



# 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

## COMMUNAUTÉ CATHOLIQUE FRANCOPHONE DE BARRIE

*Abbé Cyrille Tenejou L'aumônier*  
L'Eucharistie est 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

**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

**Liturgy of the Word with Children:** Parish Office

**Marriage Preparation:** Parish Office

**Maturing Adults:** Catherine Ecker - ext. 115

**Ministry Affirmation:** (Screening):Parish Office - 705-728-2985

**Music Ministry:** Shannon Barks – 705-229-7426

**New Beginnings:** A. Limanni (416) 921-1163 ext. 2225

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**Sacramental Preparation:** Catherine Ecker - ext. 115

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**St. Vincent de Paul:** 705-722-0753

**Youth Adult Ministry:** Shannon Barks – 705-229-7426

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**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:** Monday through Friday 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. All welcome.

**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, October 6	12:10 p.m.	† Charles and Anne Healy and Family
Tuesday, October 7	12:10 p.m.	† Paula King
Wednesday, October 8	7:00 p.m.	† Mary Ritchie
Thursday, October 9	12:10 p.m.	† Guerino Bosica
Friday, October 10	12:10 p.m.	† Bruno D'Anna
Saturday, October 11	9:00 a.m.	† Mary Kutty Joseph
		† Luella Simpson



In Thanksgiving for our Adorers and increase in Adorers for our Adoration Chapel  
Intentions of Father Scott Young



## Indigenous Healing and Reconciliation Fund

As part of our ongoing commitment to support healing and reconciliation, the Archdiocese of Toronto has made a commitment to provide funds in support of programs and initiatives that respond to the various needs that exist among Indigenous Peoples both locally and throughout the country. The Indigenous Healing & Reconciliation fund is part of a national effort announced by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops. To date, the fund has raised more than 70% of its \$30 million target as pledged by the Canadian bishops and dioceses throughout Canada. The archdiocese has allocated \$3.1 million of its \$6 million pledge to charitable initiatives supporting

healing and reconciliation. The collection on the weekend of October 4/5 provides an opportunity for the faithful to contribute to this important initiative. For more information or to donate online please visit:

[www.archtoronto.org/healingandreconciliation](http://www.archtoronto.org/healingandreconciliation) - thank you for your generosity!

Pray 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 pray those who have died recently including **Margaret Szypula** and **John Brown**.

**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.



### Knights of Columbus Annual Thanksgiving Food Drive



Bags will be distributed after all masses **TODAY**. Please return them when you attend Mass on Thanksgiving weekend, October 11/12<sup>th</sup>. 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 TODAY Sunday, October 5<sup>th</sup> 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.*



### The 111<sup>th</sup> World Day of Migrants and Refugees Today, October 5<sup>th</sup>, 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.

St. Mary's Parish works closely with ORAT (*Office for Refugees Archdiocese of Toronto*) as a Constituent Group partner. We have and are assisting in the resettlement of many newcomer families in Barrie since the beginning of the Syrian crisis and the currently ongoing Sudan crisis. We are *missionaries of hope* for migrants and refugees which is the message of Pope Leo XIV.

Please support your very own Barrie Refugee Committee in this important initiative. We change lives and with your help we will continue our future sponsorship and settlement of refugees. You can donate directly to the parish (*please direct donations to "Refugee Fund"*). You can also gift money or securities through ORAT ([www.orat.ca](http://www.orat.ca)) and direct your donation to St. Mary's Parish, Barrie – Refugee fund. Your donations will qualify for a charitable tax receipt.

### Bible Study



We invite you to join us for Bible Study on commencing **Friday, October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025** at 10:00 a.m. for approximately eight weeks in St. Joseph's Room. To register contact the parish office at 705.728.2985 or email [stmarysba@archtoronto.org](mailto:stmarysba@archtoronto.org). Cost is \$20.00 for materials. Questions? Please contact Lynn at 905-715-6402.

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

Monday, October 6<sup>th</sup>, 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, October 7<sup>th</sup>** 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](mailto:cecker@archtoronto.org) or 705 728 2985 ext. 115.



**Alumni Writing Group:** this is a gathering for those who have already completed the Life Story Writing program. The monthly meeting will be held at 2:00 p.m. on **Thursday, October 9<sup>th</sup>** in St. Joseph's Room.



**Wednesday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>** 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!

#### 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. The second and final opportunity to attend this meeting is on

**Tuesday, October 7<sup>th</sup>**. The meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. and will conclude at 8:30 p.m. Participation is essential. A parent and the young person seeking Confirmation are to attend.

#### Preparing Young People for first Holy Communion

If you did not attend the parent information meeting and have a child who is baptized in the Roman Catholic Church and in grade 2 or older and you would like to prepare them for first Holy Communion you are to contact Catherine Ecker ([cecker@archtoronto.org](mailto:cecker@archtoronto.org)) before **October 10, 2025**.



### Liturgy of the Word with Children

Celebrated at the 12:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. Masses on **October 19<sup>th</sup>**. All children between the ages of 4 and 8 are invited to participate. Other dates are: November 2<sup>nd</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>, December 7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>. Contact David for more details at [dmurdoch@archtoronto.org](mailto:dmurdoch@archtoronto.org).

### 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!** Monday mornings at 10:00 a.m. in the Youth Room.



#### 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 10<sup>th</sup>, 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 24<sup>th</sup>, 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, October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025 after the 4:00 p.m. Mass**

### 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, October 14<sup>th</sup>** for "**Sunset Blvd**" 1950 starring Gloria Swanson and William Holden Mark your calendars for "**Notorious**" showing on **Tuesday, October 28<sup>th</sup>**. Any questions, please contact David at [dmurdoch@archtoronto.org](mailto:dmurdoch@archtoronto.org)



**Just Sing!** - You're invited to join us for song and fellowship as we come together to JUST SING our way through folk, pop, gospel and traditional music. No sign up – just come and just sing! Cookies and tea included. Join us on **Thursday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> at 2:00 p.m.** in St. Joseph's Room.

### Altar Server Training

**Thursday, October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 4:30 p.m.** in the church. All children Grade 3 and up who have received their first communion are welcome to attend. Any questions please email David Murdoch: [dmurdoch@archtoronto.org](mailto:dmurdoch@archtoronto.org).



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