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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: Dr. Geoff Bond - 705-726-6641

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 Gariépy - 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, July 21	12:10 p.m.	† Patricia Green
Tuesday, July 22	12:10 p.m.	† Peter Mulder
Wednesday, July 23	7:00 p.m.	Intentions of Renee Hall and John Morgan
Thursday, July 24	12:10 p.m.	† Albert Falconi
Friday, July 25	12:10 p.m.	† Giuse Bich and Maria Hien
Saturday, July 26	9:00 a.m.	† Helen Needham
		† Brandt Robbenhaar
		Intentions of the Nigh Family



The Archdiocesan Mission Co-Operative Program plays an important role in connecting the parishes of the Archdiocese of Toronto with the Catholic Church in other parts of the world. Through this program, our local Catholic Community learns about the mission work of the Church and is invited to offer their financial support through this annual program.

Today we welcome Fr. Samoj Edathinal Sunny, MCBS., a missionary priest. He is speaking about life at Manipur Mission, Imphal, India. Manipur is a new mission for the MCBS Zion Province. For more information, please visit the parish website [St. Mary's Parish, Barrie - Manipur Missions, India](http://St.MarysParish.Barrie-ManipurMissions.India) (Archdiocese of Imphal). Thank you for your support.



St. James reminds us of our calling to pray for those in need and for the sick. As the baptized we all share in the ministry of prayer. If you have a family member who 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. The list will be updated weekly.

Rest in Peace

We remember in pray those who have died recently including: **Christopher O'Rourke, Vera Botman Shrubsole, Brandt Robbenhaar, Patricia Blake and George Smith.**



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.

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 July we shall pray with you and share in your joy at all Sunday (Saturday evening) Masses **next weekend on July 26th and 27th.** We thank God for the gift of the married couples in our midst.

Annual Barrie Hill Farms Blueberry Pancake Festival



Hosted by the Barrie Knights of Columbus, Council 1626 and Barrie Hills Farms. Net proceeds of funds raised in support of Hospice Simcoe. All are invited to this annual event hosted Barrie Hill Farms on **July**

26/27 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Pancakes, sausages, coffee, juice included. Adults: \$12, Children 6-12: \$10. Under 5: free.

World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly: Sunday, July 27, 2025

"Blessed are those who have not lost hope."
Sirach 14.2

The 2025 celebration marks the fifth edition of World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly and Pope Leo's first message for the day. Pope Francis instituted the world day in 2021; it is observed each year on the fourth Sunday of July, close to the liturgical memorial of Saints Joachim and Anna, the grandparents of Jesus.

The pope's message expanded on the theme chosen for this year's world day, which was taken from the Book of Sirach: **"Blessed are those who have not lost hope."** Pope Leo XIV writes, "As elderly persons, we can hope. The Book of Sirach calls blessed those who have not lost hope (cf. 14:2). Perhaps, especially if our lives are long, we may be tempted to look not to the future but to the past. Yet, as Pope Francis wrote during his last hospitalization, *"our bodies are weak, but even so, nothing can prevent us from loving, praying, giving ourselves, being there for one another, in faith, as shining signs of hope"* (Angelus, 16 March 2025). *We possess a freedom that no difficulty can rob us of: it is the freedom to love and to pray. Everyone, always, can love and pray.*"

Pope Leo invites us to spend time with the elderly, especially those who are isolated or experience loneliness. You may read the full text here.

<https://stmarysba.archtoronto.org/en/parish-life/news-archive/parish/world-day-of-prayer-for-grandparents-and-the-elderly/>



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The Annual Mass for the Faithful Departed



The Annual Mass for the Faithful Departed will be celebrated by Most Rev. John Corriveau on **Wednesday, August 13th at 7:00 p.m.** at St. Mary's Cemetery, 208 Sunnidale Road.

In the event of rain, the Mass will be held at St. Mary's Church at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome.

Proclaiming God's Word – Seeking Lectors!



If you are a fully initiated Catholic and would like to learn more about serving as a lector at a Sunday (Saturday evening) Mass or a weekday please contact Catherine Ecker at 705 728 2985 ext. 115 or email cecker@archtoronto.org

Formation and training is offered to all new lectors. The proclamation of God's Word is an integral part of our liturgy.

Is God calling you to live a Catholic way of life?



If you are interested in learning more about the process for adults seeking to be baptized or to become full members of the Catholic Church please contact Catherine Ecker at

cecker@archtoronto.org or call 705 728 2985 ext. 115.

Baptism for Children Over the Age of 7



Please Note: If your child is not baptized or was not baptized in the Catholic Church and he or she wishes to celebrate a sacrament please contact our parish catechist Catherine Ecker at cecker@archtoronto.org or call 705 728 2985 ext. 115.

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.

ULTIMATE FRISBEE TOURNAMENT

Monday, July 28th in the evening and **Saturday, August 9th**. Watch the bulletin for more information.



Summer Classic Movies –Running July through to August 20th, come in from the heat and join us every Tuesday at 2:00 p.m. in our parish hall for some great movies.



Join us on **Tuesday, July 22nd** for another classic movie entitled **"You Can't Take it With You"** starring Lionel Barrymore, Jimmy Stewart and Jean Arthur. 1938.

If you think your family is off-the-wall, check out the Sycamores who choose to live life the way they find it. A group of lovable eccentrics get into hot water with bankers trying to buy their house in this wonderful comedy!

Mark your calendar for our next film on **July 29th** – **"The Disorderly Orderly"** starring Jerry Lewis. 1964.

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. If you would like information on Christian Meditation please contact Catherine

Ecker cecker@archtoronto.org or 705 728 2985 ext. 115

A Wonderful Opportunity! Life Story Writing Program: September 2025

If you are in the second half of life you are invited to participate in the **Life Story Writing Program**. You do not need to be a writer or good speller! The writing program provides a structure to reflect and recall various events through the stages of our lives. Each person receives a workbook and the sessions provide suggestions and opportunities to practice writing. Participants gain a deeper understanding, clearer perspective and a more integrated view of God's action in our lives. The program nourishes participants and offers an opportunity for renewal.



The program will be offered on Monday afternoons from 2:00 – 3:30 p.m. beginning September 22nd and concluding November 3rd. A fee of \$20.00 is requested to cover the cost of printing. Advance registration is required. To register or for more information please contact Catherine Ecker at cecker@archtoronto.org or call 705 728 2985 ext. 115.

Important Information Meetings Please Take Note of the Dates!

Preparing Young People for first Holy Communion



All parents of children born in 2018 (entering grade 2) or earlier and baptized in the Roman Catholic Church are invited to attend an important parent information meeting on **Thursday, September 18th**

OR Monday, September 29th. The meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. and will conclude at 8:30 p.m. Participation in one of the meetings is essential. To allow for your full participation you are encouraged to arrange **child care**. It is **essential** that you attend the information meeting because details will be provided regarding registration, future gatherings and the celebration of both Reconciliation (Confession) and first sharing in Holy Communion.

Preparing for Confirmation:

A Meeting for Parents and Young People

All parents of young people born in 2013 (entering grade 7) or before and baptized in the Roman Catholic Church are invited to attend an important information meeting on **Thursday, October 3rd OR Monday, October 6th. The meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. and will conclude at 8:30 p.m.** Participation in one of the meetings is essential. **A parent and the young person seeking Confirmation are to attend.**



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