



# 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

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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

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**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 22	12:10 p.m.	† Kay Boxall
Tuesday, September 23	12:10 p.m.	† Pauline MacDonell
Wednesday, September 24	7:00 p.m.	† Barbara Jane Rhodes
Thursday, September 25	12:10 p.m.	† Ramon Suarez
Friday, September 26	12:10 p.m.	† Mark Anthony and Michael Gellegan
Saturday, September 27	9:00 a.m.	† Ken and Helena Partridge
		† Bev, Bill, Mark and Judy Vincer
		† John Murphy
		† Members of the Camilleri and Matys Families
		Intentions of Martin Lucas



## The St. Vincent de Paul Annual Collection

This weekend, September 20/21<sup>st</sup> is The Society of St. Vincent de Paul's annual collection. 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](mailto: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.

Coffee Sunday this weekend is served after all Masses by some of the members of The Society of St. Vincent de Paul. You're invited to come into the parish hall to enjoy refreshments, treats and fellowship. **On behalf of our Ministry and the people we serve, thank you for your prayers and continued support.**



**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.

We remember in prayer those who have died recently including:

**Amanda Smutek and Myriam Ujakovic.**



**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.

### The Needs of the Church in Canada Collection

*Next weekend, September 27/28<sup>th</sup>.* This annual initiative helps support and assist the Bishops in their ministry of accompanying, teaching, guiding, sanctifying, and caring for the Church in Canada. *Thank you for your support.*

### Stay Informed With Your Parish



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### Martyr's Shrine Healing Mass - Midland

**Saturday, September 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m.** The evening will begin at 7:00 p.m. with Praise and Worship music. Holy Mass is to be followed by individual healing prayers. Come and encounter the physical, emotional and spiritual healing Presence of the Holy Spirit. We look forward to seeing you.

### Mass in French

La communauté catholique francophone de Barrie a la joie d'annoncer la reprise prochaine des messes dominicales en français. À compter du dimanche 28 septembre 2025, l'Eucharistie sera célébrée chaque dimanche à 10 h 30 dans les locaux de l'École secondaire catholique Nouvelle-Alliance, située à l'adresse suivante : 249 rue Anne Nord, local 113, Barrie (Ontario) L4N 0B5. Soyez les bienvenus pour vivre ensemble ces temps de prière, de communion et de fraternité! *Abbé Cyrille Tenejou L'aumônier*



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](http://barriepayerbreakfast.ca). For further information, please contact Allan Johnson at [johnsonallan60@gmail.com](mailto:johnsonallan60@gmail.com)



## A Symposium on Homelessness: Responding in Our Community with Compassion and Hope Monday, October 6, 2025 7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. All Are Welcome! Registration not Required!



Come and hear about our community's needs; the connection between lack of housing, addiction and mental health; the resources in our community and how access to affordable housing will help ease the pressure on our community. Speakers will include representatives from: *Barrie Police Services, CMHA and the HART (Homelessness and Addiction Recovery Treatment) of Simcoe County, Habitat for Humanity, Local Advocates for those who are Homeless and St. Mary's Parish.*

### 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. We will meet on **Tuesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> at 10:30**

**a.m. on Zoom.** For more information or to receive the link for the session please contact Catherine Ecker [cecker@archtoronto.org](mailto:cecker@archtoronto.org) or 705 728 2985 ext. 115.

**Wednesday, September 24<sup>th</sup> in our Parish Hall.** Join us for Lunch at 12:45 p.m. with food provided by the Mandarin. **The cost is \$22.00 (cash) per person. Get your ticket before Monday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>!** They are available after Mass from **Catherine or David**; or at the parish office. 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](mailto:cecker@archtoronto.org).



### A Wonderful Opportunity! Life Story Writing Program: September 2025



If you are in the second half of life (55+) 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. 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 29<sup>th</sup> and concluding November 10<sup>th</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 [cecker@archtoronto.org](mailto:cecker@archtoronto.org) or call 705 728 2985 ext. 115.

### 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.



Our next movie is on **September 30<sup>th</sup> entitled "Pat and Mike"** 1952 starring Katharine Hepburn and Spencer Tracy in a funny sports comedy about a determined athlete, her difficult fiancée and her shady sports

agent. Any questions, please contact David at [dmurdoch@archtoronto.org](mailto:dmurdoch@archtoronto.org)

### Important Information Meetings:

**Parents and Guardians, Please Take Note of the Dates! Preparing for Confirmation:**

#### A Meeting for Parents and Young People

All parents of young people currently in grade 7 or older and baptized in the Roman Catholic Church are invited to attend an important information meeting on **Thursday October 2<sup>nd</sup> OR Tuesday October 7<sup>th</sup>**. 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 currently in grade 2 or older and baptized in the Roman Catholic Church are asked to attend an important parent information meeting. The final opportunity to attend the meeting is **Monday, September 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.** Participation in 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.

### Youth Ministry

Welcome ! 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](mailto:stmarysyouthministrybarrie@gmail.com) or call Shannon at (705) 229-7426.

**PLAY GROUP: Calling all Moms and Tots!** Beginning in October on Monday mornings from 10 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. Our first night is **Friday, September 26th, 2025.**

**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. Included are 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.**





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