



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, September 8	12:10 p.m.	† Dean Edgar
Tuesday, September 9	12:10 p.m.	† Pauline MacDonell
Wednesday, September 10	7:00 p.m.	† Dr. Peter Bolland
Thursday, September 11	12:10 p.m.	† Vince Mullen
Friday, September 12	12:10 p.m.	† Francis Maronne
Saturday, September 13	9:00 a.m.	† Vera Botman
		† Teresa Dinh Thi Lieu
		† Theresa Ngô Huýnh Yên
		† Giovanni Moschetta
		† Paul Luu



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.

Rest in Peace

Please remember all who have died recently including **Victor Nicolic**.

Visiting the Hospital: if you or a family member are admitted to RVH and would appreciate a visit from someone at St. Mary's please call or email the parish office. Please note: the hospital no longer provides us with a list of Catholics who are hospitalized; therefore, you must notify the parish.



Seasons of Hope - Bereavement Group



Our Lord assured us that those who mourn are blessed and shall be comforted. *Seasons of Hope* helps us come together to share in God's love. Whether your loss is recent or long ago, *Seasons of Hope* is a nurturing link to the Church, our God and people of faith who understand what it means to grieve.

This program is centered on Jesus Christ and grounded in the healing wisdom, traditions and practices of the Catholic Church. Come and be comforted.

The group meets at 7:30 p.m. for six consecutive Wednesdays beginning **September 24, 2025** in the parish library. Registration is required. For more details or to register please contact Catherine Ecker in the parish office at 705 728 2985 ext. 115 or email cecker@archtoronto.org.

St. Mary's Men's Core Spirituality Group



We are a men's group that gathers to discuss topics of faith to strengthen our commitment to prayer, to Christ and the teachings of our Catholic church.

The group is called COR (*Latin for 'Heart'*). We meet on the 3rd Saturday of each month in St. Joseph's Room between 2:00-4:00 p.m. Led by Fr. Scott, the group discussions are usually centered on the week's Gospel as well as a topic taken from a video presentation. In Matthew's Gospel, our Lord tells us not to hide our light under a basket, but to place it on a lampstand so it can illuminate the entire house. We invite the men of the parish to share in that light. Our next meeting is scheduled for **Saturday, September 20th**. The coffee is always on and we hope to see you there. For further information contact Al MacLeod at: esl2@rogers.com.

Mass with Anointing of the Sick Wednesday, September 17th at 12:10 p.m.

The Anointing of the Sick conveys several graces and imparts the gifts of strengthening in the Holy Spirit against anxiety, discouragement, temptation, and conveys peace and fortitude. The Anointing of the Sick is a prayer of healing including spiritual health and for the courage, strength and peace to bear the burden of illness.



Anointing the sick

We will celebrate a **Mass with Anointing of the Sick on Wednesday, September 17th at 12:10 p.m.** All those requesting the Sacrament of Anointing, young and elderly are welcome to attend. A reception of soup and sandwiches will follow in the parish hall.

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 2nd 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 sessions 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. We will meet on **Tuesday, September 9th 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.



Wednesday, September 24th in our Parish Hall - Join us for Lunch at 12:45 p.m. with food provided by the Mandarin.

The cost is \$22.00 per person. Tickets are available and must be purchased by *September 22nd*. 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. to 11:30 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. 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.**

Fall Classic Movies: We have a wonderful line up of classic movies for our fall schedule. Snacks included (free will offering). All welcome – no sign ups. Movies shown on the following Tuesdays at 2:00 p.m. in our parish hall: **Sept. 16th and 30th, Oct. 14th and 28th, Nov. 11th and 25th, Dec. 9th and 16th**. Our next feature film on **Sept. 16th** is **"Going My Way"** starring Bing Crosby playing Father O'Malley in one of the most favourite Catholic movies of all time. Any questions, please contact David at dmurdoch@archtoronto.org.



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