



# 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, May 19	9:00 a.m.	† Patricia Green
Tuesday, May 20	12:10 p.m.	† Allison Chiasson
Wednesday, May 21	7:00 p.m.	Intentions of Amy Barnes and Family
Thursday, May 22	12:10 p.m.	† Mark and Michael Gellegan
Friday, May 23	12:10 p.m.	† Michael Recker
Saturday, May 24	9:00 a.m.	† Paul Aikins
		† Monica Socorro
		† Joan Rozario
		† Franco Cannataro



Today, we are most happy to welcome Rev. James Cyfko who will celebrate the 4:00 p.m. Mass. A reception will follow in our parish hall. You may recall he was a seminarian here in 2021. Fr. James was one of three men ordained to the priesthood on Saturday, May 10, 2025 by His Excellency John A. Boissonneau, Auxiliary Bishop of Toronto, at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica. Fr. James will serve as Associate Pastor at Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish, Toronto



**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.



We remember in prayer those who have died recently including: **Maria Gregoris, Annetta Quinlan and Gabriel Bourget.**



**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.



## 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!

## 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 May we shall pray with you and share in your joy at all Sunday (Saturday evening) Masses on **May 24 / 25**. We thank God for the gift of the married couples in our midst.

## Annual Parish Picnic



You're invited to our **Parish Picnic on Sunday, June 1<sup>st</sup>** after the 12 noon Mass from 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. on the back lawn. The Knights of Columbus will be cooking hamburgers and hot dogs for everyone. Those attending are asked to provide a **salad, cookies or squares** which can be taken to the kitchen before the 8 a.m., 10 a.m. or noon Mass. Bring your chairs and sunscreen! We hope to see you there!



**Your helping hand ensures that no one struggles alone.** No one is turned away from ShareLife-funded agencies due to inability to pay. You make it possible for individuals, couples, and families to access mental health services through CFS Counselling and Wellbeing located at 20 Anne Street, Barrie. Our parish goal is \$150,000. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at [www.sharelife.org/donate](http://www.sharelife.org/donate).

## Register for "A Day With Mary"

This free outdoor event is taking place Saturday, May 31 on the Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary at Villanova College in King City. There will be food, music, fellowship and Holy Mass celebrated by our Archbishop, His Eminence Frank Cardinal Leo. For more information and to register, visit [www.archtoronto.org/mary](http://www.archtoronto.org/mary)



## St. Michael's Choir School Concert "Jubilation and Praise"



St. Margaret's Parish, 589 Hugel Avenue, Midland on **Friday, May 30, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.** Tickets cost \$50 and available at: **St. Michael's Choir Concert Tickets** or call the parish office at 705-526-6313.

## Parish Religious Articles Store

Open every Sunday between the morning Masses. Hours of operation September through June are: **(9:00 a.m. to 9:50 a.m., 11:00 a.m. – 11:50 a.m., and 1:00 p.m. to 1:15 p.m.)** We invite you to visit our parish store. We have a wonderful selection of items for First Communion, rosaries, crosses, jewelry, books, unique items, greeting cards and lots more! *Why not think ahead and buy a gift for the next special occasion?* For further information please call Pat Dunn at 705-718-1853. **Thank you for your support!!**

### Celebrating Initiation During Easter

In the Church the Easter season is the normative time for celebrating the Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. Throughout May, children will join us at the table of the Lord for the first time. They and their parents have been preparing for months. You are asked to pray for all families who will join us at the Lord's table. We thank God for their witness of faith.

#### A Sign of our Communion with God and Union with Others

This is an ideal time to review the process for sharing in Holy Communion. Our sharing in Holy Communion is a profoundly public personal act. We process forward to share in Holy Communion. It is most definitely a holy union with Jesus and with our brothers and sisters in Christ. There is nothing private about the Communion procession.

In 2011, the Canadian Bishops instructed that our common sign of reverence before sharing in Holy Communion be a bow of the head. The Church's ritual does not expect anyone to genuflect, kneel or make the sign of the cross before or after receiving Holy Communion.

At the time of Holy Communion when the person in front of you has received Holy Communion and you are in the front of the procession, you **bow your head**, the Minister of the Body of Christ will say, "**The Body of Christ**", you reply, "**Amen**".

It is important to note that the only appropriate response is **Amen**. The Church expects that **Amen** is said in a voice that can be heard by the Minister of Holy Communion.

After saying **Amen** the Minister of Communion places the host in your hand. You put the host in your mouth immediately. If you are going to share in the Blood of Christ you move to the Minister and he / she says, "**The Blood of Christ**", you answer "**Amen**" and take the chalice and take a sip. Then you return to your place. The Communion procession is a time of communal prayer. We sing the Communion hymn as an outward sign of our unity. We sit or kneel for silent prayer when the priest sits down after Communion.

#### All Adults 55+ 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 **Tuesday, May 20th 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.

**Learning More About Dementia - May 28, 2025** from 2:00 – 3:15 p.m. Tom Johnston from TrustWell Senior Care will share information for those who support or live with people who have dementia. The presentation is based on the Positive Approach to Care Program (PAC). This session will provide information

about what is happening in our brain when dementia is present and offer some effective strategies for communication and support. Simple Refreshments will be provided. All are welcome to attend this timely and informative session.

**June is Seniors' Month: Celebrating the Gift of Years!** All people in the second half of life are invited to join us for lunch on **Wednesday, June 18th at 12:00 p.m.** to celebrate and give thanks for the gift of years. We will provide soup, buns, and beverages. You are invited to bring either a salad, main course, finger food or dessert to feed four. Join us for fellowship, good food, and door prizes as we celebrate the gift of years! To assist with planning please sign up after Mass on June 7 /8 or June 14 /15 or contact Catherine Ecker at [cecker@archtoronto.org](mailto:cecker@archtoronto.org) or call 705 728 2985 ext. 115.

#### Liturgy of the Word with Children



We will celebrate a separate Liturgy of the Word with Children on **May 25 and June 15 during the 12 noon Mass**. All children between the ages of 4 and 8 are invited to participate. **Leaders are NEEDED** for September. We hope to offer this ministry at the 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Sunday Masses. If you are interested please contact David: [dmurdoch@archtoronto.org](mailto:dmurdoch@archtoronto.org)

#### 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.



**EDGE**-for grades 5-8. Our next gathering is **Friday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup>** after the 4pm Mass. Dinner provided.



**BIBLE CAMP 2025 - Monday, July 7<sup>th</sup> to July 11<sup>th</sup>** 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, June 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 31<sup>st</sup>. Families are invited to meet the cyclists and join us for Mass and dinner at the Shrine. [Registration Form](#)

**Classic Movies** - Join us for classic movies on the big screen here at the parish. 2:00pm in the Parish Hall with snacks. All our welcome! No sign up.



**May 20 - Theodora Goes Wild** - a forgotten comedy gem from the golden years of film.

**June 10 - The Manchurian Candidate**

**JUST SING:** A laid back, fun afternoon of song and fellowship as we come together to **JUST SING!** our way through the folk, pop, gospel and traditional music songbooks. Bring your voice whether you can sing or not! No sign up – just come and just sing! Cookies and tea included. Join us on **Tuesday, June 3 at 2:00pm at the parish.**





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