



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

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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 Garipey - 705-305-0911

Sacramental Preparation: Catherine Ecker - ext. 115

Social Life: Parish Office

St. Mary's Cemetery: Larry Meyer 705-726-3931

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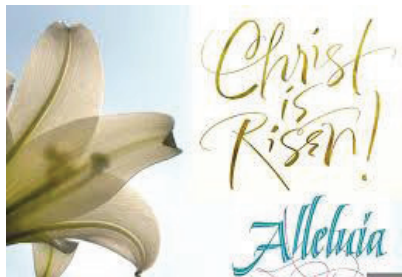
PARISH REGISTRATION

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 28	12:10 p.m.	† Frank De Amicis
Tuesday, April 29	12:10 p.m.	† Ann Gubbels
Wednesday, April 30	7:00 p.m.	† Cosimo Colaianne
Thursday, May 1	12:10 p.m.	Intentions of Theresa DaSilva and Family
Friday, May 2	12:10 p.m.	† Lina Buttino
	7:00 p.m.	† Norma Octavio Di Maano
Saturday, May 3	9:00 a.m.	† Marie Lafromboise
		† Carole O'Neill
		† Bertha Gonzalez



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! Many have commented on the solemnity of the Easter Liturgies beginning with Palm Sunday and continuing through Holy Week. Thank you to all who ministered: Shannon and the musicians and cantors, our youth and their parents, the lectors and Eucharistic ministers. Thank you to all those who decorated the church on Holy Saturday. Thank you also to Catherine Ecker and those who have been a part of the Initiation process, and lastly thank you to Nadia DeAmicis for the beautiful Easter arrangements in the planters at the front of the church.



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 pray those who have died recently including:
Pope Francis and Robert Baker.

IN THE HOSPITAL

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.

Proclaiming God's Word! Is God Calling you to be a Lector?



A note of thanks to all lectors who served God's people by proclaiming the Word of God throughout Holy Week and the Easter Triduum. Your commitment to preparation and proclamation enriches our liturgies.

If you would like to learn more about serving as a lector at Sunday Mass please contact Catherine Ecker at 705 728 2985 ext. 115 or email cecker@archtoronto.org.

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 10th at 10:00 a.m.



His first Mass will be celebrated on Sunday, May 11th, 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 18th to celebrate the 4:00 p.m. Mass here at St. Mary's followed by a reception in our parish hall.

TODAY is Divine Mercy Sunday



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!*



You ensure a brighter future for at-risk children

As many as 7,000 youth are homeless across Canada on any given night. Covenant House, an agency you support through ShareLife, provides a refuge for at-risk youth. They offer safe housing alongside healthcare, education, and employment guidance. **Thanks to your compassionate heart, young people like David can move from a life on the street to a life with a future.** David first found safety in the emergency shelter and later moved into a transitional housing program, where he formed a life-long bond with his mentor, whose kind heart and patient guidance inspired David to pursue and complete post-secondary education.

To date we have collected \$23,854.

Our parish goal is \$150,000.

The second ShareLife Sunday of the year is next Sunday, May 4. We ask you to share your blessings through the parish or at sharelife.org/donate.

Thank you for living the Gospel!

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 29th**

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 – 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.

Wedding Anniversaries: Celebrating the Sacrament of Marriage - The married couples in our parish are a sign to us of God's faithfulness and through their witness we are strengthened. If you celebrated a wedding anniversary in August we shall pray with you and share in your joy at all Sunday (Saturday evening) Masses on **April 26th and 27th**. We thank God for the gift of the married couples in our midst.

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, May 23rd 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.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf-hAmXdzumE9fXNkfUPKGZRysH3T0mGCIFMP6zX1fxlsBc4A/viewform?usp=sharing>

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.



Hospitality Sunday – May 3rd and 4th



Catholic Education Week 2025 is May 4-9th. This year's theme is **"Pilgrims of Hope."** This theme is aligned with Pope Francis' declaration for the 2025 Jubilee Year. In light of that spirit our six parish schools will be hosting Hospitality Sunday next weekend. You're invited into the parish hall after Mass to enjoy refreshments, treats and fellowship.

5:00 p.m.- St. Monica's/St. Marguerite d'Youville

8:00 a.m. - Sister Catherine Donnelly

10:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. - The Good Shepherd

4:00 p.m.- St. Mary's and Monsignor Clair

A big thank you to our six parish schools!

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