



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

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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 8	12:10 p.m.	† Manuel Da Silva
Tuesday, December 9	12:10 p.m.	† Marina Prior
Wednesday, December 10	7:00 p.m.	† Manuel and Iva Bettencourt
Thursday, December 11	12:10 p.m.	† Jake Calvert
Friday, December 12	12:10 p.m.	Intentions of Mary Lorbetskie
Saturday, December 13	9:00 a.m.	† Fr. Scott Young
		† Paula McHugh
		† Joe Galle
		† Rosaria Manno
		† Josephine Ratusny



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 **Margie Padfield, Lorraine Silvani and Denis Kossatz.**

Rest in Peace

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.

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.

Celebrating Advent: A Season of Joyful Expectation The Second Week of Advent [Two candles]



Leader: Father in heaven, set our hearts ablaze to follow in the steps of John the Baptist. May we bring light and love to all we meet, that the darkness of sin and fear may be overcome. In Christ's name we ask this. All: Amen.

Barrie & District Christmas Cheer Donation Deadline - Next Sunday, December 14th after the 4:00 p.m. Mass



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

Mastercard Gift Cards. You may also donate at <https://christmascheerbarrie.com/>, or drop off a cheque to the parish office. (No food donations please).

Advent Day of Confessions



This Advent season, each parish in the Archdiocese of Toronto will be holding a **Day of Confessions**. Let us make the journey into the heart of our relationship with God. Take a long, loving look at the ways God calls us to grow. Take this challenge and hold it

in readiness for the rich blessing that is manifest in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

In our parish, the schedule for confessions is as follows:
Wednesday, December 17th – 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.; 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.; 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Confessions at our neighbouring parishes are as follows:
Holy Spirit Parish – 650 Essa Road, Barrie
Friday, December 19th: 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.; and 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

St. John Vianney Parish - 13 Baldwin Lane, Barrie
Friday, December 19th: 6:30 p.m.

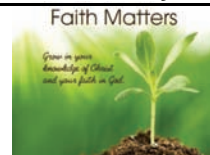
Resources are available in the vestibule or by visiting <http://www.archtoronto.org/confession/>.

Parish Support for 2026



Offertory envelopes are available for pick up in the parish hall. Please remember to write your name on the envelopes for the first couple of weeks in January to ensure proper credit. For those who prefer to switch to P.A.G. at this time, forms are available at the back of the church, from the parish office or from our website. **Thank you for your support.**

Vitamin F: The People of Advent! Tuesday, December 9th from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.



The Church invites us to continue to grow in our relationship with God and our understanding of our faith. All are welcome to attend this time of catechesis, conversation and prayer as we reflect on the people we meet in Scripture during Advent. All are welcome to attend this time of catechesis, conversation and prayer. We will begin at 7:00 p.m., have simple refreshments available and conclude by 8:30 p.m.

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 TODAY, December 7th and 21st.**

Questions? Please contact David at dmurdoch@archtoronto.org.

**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 9th 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.



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, December 11th** in St. Joseph's Room.



**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 last opportunity to attend this meeting is Wednesday December 10th. We begin at 7:00 p.m.



**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 at 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)

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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