

St. Mary's Church

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Email: stmarysba@archtoronto.org Website: www.stmarysba.archtoronto.org 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.

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

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

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Monday through Friday 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. All welcome

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 Retrouvaille: (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, July 28 Tuesday, July 29 Wednesday, July 30 Thursday, July 31 Friday, August 1

Saturday, August 2

12:10 p.m. 12:10 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 12:10 p.m. 12:10 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 9:00 a.m.

Intention of Roseanne Sexton **†** Mark and Michael Gellegan † Emily and Geo **†** Dalio and Grazia Catallo **†** Claudio Favavollitta **†** Margaret Bouchard **†** Leo Babic **†** Rocky Fanelli **†** Stephen Gradon In Thanksgiving and Intentions of Domani



World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly: Sunday July 27, 2025 "Blessed are those who have not lost hope." Sirach 14.2

he 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."



If you or a family member is sick please let us know and we shall add their name to our praver list which is posted in the gathering space of the church.



We remember in prayer those who have died recently including: Achille Scarsella.

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: This weekend Celebrating the Sacrament of

Marriage - If you celebrated a wedding anniversary in July we shall pray with you and share in your joy at all Sunday (Saturday evening) Masses July 26th and 27th. We thank God for the gift of the married couples in our midst.





Annual Barrie Hill Farms Blueberry Pancake Festival - 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. Net proceeds in support of Hospice Simcoe. Hosted by the Knights of Columbus, Council 1626.



You ensure that our Grandparents and the Elderly feel valued

On World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, your kindness improves the well-being of those who have given us so much. Through your loving support, ShareLife agencies like Society of Sharing ensure that seniors are embraced by social connection and continue to feel valued in our community.

"Through your compassion and generosity, you have rekindled the hope of some of the most vulnerable seniors in the city. On behalf of all of the staff, volunteers and clients of Society of Sharing, thank you for continuing to give to ShareLife." - Mariza Garcia, Executive Director, Society of Sharing.

To-date we have raised \$86,251.00 toward our parish goal of \$150,000.00. 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.

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.

Are You Interested in Becoming a Catholic?



The journey towards becoming a full member of the Catholic Church includes time for prayer, catechesis (teaching) and conversation. The initiation process is for those who are not baptized and for those

baptized in another Christian tradition and seek to be full members of the Catholic Church. If you would like more information about becoming a member of the Catholic Church please contact Catherine Ecker at 705 728 2985 ext. 115 or email: cecker@archtoronto.org.

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

Young Adult Hiking Pilgrimage: Join us for a



pilgrimage hike to Martyrs' Shrine for the Jubilee Year of Mercy on August 17th. Hikers of all levels welcome! Contact Elyse Schweighofer for more details at 249-989-1689.

Ultimate Frisbee: All teens are invited to participate in two ultimate frisbee tournaments:



Monday, July 28th, 2025 in the evening, and the other is Saturday, August 9th, 2025 all day. Both tournaments will be held at St. Paul's in Alliston, and rides are provided. If you are interested, please register by contacting Shannon Barks at

stmarysyouthministrybarrie@gmail.com

BINGO Volunteers Needed Support Youth Mental Health in our Community!



Are you available 2 hours/month, age 18+, friendly, punctual, in the Barrie area? For more information contact Michele at CFS Counselling + Wellbeing formerly Catholic Family Services 705.726.2503 x 121 or mlawson@cfssc.ca or see our bulletin board poster.

Location Delta Bingo (Maple St., Downtown Barrie on Tuesday's from 8:00 pm - 10:00 pm

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.

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



Join us on Tuesday, July 29th for another classic movie entitled "The Disorderly Orderly". One of Jerry Lewis' wildest movies has him a medical student running amok in a local clinic leading to a hair-raising climatic ambulance chase through the streets of San Francisco! Directed by Frank Tashlin, 1964.



Mark your calendar for our next film on August 5th -"Charade" starring Audrey Hepburn and Cary Grant. 1963.

