



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

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St. Vincent de Paul: 705-722-0753

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

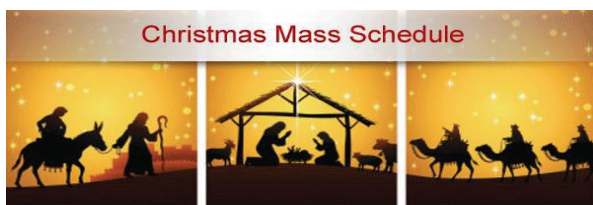
Youth Ministry: Shannon Barks - 705-229-7426

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, December 15	12:10 p.m.	† Laurenso Thuan V. Nguyen
Tuesday, December 16	12:10 p.m.	† Tony Placidi
Wednesday, December 17	7:00 p.m.	† Antonio Nicolette
Thursday, December 18	12:10 p.m.	† Father Scott Young
Friday, December 19	12:10 p.m.	† Members of the Leddy and Moreau Families
Saturday, December 20	9:00 a.m.	† Patricia Greene
		† Frank Moore
		† Allison Chiasson
		† Compton D'Cunha
		† Father Scott Young



Christmas Eve –Wednesday, December 24

5:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m.,
9:00 p.m. (*this mass is also livestreamed*)
12:00 Midnight

Christmas Day – Thursday, December 25

10:00 a.m. (*also livestreamed*)
and 12:00 p.m.

Friday, December 26

9:00 a.m.

Saturday, December 27

9:00 a.m.

(*Confessions 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.*)

Feast of the Holy Family - Saturday, December 27th

5:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 28th – Full Schedule

8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m.

Monday, December 29th

12:10 p.m.

Tuesday, December 30th

12:10 p.m.

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God – Wednesday, December 31st

5:00 p.m.

*Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 6:00 p.m. to
midnight*

Thursday, January 1st

10:00 a.m. (*this mass is also livestreamed*)
12:00 p.m.

First Friday, January 2nd

12:10 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.
Holy Hour and Benediction 6:15 p.m.

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/>.



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: **Margaret (Margie) Padfield, Yvonne Patterson and Lucy Beauchamp.**



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.

Parish Religious Articles Store



Come and purchase your Christmas cards, stocking stuffers and gifts! **OPEN WEEKENDS**

ONLY: Saturday from 6-6:15 pm,
Sunday (9-10 a.m., 11-12 p.m., 1-

1:15 p.m. and 5-5:15 pm). We have a collection of religious articles, gifts, books and greeting cards. Please call Pat Dunn @ 705-718-1853 for information.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is as follows over the 2025 Christmas Season:

Monday, December 22nd and Tuesday, December 23 – Open

Wednesday, December 24th to Tuesday, December 30th – No Adoration

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God – Wednesday, December 31 – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the church proper after the 5:00 p.m. Mass until 12:00 a.m.

Friday, January 2nd – Open Come and thank the Lord for the blessings of 2025 and ask for continued blessings in 2026.



Thank you to all the Principals, Vice

Principals, Teachers, choristers and families who supported our annual **Christmas**

Concert. It was a beautiful evening

celebrating our faith in song with our church, school and parish community. May God bless each of you and your families as your journey through this Advent season.

Catholic Women's League



General meeting **December 16th at 6:30 p.m.**

This will be a potluck followed by a short meeting then a Christmas game with prizes and carols. Please bring a dish to share.



Celebrating Advent: A Season of Joyful Expectation - The Third Week of Advent

Leader: As we draw near to you, Lord God, keep us aware of your presence in all we do.

Come with power to enlighten us by your grace, that we may live in praise and peace all our days.

We ask through Christ our Lord. All: *Amen*

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. Please note there is no class on December 30, 2025. 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 16th at 10:30 a.m. on Zoom**. For information 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 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. 13/14**. Please remember to bring the 'lamb' with you to enrolment. You only participate in enrolment once. 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 Donation Deadline – TODAY Sunday, Dec. 14th after 4:00 p.m. 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)**.

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, January 9th, 2026**.

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, 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 **Friday, January 16th, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.**

Classic Christmas Movie - 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 16th and entitled **"The Shop Around the Corner"** starring Jimmy Stewart. **CHRISTMAS ADVENT SING A LONG** Join us for song, fellowship, snacks and hot chocolate on **Thursday, December 18th at 2:00 p.m.** in St. Joseph's Room.



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