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He is Risen!
Alleluia, Alleluia

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, April 21	9:00 a.m.	† Roy Sr. and Shirley Hunter
Tuesday, April 22	12:10 p.m.	† Patricia Green
Wednesday, April 23	7:00 p.m.	† Maureen Cicinelli
Thursday, April 24	12:10 p.m.	† Rita Roberts
Friday, April 25	12:10 p.m.	† Mark and Michael Gellegan
Saturday, April 26	9:00 a.m.	† Guy Léger
		† Pat Orr
		† Rosa Maria Silva
		† Agostinha Gouveia
		Intentions of Maryann Thomas
		Intentions of Marcelo and Lali Lopez



Christ is Risen! Alleluia!



For 50 days we celebrate the great feast of Easter! In our parish and homes, we continue to praise our God and celebrate Jesus' victory over death. Alleluia! As your family gathers for meals throughout the season of Easter you are invited to begin by lighting a candle and then pray together.

God, source of life,

Pour in our hearts the joy of Easter, and grant us to live the new life that Christ has gained for us through his resurrection,

for he reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

God for ever and ever. Amen.

(adapted from Blessings and Prayers for Home and Family, © Concacan Inc., 2004)



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

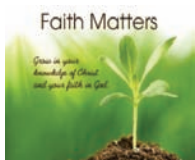
posted in the gathering space of the church.

Rest in Peace

We remember in prayer those who have died recently including: **Garry Potter and Robert Baker.**



Visiting the Hospital: 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.



You are Invited to Join Us for A Time of Faith Nourishment on Tuesday April 22nd at 7:00 p.m. Topic: Easter Joy! Alleluia! Alleluia!

We will gather for a time of prayer, reflection, discussion and catechesis on the Easter liturgies. We gather for 7:00 p.m. and conclude by 8:30 p.m. Simple refreshments will be provided. All are welcome!

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

ShareLife

Thank you for being a beacon of hope.

On Easter Sunday, we thank you for being a beacon of hope for our brothers and sisters in need by supporting ShareLife. In their darkest hours, you are right beside them. As we rejoice in the resurrection of our Lord this Easter Sunday, let us open our hearts to all.

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.

Archdiocesan Year of Jubilee Pilgrimage to Rome with Cardinal Frank Leo November 10 – 17, 2025

The Archdiocese of Toronto Jubilee 2025 Committee is organizing a week-long pilgrimage to Rome with Cardinal Frank Leo, taking place on November 10 – 17, 2025. The pilgrimage will include visits to Rome's major basilicas and Holy Door, daily Mass and a day trip to Assisi. Registration will take place online beginning **Thursday, April 24 at 10:00 a.m.** Space is limited. For full registration details, to view a detailed itinerary and learn more about this prayerful journey to Rome, visit: <https://bit.ly/ArchTORome2025>



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 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.

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

Join us for this time of conversation, information, refreshments and fellowship. We will explore the signs and symptoms of depression, and explain ways to prevent and manage depression. This workshop is part of CAMH's Understanding Mental Health and Well Being in Later Life Workshop Series. There is no cost. Questions / concerns contact Catherine Ecker (705 728 2985 ext. 115). 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.

Confirmation Preparation: Important Reminder! Catechetical Meeting # 3 Candidates and Sponsors 7:30 p.m. – 8:45 p.m.



It is understood that the candidate and sponsor will attend the meeting. **IF**, the sponsor cannot attend the parent is to attend. The candidates are grouped alphabetically. Please make every effort to attend the assigned meeting. If there is a serious reason, such as illness, you may attend the other meeting. You **do not** need to notify the parish office if you are attending a different meeting.

Thursday, April 29th Surnames A to L
Monday, May 5th Surnames M to Z

Questions or concerns please contact David Murdoch (dmurdoch@archtoronto.org) or Catherine Ecker (cecker@archtoronto.org) 705 728 2985 ext. 115.

Catholic Women's League Bake sale on Saturday, April 26th, 2025 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the parish hall. Please support the CWL! Cash only.

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 began 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!*

Classic Movies – Join us on **Tuesday, April 29th at 2:00 p.m.** in our parish hall for a screening of **"The Maltese Falcon"**. A detective film about a trio of thieves after the infamous Maltese Falcon statuette starring Humphrey Bogart.



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, May 6th at 2:00 p.m.** in St. Joseph's Room. No talent required.

Liturgy of the Word with Children – May 4th during the 12 noon Mass. All children between the ages of 4 and 8 are invited to participate. We are also seeking leaders. Please see David Murdoch.



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) 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 – Youth program for high school teens to explore their faith through talks, prayer and friendship meeting monthly. Our next gathering is **Sunday, May 4th** after the 4:00 p.m. Mass. Dinner provided.

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
















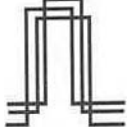

EDGE CAMP 2025 – August 20-24th at Camp White Pine for grades 5-9, and high school youth.

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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