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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 Garipey - 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 29	12:10 p.m.	† Pauline MacDonell
Tuesday, September 30	12:10 p.m.	† Mario Cinelli
Wednesday, October 1	7:00 p.m.	† Ken Kay
Thursday, October 2	12:10 p.m.	† Fraser McConney
Friday, October 3	12:10 p.m.	† Bill Spoeltman
	7:00 p.m.	† Nancy Corrick
Saturday, October 4	9:00 a.m.	† Omana Michael
		† Brandt Robbenhaar
		† Amanda Smutek
		† Josey Ratusny
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		Intentions of Fr. Scott Young



Indigenous Healing & Reconciliation Fund Collection – October 4/5th, 2025

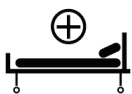
Catholics throughout the Archdiocese of Toronto are invited to participate in the collection being held **next weekend, October 4/5th, 2025** to support the Indigenous Healing & Reconciliation Fund. The collection is part of a national grassroots effort to assist healing and reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples of This Land.

To date, the Archdiocese of Toronto has allocated \$3.1 million to support projects that focus on culture and language revitalization, education and community building, healing and reconciliation for communities and dialogue involving Indigenous elders, spiritual leaders and youth.

Let us join together and follow the invitation extended by the late Pope Francis during his penitential visit of 2022 for each one of us to become engaged in the healing and reconciliation journey. For more information or to donate online, visit: www.archtoronto.org/healingandreconciliation. Thank you for your generosity.

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: **Myriam Ujakovic and William Hargreaves.**



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.



On Tuesday, September 30th we mark our National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. We pray for Indigenous people, for who have suffered and continue to suffer from intergenerational trauma and for our elected officials called to continue to work for truth and reconciliation.

THIS WEEKEND – September 27/28th, 2025 The Needs of the Church in Canada Collection

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.*

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The 111th World Day of Migrants and Refugees Next Sunday, October 5th, 2025



The theme announced by His Holiness is “**Migrants, Missionaries of Hope.**” In his message, Pope Leo highlights the resilience of migrants and refugees who give witness to hope amidst very difficult circumstances. He reminds us that those who welcome migrants and refugees can also reflect this same hope. His messages ends with a call to entrust all those who journey, and all those accompany them to the protection of the Virgin Mary, comfort of migrants.

Knights of Columbus–Next Weekend October 4/5th Annual Thanksgiving Food Drive:

Bags will be distributed after all masses.

Please return them when you attend

Mass on Thanksgiving weekend,

October 11/12th. Food items, *preferably*

in reusable bags, cash, gift cards, or cheque donations are welcome. All items directed to the Barrie Food bank.

Life Chain and Roses for Life: Roses for Life (iron-on), in support of pro-life initiatives will be available after all Masses. Good will donations accepted. **Life Chain** is on **Sunday, October 5th from 2-3:00 pm** at the northwest corner of Bayfield St & Cundles Rd. A peaceful pro-life witness where participants display signs and make a visible statement against abortion. *Assemble in the Kozlov parking lot at 1:45 p.m. to get your sign.*



Wedding Anniversaries: Celebrating the Sacrament of Marriage

If you celebrated a wedding anniversary in September we shall pray with you and share in your joy at all Masses **this weekend, September 27/28th.**



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, October 23rd at 2:00 p.m.**

A Symposium on Homelessness: Responding in Our Community with Compassion and Hope

Monday October 6th, 2025 7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

St. Mary's Parish 65 Amelia St. 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 Simcoe County, Barrie Cares, Habitat for Humanity, Local Advocates for those who are Homeless, 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 30th** 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, October 22nd in our parish hall at **2:00 p.m.** **Hospice Simcoe** in presenting a musical

"Advanced Care Planning". All are welcome to attend this informative session. Each of us needs to be attentive to the need to plan and have the important conversations with our family. We will gather at 2:00 p.m. Simple refreshments will be provided.

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 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 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 29th**. The meeting begins at **7:30 p.m.** and will conclude at **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.

Knights of Columbus 10th Annual Oktoberfest



Held in our parish hall on **Saturday, October 25th** at **6:00 p.m.** Come out and enjoy a German style meal and live entertainment! Tickets (\$40 pp) and available after all Masses starting October

4th, 11th and 18th weekends. For further information, contact Allan Johnson at johnsonallan60@gmail.com.

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 or call Shannon at (705) 229-7426.

PLAY GROUP: Calling all Moms and Tots! If you are interested in helping facilitate a parish playgroup 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 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 next date is **Friday, October 24th, 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 **TODAY Sunday, September 28th, 2025** after the 4:00 p.m. Mass

Liturgy of the Word with Children

We celebrate a separate Liturgy of the Word with children at both the 12:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. Masses **TODAY, Sunday, September 28th**. All children between the ages of 4 and 8 are invited to participate. Other dates are: October 5th and 19th, November 2nd and 16th, December 7th and 21st. Contact David for more details at dmurdoch@archtoronto.org.

Fall Classic Movies

Join us for a wonderful line up of classic movies. Snacks included (*free will offering*). All welcome – no sign ups. Movies shown on Tuesdays at 2:00 p.m. in our parish hall.



Join us on **Tuesday, September 30th** for **"Pat and Mike"** 1952 starring Katharine Hepburn & Spencer Tracy in a funny sports comedy about a determined athlete, her difficult fiancée and her shady sports agent. Mark

your calendars for **"Sunset Boulevard"** showing on **Tuesday, October 14th**. Any questions, please contact David at dmurdoch@archtoronto.org



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