



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 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, May 26	12:10 p.m.	† Gerry Pilon
Tuesday, May 27	12:10 p.m.	† Ann Gubbels
Wednesday, May 28	7:00 p.m.	† Josey Ratusney
Thursday, May 29	12:10 p.m.	† Mark and Michael Gellegan
Friday, May 30	12:10 p.m.	† Steven DaSilva
Saturday, May 31	9:00 a.m.	† Reyno Suarez



Save the date! On **Sunday, June 1st, 2025 at 1:00 p.m.** (following the noon Mass), all are invited to our annual parish picnic! Everyone is asked to bring a side dish, main dish or dessert to share which can be taken to the kitchen before the 8am, 10am or noon Mass. The Knights of Columbus, Council 1626 will be providing a BBQ for us. Please also bring chairs and/or blankets to sit on. Join us for an afternoon of entertainment, food, activities for the kids and more! We hope to see you there!



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:
Annetta Quinlan.

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.

Confirmation Reminders!



The candidates preparing for Confirmation will attend a retreat at the parish on **May 27th from 4:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.** Supper is

provided. Reminders have been sent to families via Flocknote. *Please pray for our candidates as they complete their preparation.*

We will celebrate Confirmation at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 3rd and Thursday June 5th. All candidates and sponsors are to arrive by 6:40 p.m. If you have any questions / concerns please contact Catherine Ecker (cecker@archtoronto.org) or David Murdoch (dmurdoch@archtoronto.org).



ShareLife - Your love can help others thrive

Mental health challenges can impact anyone, whether you're personally navigating them or supporting someone who is. These struggles transcend age and circumstance. Brenda was weighed down by shame, having battled anxiety and depression for decades. Through your support, she found a new perspective at a Catholic Family Services agency funded by ShareLife, where counselling lifted her up and allowed her to see her own worth. **Your compassion is instrumental in helping others see themselves as God sees them: loving, important, and enough.** Thank you for living the Gospel by helping relieve the pain of those facing silent battles. To date, we have raised \$80,824.00 toward our goal of \$150,000. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.

"A Day With Mary" – Saturday, May 31st, 2025

This free outdoor event is taking place on the Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary at Villanova College in King City from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. There will be food, music, fellowship and Holy Mass celebrated by our Archbishop, His Eminence Frank Cardinal Leo. For more on this special event information visit 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.

The Feast of Pentecost: June 7 / 8, 2025 Wear Red!



Pentecost Sunday marks the end of the Easter season. We celebrate the descent of the Holy Spirit on the apostles and the beginning of the Church. This day is often described as the 'birthday of the Church'.

All parishioners are invited to add to our celebration of Pentecost by wearing red to church. There are many different

shades of red – the vibrant colour and the different shades will be a visual reminder to us of the diversity of our God given gifts and talent.

CPR/AED Course

Saturday, June 14th, 2025

Course runs **9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.** in St. Joseph's Room. Sign-in at 8:30 a.m. For more information or to register, call or text Karen Boyle at 705-321-0898.



A Sign of our Communion with God and Union with Others – An Important Reminder!

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.

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. May 27th** 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

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 or call 705 728 2985 ext. 115.** All are welcome!

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

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.



LIFETEEN – Youth program for high school teens to explore their faith through talks, prayer and friendship meeting monthly. Our next gathering is **Sunday, May 25th** after the 4pm Mass. Dinner provided.

BICYCLE PILGRIMAGE: All teens are invited. We depart from the parish on **Friday, May 30th at 3:00 p.m.** The cyclists are picked up at Martyr's Shrine in the afternoon on Saturday, May 31st. Families are invited to meet the cyclists and join us for Mass and dinner at the Shrine. [Registration Form](#)



YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY - THEOLOGY ON TAP – **Sunday, June 22nd at 6:00 p.m.** at Flying Monkeys Brewery, 107 Dunlop St. East. (*Attic Lounge upstairs*).

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.

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



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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