

# St. Mary's Church

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Friday 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

## PARISH STAFF:

Rev. Larry Léger, Pastor - ext. 104

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## *A Thanksgiving Prayer*

*Heavenly Creator,*

*In this season of gratitude and abundance,  
we give You thanks for our many blessings  
as we pray for all who struggle with hunger and want.  
Be with them in the dark of night, when all hope seems lost.*

*Keep their faith strong as they await relief.*

*And let Your goodness flow through our  
hearts and hands as we reach out to one  
another in the full, true joy of Thanksgiving in Christ.*

*Amen*

## Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, October 13	9:00 a.m.
Tuesday, October 14	12:10 p.m.
Wednesday, October 15	7:00 p.m.
Thursday, October 16	12:10 p.m.
Friday, October 17	12:10 p.m.
Saturday, October 18	9:00 a.m.

† John Murphy  
 Intentions of Frank and Theresa Matys  
 † Alick Paguandas  
 † Betty and Orest Krelove  
 † Manuel Da Silva  
 † May McKendry  
 † Katherine Meechan  
 † Norm Hargreaves  
 † Fr. Scott Young  
 Intentions of those who cared for  
 Amanda Smutek



**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.

### Rest in Peace

We remember in pray those who have died recently including **Fr. Scott Young, Mark Mathieu, Maria DeGasperis, and Margaret Szypula**

**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.



### Hospitality Sunday October 18/19 after all masses

Next weekend after all the Masses, St. Marguerite d'Youville and Sister Catherine Donnelly schools will be hosting coffee Sunday. You are invited to bring some of your favourite cookies or muffins to share.



### Annual Thanksgiving Food Bank Drive



The Knights of Columbus will be collecting bags and donations after all masses on this weekend, Oct. 11/12 for our annual Thanksgiving Food Bank Drive. Food items preferably in reusable bags, cash gift cards or cheque donations are all welcome. All items collected will be directed to the Barrie Food bank. *Thank you to the Knights of Columbus, Council 1626.*

### Bible Study



We invite you to join us for Bible Study 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.



### Giving Thanks to God!

*As you gather with family or friends to celebrate Thanksgiving Day you are invited to pray before your meal.*

*O God, you dispel the darkness of our lives with the shining glory of the resurrection of your Son. Bless this food and drink which you provide for us, that being renewed in body and soul, we may serve you with holiness of life, through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

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

**T**hank you to all who attended our Symposium on October 6<sup>th</sup>. The presentation slides have been posted on our website. Please note not all speakers provided slides.

### Altar Server Awards

#### Congratulations!

We would like to congratulate **Easton Mayer and Mackenzie Maheu** for receiving the Bishop's Award for Service for their ongoing help and enthusiasm serving St.



Mary's as altar servers. A mass and awards ceremony will take place this weekend at St. Clare of Assisi Parish in Woodbridge on **Saturday, October 11<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.** Everyone is welcome. We also would like to thank all the altar servers of St. Mary's for all their hard work serving at mass and the people of God. We ask you to keep these young people in your prayers.





## Loaves and Fishes

In response to recent actions by Barrie City Council, churches within the City of Barrie are going to gather on **Sunday, October 19<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m.** at the Spirit Catcher. We invite you to bring a sandwich or two to exchange with others and in this way, offer food to someone else on public property.

### 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. 8096.



**Christian Meditation** an ancient form of contemplative prayer is deeply rooted in the Christian tradition. We will meet on

**Tuesday, October 14<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.

**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.



### Registering for Confirmation or First Communion



For families who received registration packages please remember to register **after** Mass next weekend on **October 18 / 19 or October 25 / 26 2025.**

Please bring the completed

**Parish Registration Form, the Registration form for the Sacrament, a legible photocopy of the Baptismal certificate and the Sacramental Preparation envelope.**

Questions: please email Catherine Ecker at [cecker@archtoronto.org](mailto:cecker@archtoronto.org) or call 705 728 2985 ext. 115 or email David Murdoch at [dmurdoch@archtoronto.org](mailto:dmurdoch@archtoronto.org).

### Liturgy of the Word with Children



All children between the ages of 4 and 8 are invited to participate. Celebrated at the 12:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. Mass on Sunday October 19 and also on November 2<sup>nd</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>, December 7<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>. Any questions, please

contact David at [dmurdoch@archtoronto.org](mailto:dmurdoch@archtoronto.org).

### Youth Ministry

**W**elcome ! 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:** Inviting all Moms, Dads, Grandparents and Caregivers! Join us **Monday**

**mornings at 10:00 a.m.** for playgroup, for babies and toddlers! Crafts, snacks and songs in the Youth Room. Please note: there is no playgroup on Monday, October 13<sup>th</sup> due to Thanksgiving. We will resume on Monday, October 20<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.



**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 next gathering for this year is **Friday, November 14<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 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 next Life Night is **TODAY Sunday, October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025 after the 4:00 p.m. Mass.**

### Classic Movies

Join us for 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 for

**Sunset Boulevard** with William Holden and Gloria Swanson on **Tuesday, October 14<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m.** Our next movie is Alfred Hitchcock's **Notorious** on October 28<sup>th</sup> with Cary Grant and Ingrid Bergman.



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



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