



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
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

Religious Articles Store: Pat Dunn - 705-718-1853

Retrouaille: (for troubled marriages) - 437-234-5610

Rosary Apostolate - Dianne Hunter dihun04@gmail.com

Sacramental Preparation: Catherine Ecker - ext. 115

St. Mary's Cemetery: Larry Meyer 705-726-3931

St. Vincent de Paul: 705-722-0753

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

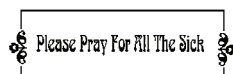
Youth Ministry: Shannon Barks - 705-229-7426

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, November 24	12:10 p.m. † Michael Louis Valdez
Tuesday, November 25	12:10 p.m. † Joe Agius, Raymond and David Fenech
Wednesday, November 26	7:00 p.m. † Riccardo and Pina Ravanese
Thursday, November 27	12:10 p.m. † John Caicco
Friday, November 28	12:10 p.m. † Mark and Michael Gellegan
Saturday, November 29	9:00 a.m. † Margaret Szypula † Amanda Smutek † Leonard Del Duca † Garth Robbins



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: **Ellen Connor, Jack Nocun, Freda Mullen, Leonard Del Duca, David Williams, George French** and all those mentioned in our Book of

Remembrance. The parish Book of Remembrance is in the church proper during the month of November so that you may inscribe the names of those who have gone before you marked with the sign of faith.

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.



A New Liturgical Year: Year A

The Church follows a three-year cycle and on the first Sunday of Advent, November 30, 2025 we embark on a new liturgical year. On Sundays during Year A the Gospel reading will most often be from the gospel of St. Matthew. The new Sunday Missal includes a brief introduction to St. Matthew's Gospel.

Sunday Missals for the New Liturgical Year!

The new Missals are available in the foyer or from the parish office. The cost is \$5.00.



Save the Date! Annual Parish Christmas Concert featuring choirs from both the church and school communities on **Friday, December 5th at 7:00 p.m.**

Wedding Anniversaries Living and Celebrating the Sacrament of Marriage

The married couples in our parish are a sign to us of God's faithfulness and through their witness we are strengthened. If you celebrated a wedding anniversary in November we shall pray with you and share in your joy at all Sunday (Saturday evening) Masses on November 30th. We thank God for the gift of the married couples in our midst.

Every dollar you give to ShareLife will be doubled!



Your gift will double in value! From now until year end, your contribution to our parish's ShareLife campaign will be matched by an anonymous donor up to a total of \$500,000.

Too often, families face their struggles in silence, unseen and unheard. New data shows that many food bank visitors are working age and that one in four visitors is children. Through ShareLife's Food Security Grants, parents find relief in knowing they can provide nourishing meals for their children, and seniors are able to live with dignity, free from the fear of hunger.

Our parish and the Society of St. Vincent de Paul at St. Mary's Conference will each receive \$15,000 grants to support families in need. This is only possible because of your generosity! Double the impact of your kindness by giving at the parish with a ShareLife envelope or anytime at sharelife.org/donate. **Thank you for living the Gospel.**

Humanitarian Relief

Hurricane Melissa devastated Jamaica last month as a Category 5 storm, causing severe damage to both Jamaica and Haiti. It was the third strongest hurricane ever recorded in the Atlantic Ocean. Earlier this month, the Philippines, Vietnam, and Thailand, have been struck by **Typhoon Kalmaegi**, leaving hundred dead and hundreds of thousands displaced. For those interested in supporting humanitarian relief efforts to help those in need, please note the following: The Archdiocese of Toronto will accept donations and channel funds through our Catholic partners in the Caribbean and Asia to support relief efforts underway in both regions.

Those wishing to help may do so in the following ways: through the Archdiocese of Toronto website –

Humanitarian Relief

- By phone through the Development Office – 416-934-3411
- Through the parish, making cheques payable to: **St. Mary's Parish–Hurricane Melissa or Typhoon Kalmaegi**



Liturgy of the Word with Children

All children between the ages of 4 and 8 are invited to participate. We celebrate **at the 12:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. Masses and on December 7th and 21st.** Questions? Please contact David at dmurdoch@archtoronto.org.

Celebrating the Season of Advent Rooted in Hope



The liturgical season of Advent is a time of preparation for the season of Christmas. You are invited to join us for this three-part series. This will be a time of prayer, discussion and reflection from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on **Thursday, November 27th, December 4th and 11th**. There is no cost. To assist with planning preregistration is requested. For questions and to register please email Catherine Ecker at cecker@archtoronto.org or call 705 728 2985 ext. 115.



Celebrating Advent: Join us for **Advent Lessons and Carols on Wednesday, December 3rd at 2:00 p.m.** As we embrace the season of Advent you are invited to join us for a time of reflection and prayer followed by fellowship and refreshments. All are welcome.

All Adults 55+ - 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. 8108**.



Christian Meditation an ancient form of contemplative prayer is deeply rooted in the Christian tradition. We will meet on **Tuesday, November 25th 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.

Preparing for first Holy Communion: Parent Catechetical Meeting # 1



Parents who have registered their child in the preparation process, and did not attend the meeting on November 13th are reminded to attend the meeting on **Tuesday, November 25th**. This meeting is for the parents only. To foster full participation please arrange child care. It is fine if one parent attends. If you have any questions please call Catherine Ecker 705 728 2985 ext. 115 or email (cecker@archtoronto.org) or David Murdoch (dmurdoch@archtoronto.org).

Days for Girls

The Barrie Days for Girls Team would like to thank St. Mary's Parish and the CWL for supporting our Team for the last ten years. Our mission is to provide sustainable menstrual kits worldwide. To that end, financial contributions are welcome. Income Tax receipts provided. E-transfers accepted at stefanison@gmail.com. The cost of a kit is approximately \$20.00. We appreciate your consideration for support. For more information please contact Evelyne Stefanison at 705-722-6675 or Ann Cavanaugh at 705-305-4875.



Youth Ministry and Young Adult 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 for any of the programs listed below, please contact Shannon Barks at 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.



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 date is **Friday, December 12th, 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, December 19th, 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 date is **TODAY - Sunday, November 23rd, 2025 after the 4:00 p.m. Mass**.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY:

Spiritus North is a ministry for Catholic young adults (18-35) that gathers once a month for a time of Praise and Worship, Adoration, Speaker, followed by refreshments and a discussion. Spiritus North's purpose is to create a strong sense of community with young adults, addressing catechetical teaching, social issues and spiritual facets of life through the lens of our Catholic Faith. Our next gathering is **Friday, November 28th from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.**



Join us for song and fellowship on **Thursday, December 18th at 2:00 p.m.** in St. Joseph's Room for our Advent and Christmas singalong.

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.



****Please note** —no movie on Nov. 25th as advertised. Our next movie is on **December 9th** and entitled "**Mrs. Miniver**" starring Greer Garson. Our Christmas matinee is on **December 16th** and entitled "**The Shop Around the Corner**" starring Jimmy Stewart

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