

# 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.

#### 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

## **EUCHARISTIC 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 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, August 18 Tuesday, August 19 Wednesday, August 20 Thursday, August 21 12:10 p.m. Friday, August 22 12:10 p.m.

Saturday, August 23

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

9:00 a.m.

**Intentions of Geoff Hunter** 

† Dean Edgar

† Patricia Green

† Achille Scarsella

† Mark and Michael Gellegan

† Christopher O'Rourke Intentions of Ethel Garratt **Intentions of Roy Hunter** 

**Intentions of Alban and Sharon Soares** 

Intentions of Doreen Clements **Intentions of Eleanor Carapiet** 

As the baptized we all share in the ministry of prayer. 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

Please remember in prayer those who have died recently including Pat Devlin Best.



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 visit you.

## Special Collection diocesan collection for

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## 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



The preparation for baptism of children over the age of seven is distinctly different than the process for infants and young children. If you are seeking baptism for your child who is seven years of age or older, please contact

Catherine Ecker (cecker@archtoronto.org) for details on the preparation process.

God links us together with Love. 

Jubilee 2025 - Archdiocesan Pilgrimage to Martyrs' Shrine Sunday, August 24, 2025 (16163 Highway 12 West, Midland, Ontario)

During this Jubilee Year, please consider joining Cardinal Leo and the bishops, priests and deacons of the Archdiocese for a pilgrimage to the Martyrs' Shrine, a national holy and historic space honoring the lives of



the Canadian Martyrs and a designated Archdiocesan Jubilee Site (for pilgrimage and plenary indulgence). The program for the day will be as follows:

- 9 10:45 a.m. Arrival and personal time to explore and discover the grounds: Sacrament of Reconciliation offered
- 11:00 a.m. Holy Mass with Frank Cardinal Leo, Metropolitan Archbishop of Toronto
- 12:30 p.m. Lunch (you are encouraged to bring a picnic lunch - limited catering available onsite)
- 1:30 p.m. Rosary Procession
- 2 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration
- 2:45 p.m. Benediction
- 3 p.m. Fellowship and departure at leisure.

Entrance Fee (payable on arrival) Adults: \$10 / Youth (0-18): Free Please bring your own lawn chair for seating at mass (and sunscreen and hat).

## olunteers Needed

We require people at each Sunday (Saturday evening) Mass to assist with the offertory collection. There is a simple protocol to follow which allows for a smooth process. There is no schedule, you are asked to sign in before Mass begins.

If you have any questions or are able to assist with this important ministry please speak with David Murdoch or send him an email at dmurdoch@archtoronto.org

### The Procession of the Gifts of Bread and Wine

At each Sunday (Saturday evening) Mass two people carry the gifts of bread and wine to the altar. These two people represent each of us as we offer to God the gifts of bread and wine and the gift of our own lives. The individuals carrying the gifts are to be Catholic and have celebrated their first Holy Communion. If

you wish to carry the gifts of bread and wine it is important to arrive early for Mass and to speak with Catherine Ecker or David Murdoch.



## **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 weekly sessions will resume on Tuesday, August 26<sup>th</sup> at

10:30 a.m. on Zoom. If you would like information on Christian Meditation or to receive the link for the session please contact Catherine Ecker <a href="mailto:cecker@archtoronto.org">cecker@archtoronto.org</a> or 705 728 2985 ext. 115

**Guided Book Discussion Group for Women** 

Women are invited to a guided discussion of the book *The Shattered Lantern*. Sessions will be held on Thursday mornings in St. Joseph's Room from 10:00 a.m.



JOIN US

Save the Date! Wednesday September 24<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 p.m.

Join us for Lunch with food provided by the Mandarin. Tickets will be available in

September and must be purchases in advance. Join us for conversation, fellowship and good food. There will be a 50 /50 draw with proceeds going to St. Vincent de Paul Society. Questions: contact Catherine Ecker at 705 728 2985 ext. 115 or email cecker@archtoronto.org.

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 22<sup>nd</sup> and concluding November 3<sup>rd</sup>. 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 <a href="mailto:cecker@archtoronto.org">cecker@archtoronto.org</a> or call 705 728 2985 ext. 115.

Papal Blessings – The Holy Father offers blessings for Catholics for special occasions such as *Baptisms*, *First Holy Communions*, *Confirmations*, *marriages*, *anniversaries and birthdays*. A general blessing from the Pope for no special occasion may also be requested.

Please visit: Papal Blessing Order Form.



### Youth Ministry

Velcome to youth ministry at St. Mary's Church! We have something for everyone; babies to young adult! If you are an adult or teen interested in helping with youth ministry (lots of volunteer hours to be had!) or for more information on how to register, please contact Shannon Barks at <a href="mailto:stmarysyouthministrybarrie@gmail.com">stmarysyouthministrybarrie@gmail.com</a> or call Shannon at (705) 229-7426.



PLAY GROUP: Calling all Moms and Tots! We are beginning a playgroup in October on Monday mornings at 10:00 a.m. For more information on how to become involved, please contact Shannon at the email above.

M.E.R.C.Y. (Ministry to Educate Roman Catholic Youth) is for youth grades
Kindergarten to Grade 4. M.E.R.C.Y. runs once a month on a Friday night, from 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. where we explore our faith in a dynamic way through activities, games, crafts and music. Our first gathering for this year



is Friday, October 10th, 2025.

**EDGE** is our youth ministry for youth Grades 5 -8, to come together once a month on a Friday night from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. EDGE is a ministry for

youth to encounter Christ in a safe, fun environment, where they will get answers to their questions about faith, and most importantly to experience Jesus in a profound and personal way. Save the date: **Friday**, **September 26th**, **2025** for our first EDGE night!

LIFE TEEN is a ministry for teens interested in diving deeper into their faith, relationship with Jesus, scripture, and each other. We have discussions, panels, and time of prayer to discuss the issues and teachings surrounding our teens today. Our Life Nights also include sports, music, and games to help strengthen the friendships made. Our first Life Night is Sunday, September 28th, 2025 after the 4:00 p.m. Mass.

LITURGY OF THE WORD WITH CHILDREN: Leaders are NEEDED for September. We hope to offer this ministry at the 12:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. Sunday Masses. If you are interested please contact David: <a href="mailto:dmurdoch@archtoronto.org">dmurdoch@archtoronto.org</a>.



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 \*\*THURSDAY,\*\* September 18<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m.

**SUMMER CLASSIC MOVIES:** 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** 

for some great movies. Join us on **Tuesday**, **August 19**<sup>th</sup> - "*The Fortune Cookie*" – the first pairing of Walter Matthau and Jack Lemmon in this hilarious farce about a TV cameraman who gets injured at a football game and decides to sue, hiring his brother-in-law, Whiplash Willy, as his lawyer. Matthau won an Academy Award for his comic performance. Mark your calendars for our porton.

performance. Mark your calendars for our next film "That's Entertainment" on Tuesday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>.

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