



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 Garipey - 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 14	12:10 p.m.	† Sam Arrigo
Tuesday, April 15	12:10 p.m.	† John Driver
Wednesday, April 16	12:10 p.m.	† Frank De Amicis
	7:00 p.m.	Intentions of Lynda Bidwell and Family
Thursday, April 17	8:00 p.m.	MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER
Friday, April 18	12:00 p.m.	GOOD FRIDAY SERVICES
	3:00 p.m.	" "
	7:00 p.m.	STATIONS OF THE CROSS led by our Youth
Saturday, April 19	8:00 p.m.	EASTER VIGIL MASS



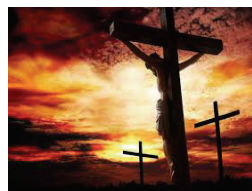
Preparing for and Celebrating the Easter Triduum – April 17th – 20th, 2025

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.

You are invited to bring non-perishable food items, gift cards for grocery stores or cash to the celebration of the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday.

The bags of food or monetary gifts will be brought forward during the Preparation of the Gifts. Everyone is invited to come ready to have their feet washed.



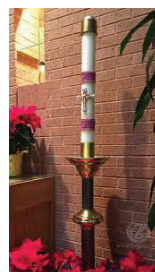
Good Friday April 18th Celebration of the Lord's Passion 12:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. We will gather for the Celebration of the Lord's Passion. We **do not** celebrate Mass on Good Friday. It is the same liturgy

at 12:00 and 3:00 p.m.

Stations of the Cross will be led by our youth at 7:00 p.m.

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

Gather with the parish family to pray Midday Prayer. 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.



Easter Vigil April 19th at 8:00 p.m.

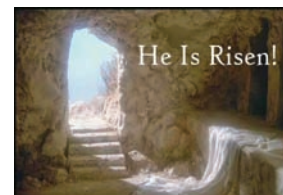
St. Augustine called this vigil the "Mother of all Vigils". We hear stories from Scripture, proclaim God's praises and rejoice at the waters of new life. We will celebrate initiation with our 14 elect and then with thanksgiving participate in feasting at the Eucharistic table. There will be a reception after the Easter Vigil.

Please note: On Saturday, April 19th there are no confessions and there is no 9:00 a.m. or 5:00 p.m. Mass.

Easter Sunday April 20th

We will celebrate Mass at 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. 12:00 noon and 4:00 p.m.

At each liturgy we shall renew our baptismal promises.



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.

Pontifical Collection for the church in the Holy Land on Good Friday, April 18th, 2025

Our Gifts and Tithes

The annual Good Friday Collection is the only yearly request asked by the Holy See of dioceses and parishioners throughout the world. The collection helps the Church of the Holy Land to maintain Christian sites, so important for Christians everywhere, and to provide pastoral, educational, and social works among the small Christian population. The Church and our Christian brothers and sisters count on your help to retain a faith filled Christian presence in this land of our Lord. Please give generously. You may also contribute online by visiting <https://commissariat.ca/supporting-us> and donating via CanadaHelps or Interac e-transfer. Receipts will be issued.

On behalf of the Franciscan Custody of the Holy Land, to whom the Holy See has entrusted this ministry for nearly 700 years, I sincerely thank you for your support.

*Fr. Robert Mokry, OFM
Commissary of the Holy Land in Canada.*

His Eminence Frank Cardinal Leo has published an Easter 2025 message. It is posted on our bulletin board and available on our parish website at www.stmarysba.archtoronto.org



Pray 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: **Margaret Bolland and George Bidwell.**



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.

Divine Mercy Sunday – April 27, 2025



All are invited to a holy hour on **Divine Mercy Sunday, April 27th from 2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.** Divine Mercy Sunday is celebrated on the Second Sunday of Easter, and was established by St. John Paul II centered on the revelations to St. Faustina Kowalska. A Divine Mercy Novena begins on Good Friday.

Pamphlets are available in the church.

The Divine Mercy Chaplet is prayed on Rosary beads with a different set of prayers. During the holy hour, there will be Adoration, confessions and the sung Divine Mercy at 3:00 p.m. There are special graces that our Lord promised for those who pray on Divine Mercy Sunday and can only be received for oneself, through reception of Holy Communion in a state of grace. A plenary indulgence, however, can be offered for oneself, or for souls suffering in purgatory.

St. Faustina, pray for us!

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.

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. April 22nd 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.

Save the Date: April 30th

When the Blues Don't Go Away:

Understanding Depression in Later Life

2:00 – 3:30 p.m. A time of conversation, information, refreshments and fellowship. All are welcome.

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.

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>.

Classic Movies – Join us on Tuesday, April 15th at 2:00 p.m. in our parish hall for a screening of **"On the Waterfront"**. Our pick for Holy Week – a would be boxer who goes up against the corrupt union boss of New York's docks. A very Christian story of facing persecution and confronting evil. Starring Marlon Brando, Eve Marie Saint and Karl Malden. Best picture winner 1954!



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, May 9th 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, practice is Tuesday at 4:30 p.m. April 15th - Live re-enactment of the Stations of the Cross, Good Friday, April 18th at 7 p.m.
















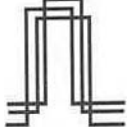

BIBLE CAMP 2025 - Monday, July 7th to July 11th from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. daily. \$75.00 per youth.

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

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