



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 15	12:10 p.m.	† Pauline MacDonell
Tuesday, September 16	12:10 p.m.	† Alexandra Paul
Wednesday, September 17	7:00 p.m.	† Kevin Lindsay
Thursday, September 18	12:10 p.m.	† Gladys Young
Friday, September 19	12:10 p.m.	† Manuel Da Silva
Saturday, September 20	9:00 a.m.	† Patricia Green
		† Felix Malaran
		† Paula McHugh
		† Ngan Nguyen
		† Colin Colaço



The St. Vincent de Paul Annual Collection

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul will have our annual collection September 20/21. It is through your donations that we are able to provide food for families within the St. Mary's catchment. We continue to purchase \$10,000 in gift cards monthly with Giant Tiger on Cundles. From January to August 2025, we served over 2400 adults and children. We are very appreciative of all donations. We accept cash, cheques - payable to Society of St. Vincent de Paul, St. Mary's, and e-transfers ssvpoffice@gmail.com. Tax receipts will be given out in the new year by mail or to your email address. Green envelopes donations will be included in your parish tax receipt.

On behalf of our Ministry and the people we serve, thank you for your prayers and continued support.



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.



In Loving
Remembrance

We remember in pray those who have died recently including: **John Caicco, Miriam Yujakovic, Victor Nicolic and Amanda Smutek.**

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.

Catholic Women's League

General Meeting: September 16th at 6:30 pm. Pot Luck please bring a dish to share.

Day of Reflection with Fr. Neil on Saturday, September 20th starting with Mass at 9:00 a.m. Lunch provided. Please register on or before September 15th with Gabrielle Suthers.

Mass in French

The French-speaking Catholic community of Barrie is pleased to announce the upcoming resumption of Sunday Masses in French.

Starting Sunday, **September 28, 2025**, the Holy Eucharist will be celebrated every Sunday at **10:30 a.m.** at: **École secondaire catholique Nouvelle-Alliance**, 113-249 Anne Street North, Barrie, ON L4N 0B5. All are warmly invited to join us for a time of prayer, worship, and fellowship. *Fr. Cyrille Tenejou, Chaplain*



The Barrie Mayor's Prayer Breakfast

Wednesday, October 1st at 7:25 a.m. at the Southshore Centre on Lakeshore Drive, Barrie. Guest speaker will be stockbroker Brendan Caldwell. Music will be provided by Shannon and John Barks. Tickets are \$30 in advance or \$35 cash at the door. Tickets can be purchased in advance at barriepayerbreakfast.ca. For further information, please contact Allan Johnson at johnsonallan60@gmail.com.

St. Mary's Men's Core Spirituality Group

We are a men's group that gathers 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. We invite the men of the parish to share in that light. Our next meeting is scheduled for **Saturday, September 20th**. For further information contact Al MacLeod at: esl2@rogers.com

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 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.



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. 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 23rd 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.

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**.
















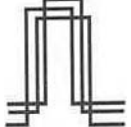

EDGE is our youth ministry for youth Grades 5 -8, to come together once a month on a Friday night from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. EDGE is a ministry for youth to encounter Christ in a safe, fun environment, where they will get answers to their questions about faith, and most importantly to experience Jesus in 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, Sept. 28th, 2025 after the 4:00 p.m. Mass**.



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.**



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