

# St. Mary's Church

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## PARISH STAFF:

Rev. Larry Léger, Pastor - ext. 104

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# ADVENT

## Mass Intentions for the Week

|                        |               |                                |
|------------------------|---------------|--------------------------------|
| Monday, December 22    | 12:10 p.m.    | † Yolanda and Guerino Bosica   |
| Tuesday, December 23   | 12:10 p.m.    | † Mark and Michael Gelligan    |
| Wednesday, December 24 | Christmas Eve | Please see below               |
| Thursday, December 25  | Christmas Day | “ “                            |
| Friday, December 26    | 9:00 a.m.     | † Father Scott Young           |
| Saturday, December 27  | 9:00 a.m.     | † Betty Glazebrook             |
|                        |               | Intentions of Charity Luck     |
|                        |               | Intentions of Morris Gonsalves |



My Fellow Parishioners,

As the days become darker, the weather gets colder, and the snow flies around us, we prepare to close the Jubilee year of HOPE. It has been a distinct honour and privilege to be one of the Jubilee Pilgrim Parishes in the Archdiocese of Toronto. We have hosted dozens of groups, and thousands of pilgrims in the past year. This has also been a difficult year, losing close friends, including Fr. Scott, who enjoyed collecting so many nativity sets. Each Christmas we enter anew into the Mystery of God, who chooses to come among us. The Incarnation reminds us that God desires to be close to us, in both joyful and difficult times. May the gift of Emmanuel – God present among us – be for you and your family a blessing in 2026!



### Christmas Mass Schedule

#### 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 27

5:00 p.m.

#### Sunday, December 28 – Full Schedule

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

**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.



We remember in prayer those who have died recently. We pray for all deceased members of our parish including **Maurice Keogh**.



**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.

### ShareLife – THANK YOU for your Support

ShareLife initiated the Food Security Grants and our parish and The Society of St. Vincent de Paul at St. Mary's Conference received \$15,000 to support families in need in our local community. We 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, restoring hope, and reminding your brothers and sisters in Christ that they are not alone; that there is a family of faith who cares deeply for them. *Your gift will double in value until year end, matched by an anonymous donor up to a total of \$500,000.* You may give at the parish with a ShareLife envelope or anytime at [sharelife.org/donate](https://sharelife.org/donate). **Thank you for living the Gospel.**



### Eucharistic Adoration

OPEN - Monday, December 22 and 23  
CLOSED – Wed. Dec. 24 to Tues. Dec. 30  
Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God – Wednesday, December 31 – After the 5:00 p.m. Mass until 12:00 a.m.  
OPEN - Friday, January 2, 2026

### The Spirituality of Retirement Series

Beginning **Wednesday, January 7, 2026** for six Wednesdays from 7:30 p.m.–9:00 p.m. in our parish hall. Retirement opens a new rhythm of life – one inviting reflection, renewal, and rediscovery. Join Deacon Del Allan as we explore retirement from a holistic perspective of mind, body, and spirit. Discover how this season can be a season not just of slowing down, but of growing closer to God, to others, and to your truest self. All are welcome. No registration required. For more information, please contact Deacon Del at: [ddallan@archtoronto.org](mailto:ddallan@archtoronto.org).



### Are You New to Our Parish ?

**We offer you a warm welcome!** Please take the time to register. Forms are available in the vestibule or at the parish office. We invite you to support the parish through either offertory envelopes or preauthorized giving. For information on Preauthorized Giving please visit [PAG Form](#) or collect offertory envelopes from the vestibule or parish office. **Thank you for your support and we are glad you're here!**



### Celebrating Advent: A Season of Joyful Expectation The Fourth Week of Advent [Four candles]

**Leader:** God of all hope, you have chosen us to be a witness to your love. Help us and guide us in all that we do in your name. May we rejoice in the coming of your Son. All: *Amen.*

**Christmas Day** - December 24 On Christmas Eve, the wreath can be renewed with new ribbon and the candles replaced with new white votives for use during the Christmas season.



**Leader:** Lord Jesus, we approach that holy moment when Your coming as man is renewed in our hearts. Give us peace and allow us to celebrate Your presence with joy, that we may someday share Your glory. We ask this of You, who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, as God, now and forever. All: *Amen.*

**The Christmas Season** - From Christmas Day until the Baptism of the Lord on January 11, 2026, the following prayer can be used before your family meal.

**Leader:** Father in heaven, you so loved us that You sent Your Son, among us as Savior and Lord. Fill us with Your blessing, that we may grow in love and continue to live our Christian faith. We ask this through Christ our Lord. All: *Amen.*

Some suggestions for celebrating Christmas beyond December 25 are: sing a verse or refrain of a favourite Christmas carol before the evening meal; call or schedule a virtual visit with a family member who lives a distance from your home; pray for peace in our homes, community and world; at meal time talk about the many ways you see God each day; walk through your neighbourhood and enjoy the lights and decorations.

### Wedding Anniversaries: 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 December we shall pray with you and share in your joy at all Sunday (Saturday evening) Masses next weekend on **December 27 and 28**. Please join us in thanking God for the gift of the married couples in our midst.

### 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:** 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 23** at 10:30 a.m. on Zoom. **We will not meet on December 30**. 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.

**Save the Date!** Begin 2026 with an afternoon of fun!

Everyone is invited to attend our **Birthday Party** on **Wednesday, January 21, 2026** at 2:00 p.m. There will be refreshments, games, cake and some door prizes. All are welcome.



### Youth Ministry and Young Adult Ministry

Welcome! We have something for everyone; babies to young adult! Please contact Shannon Barks at [stmarysyouthministrybarrie@gmail.com](mailto:stmarysyouthministrybarrie@gmail.com) or call Shannon at (705) 229-7426 for further information.

**PLAY GROUP:** Inviting all Moms, Dads, Grandparents and Caregivers! **Monday mornings at 10:00 a.m.** for babies and toddlers! Crafts, snacks and songs in the Youth Room. **Our next date is Mon., January 5, 2026.**

**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 9, 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, January 23, 2026.**

**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 21, 2025 after the 4:00 p.m. Mass.**

All teens are invited to participate in **Street Patrol on Tuesday, December 30, 2025 beginning at 1:00 p.m.** in the parish hall. Our core team, teens, and youth ministry from St. Paul's in Alliston will be going to the streets of Barrie to meet the most vulnerable providing clothing, food and conversation.

**STREET PATROL:** Parishioners are invited to donate any new or used jackets, mitts/gloves/, jogging pants (*adult medium/large*), hoodies and Tim Horton's gift cards on **December 27/28**. Bins will be provided for your donations. All will be distributed to the community as our teens and core team participate in Street Patrol.

**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 16, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.** **On behalf of the youth ministry, we would like to thank everyone who supports our young people in prayer, through financial support and with their time. May each of you have a blessed and holy Christmas!**

**CLASSIC MOVIES** - Offered twice/month in our parish hall on Tuesdays at 2:00 p.m. Snacks included (*free will offering*). All welcome—no sign ups. Our next movie is on **January 13, 2026** entitled **A Letter to Three Wives**.

**JUST SING:** You're invited once a month for a fun afternoon of song and fellowship as we come together to JUST SING, our way through the folk, pop, gospel and traditional music books. No sign up - snacks included. On **January 22, 2026, at 2:00 p.m.** in St. Joseph's room we will travel the world as we share in the beauty of global melodies in St. Joseph's room. For information contact David at [dmurdoch@archtoronto.org](mailto:dmurdoch@archtoronto.org).



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