



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

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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, December 1	12:10 p.m.	Intentions of Teresa DaSilva
Tuesday, December 2	12:10 p.m.	† Tomasz Tos
Wednesday, December 3	7:00 p.m.	† Antonio and Jeronima Sousa
Thursday, December 4	12:10 p.m.	† Margaret Szypula
Friday, December 5	12:10 p.m.	† Carmelo Galle
	7:00 p.m.	Parish Christmas Concert
<i>(There is no First Friday Mass – Adoration will be in the Chapel until 6:00 p.m.)</i>		
Saturday, December 6	9:00 a.m.	† Art Van Laarhoven
		† Mary Angela Hughes
		† Gardner and Catherine Zinn
		† Berta Vanden Elzen
		Intentions of Jacki Evanshen



Parish Christmas Concert – Friday, December 5th at 7:00 p.m.



We invite you to join us for our Annual Christmas Concert, featuring choirs, ensembles and soloists from within our parish and school community. Come and begin this Advent Season together in song. A free-will offering will be taken for our parish Youth Ministry.

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.

Rest in Peace

We remember in prayer those who have died recently including: **Freda Mullen.**

H IN THE HOSPITAL Hospital Visitation: If you or a family member are admitted to RVH please let them know you are Catholic and call the parish office. If you wish to receive Holy Communion please let the parish office know and one of our pastoral visitors will come to see you.

TODAY, Sunday, November 30th CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY! Hosted by Knights of Columbus, Council 1626

All children of the parish are invited to the parish hall for an afternoon of fun and crafts, snacks and refreshments from **1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.** This event is free to all. No reservations required.



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

How to Use the Missal: You are invited to review the instructions for using the Missal found on pages 4 and 5.

Your gift to ShareLife will double in value!

Your gift will double in value! From November 3 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.



ShareLife-funded agencies and Food Security Grant recipients are responding to families facing difficult situations, comforting seniors with fellowship, distributing meals to our neighbours in need, and so much more. Your sacrificial gift this Advent makes this support possible. You offer immediate relief, restore hope, and remind your brothers and sisters in Christ that they are not alone; that there is a family of faith who cares deeply for them.

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.



Celebrating Advent: A Season of Joyful Expectation

Prayer for the First Week of Advent

Before your meal, light the first candle on your Advent wreath. If you do not have an Advent wreath you may light a candle before you pray. *O God, as we light this candle, remind us of the need to bring the light of hope into the world. Help us to stay awake to the needs of others by seeing with our eyes and hearts. Give us courage to reach out in hope to the lonely in our schools, parishes and communities. Amen.*

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 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, December 2nd 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 Confirmation! Catechetical Meeting # 1: Parent, Candidate & Sponsor

All families who have registered in the preparation process for Confirmation are reminded to attend the parent candidate sponsor meeting. The meeting will begin with Mass at 7:00 p.m. and conclude by 9:00 p.m. **It is understood that the candidate, sponsor and parent will attend the meeting.** The candidates are grouped alphabetically. If you **cannot** attend the assigned meeting date, please attend the other meeting. You **do not** need to notify the parish office that you are attending a different meeting.

Wed. Dec. 3rd 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. Surnames A to L
Wed. Dec. 10th 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. Surnames M to Z

Preparing for First Holy Communion and First Reconciliation

All families who have formally registered their child in the preparation process are reminded to participate in the Enrolment ceremony on one of the Sunday (Saturday evening) Masses on **Dec. 6/7 or Dec. 13/14**. Please remember to bring the 'lamb' with you to enrolment. You only participate in enrolment once. Please continue to check your emails for updates and reminders via Flocknote.

If you any questions / concerns regarding preparation for the sacraments please contact Catherine Ecker at cecker@archtoronto.org or call 705 728 2985 ext. 115 or David Murdoch (dmurdoch@archtoronto.org).

Barrie & District Christmas Cheer



Please consider donating NEW unwrapped toys for all ages, crafts, games, science kits, books, stuffies, lego, action figures, dolls, puzzle, knit hats/mitts, PC, Visa or

Mastercard Gift Cards. **Donation deadline is Sunday, December 14th after the 4:00 p.m. Mass. Please bring to the parish hall.** You may also donate at <https://christmascheerbarrie.com/>, or drop off a cheque to the parish office. **(No food donations please).**

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 **Sunday, December 14th, 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 **Saturday, December 13th.**

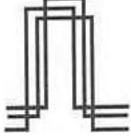


Join us for song and fellowship on **Thursday, December 18th at 2:00 p.m.** in St. Joseph's Room for our Advent and Christmas singalong.

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.



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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