-6)**. We ask that you bring your food donations in reusable grocery bags as the Barrie Food Bank uses them to distribute food to their clients. You may also donate by visiting <https://www.barriefoodbank.org>.

Preparing for and Celebrating the Easter Triduum

The Easter Triduum is the highpoint of our Church year. The word Triduum means three. For a Catholic there is really nothing more important than gathering with the community to pray throughout these three days. The Easter Triduum is really one liturgy that extends over the three days. We go home in-between to rest, pray and to ponder the mystery of Jesus' life, death and resurrection.



Holy Thursday April 17th Mass of the Lord's Supper: 8:00 p.m.

(*there is no noon Mass*). You are invited to bring your donations for our Easter Food Drive. These gifts will be brought forward during the

Preparation of the Gifts. Everyone is invited to come ready to have their feet washed. Adoration will take place after Mass until midnight.

Good Friday April 18th Celebration of the Lord's Passion 12:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m.

We will gather for the Celebration of the Lord's Passion.

We **do not** celebrate Mass on Good Friday. It is the same liturgy at 12:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. **Stations of the Cross** led by our youth at 7:00 p.m.

Holy Saturday April 19th Midday Prayer and Blessing of the Easter Baskets 12:00 p.m.

When many of our European ancestors came to Canada they brought traditions that add to the holiness of Easter. One of the most popular is bringing a decorated Easter basket to the Church on Holy Saturday. You may put some of the food that will be used at your Easter breakfast as well as special treats such as chocolate, wine, or a special bread or dessert. When you arrive put your Easter basket at the front of the worship space where they will be blessed. All are invited to this brief time of prayer.

Note: On Holy Saturday, April 19th there are no confessions and no 9:00 a.m. or 5:00 p.m. Mass. Easter Vigil April 19th at 8:00 p.m.

St. Augustine called this vigil the "*Mother of all Vigils*". We hear stories from Scripture, proclaim God's praises and rejoice at the waters of new life. We will celebrate initiation with the elect and together with thanksgiving participate in feasting at the Eucharistic table.

Easter Sunday, April 20th = Regular Masses at 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. At each liturgy we shall renew our baptismal promises.

Easter Monday, April 21st – Mass is at 9:00 a.m.



We live in a world that seldom takes time off from work and daily demands so it is important to plan how we can keep the Easter Triduum holy. You are invited to take time each day, to prepare and to reflect on the liturgy.

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