



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: 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, August 25	12:10 p.m.	† Helen Needham
Tuesday, August 26	12:10 p.m.	† Mary Calvert
Wednesday, August 27	7:00 p.m.	† Bing Vance
Thursday, August 28	12:10 p.m.	† Pauline MacDonell
Friday, August 29	12:10 p.m.	† Joe Badali
Saturday, August 30	9:00 a.m.	† Teresa Dinh Thi Lieu
		† Theresa Ngo Huynh Yen
		† Truong Thi Kim Mai
		† Giovanni Moschetta

Intentions of Elaine Marie Wisniewski

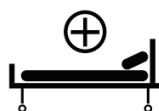


Praying for the Sick: If you or a family member is sick please let us know and we shall add their name to our prayer list which is posted in the gathering space of the church.



Rest in Peace

We remember in prayer those who have died recently.



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 August we shall pray with you and share in your joy at all Sunday (Saturday evening) Masses on **August 30th and 31st**. We thank God for the gift of the married couples in our midst.

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.

ShareLife – A Call to Compassion and Action

8.7 million Canadians, including 2.1 million children, live in households where food is not always available or affordable. **The compassion of our parish community is critical in continuing support for food security in the Archdiocese of Toronto.** Our parishioners can help their neighbours most in need from now until December by supporting our parish ShareLife Campaign.

Cardinal Leo encourages you to reach out to your neighbour in need. *"We cannot turn away from the suffering around us, especially when so many struggle just to eat. Our Catholic family is called not only to witness God's love but to live it boldly: feed the hungry, restore dignity, and stand shoulder to shoulder with those in need. As Scripture reminds us in Isaiah 58:10, 'If you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness.' Together, through these grants and our generous hearts, we bring hope where despair threatens to take hold."*

Please give generously and wholeheartedly through sharelife.org/donate or our parish using a ShareLife envelope. **Thank you for your generosity and for living the Gospel.**

Important Information Meetings: Please Take Note of the Dates! 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 Tuesday October 7th**. 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.



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.

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 26th 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 cecker@archtoronto.org or 705 728 2985 ext. 115.

Save the Date! Wednesday, September 24th at 12:30 p.m. in our Parish Hall

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 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.

Altar Server Preparation for the 2025-2026 Year



Altar Servers are liturgical ministers who assist in the celebration of the Mass. Responsibilities include carrying the processional cross, the candles and preparing the altar for the Eucharist.

We invite all young people (grade 3 and above) who have shared in First

Holy Communion and who are interested in serving in this important ministry to contact David Murdoch at ext. 113 or email dmurdoch@archtoronto.org.

There will be an altar server preparation meeting on **Saturday, September 13th at 2:30 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. in the church.**

Youth Ministry

Welcome 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 stmarysyouthministrybarrie@gmail.com 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

Adult Leaders are NEEDED for the 12:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. Sunday Masses. An information and formation session will be held on **Wednesday, September 3rd.** Contact David for more details at dmurdoch@archtoronto.org.



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 18th at 2:00 p.m.**

SUMMER CLASSIC MOVIES: Join us for our last summer movie on **Tuesday, September 2nd at 2:00 p.m.** in our parish hall for **"That's Entertainment."** A classic retrospective of the sights and sounds of fifty years of MGM musicals featuring Gene Kelly, Fred Astaire, Debbie Reynolds and many more! A great introduction to the magic of the movies. 1974. Our fall series starts on **September 16th** and we will be showing **"Going My Way."**



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