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Rev. Larry Léger, Pastor - ext. 104

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Feast of the Holy Family

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, December 29	12:10 p.m.	† Danielle Harper
Tuesday, December 30	12:10 p.m.	† Joseph Tien Tran
Wednesday, December 31	See Below	Vigil Feast of Mary, Mother of God
Thursday, January 1	See Below	Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
Friday, January 2	12:10 p.m.	† Margie Padfield
	7:00 p.m.	† Ina Kathryn Madden
Saturday, January 3	9:00 a.m.	† Sarah Monaghan
		† Amanda Smutek
		Intentions of Monique Tessier



Mary, Mother of God



Vigil Mass

Wednesday, December 31

5:00 p.m.

(No confessions or 7 p.m. Mass)

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

Day

Thursday, January 1

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

12:00 p.m.

Holy Hour and Benediction

Friday, January 2 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 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 and all who are mourning their loss.

H IN THE HOSPITAL 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 will match your gift!



Your gift will double in value! 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.

The vulnerable members of our parish community are facing leaving loneliness, hunger, and uncertainty this season. Your year-end gift to ShareLife enables those in need to receive support through 40+ ShareLife-funded agencies. Because of you, hope can live beyond Christmas and into the new year.

There's still time to double your impact. If you donate online by December 31, you will receive a **2025 tax receipt**.

Please support the work of ShareLife agencies through sharelife.org/donate or by giving at our parish using a ShareLife envelope. **Thank you for living the Gospel!**

Feast of the Holy Family



Today we rejoice in the gift of family and thank God for the many ways we are able to reflect God's love to the world.

Prayer for Families

O God, whose desire is that all the peoples of the world should be one human family, living together in harmony, grant that our home, by its worship and its witness, may help to hasten the day when your will is done on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.

January 1 – Feast of Mary the Mother of God and World Day of Prayer for Peace



This feast celebrates Mary as the Mother of God. Every year on January 1st the Pope marks the World Day of Peace with a special message inviting all people to reflect on the important work of building peace. In 1967 Pope Paul VI, now St. Paul VI began this tradition. We pray for peace in our homes, communities, country and world.

Celebrating Christmas until January 11, 2026



The Christmas season continues until the feast of the **Baptism of the Lord** celebrated this year on Sunday, January 11, 2026. Throughout the liturgical season of Christmas our Church celebrates the many ways that God is made present in our midst and world. We are invited to celebrate the full season of Christmas. From Christmas Day until the Baptism of the Lord, the following prayer can be prayed when your family gathers for a meal.

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. Amen.

Reminder for all Families who have formally registered to prepare for first Holy Communion!
Parent Child Meeting # 1

Tuesdays in January 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Each family will attend the first parent child meeting. The dates have been sent via Flocknote. If you have any questions / concerns please email Catherine Ecker (cecker@archtoronto.org) or David Murdoch (dmurdoch@archtoronto.org).

Parish Office Hours

OPEN – Mon., Dec. 29 and Tues., Dec. 30

CLOSED – Wed. Dec. 31, Thurs., January 1, 2026 and Friday, January 2

"A Masterpiece of Biblical Proportions made by the most sophisticated tools ever created Human hands."

Saint John's Illuminated Bible is coming to St. Mary's Parish on Thursday, January 29 from 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.



We have arranged for a presentation and showing of one volume of the Saint John's Bible. The



Diocese of Hamilton is home to a Heritage Edition, a full-size reproduction of the hand-written and hand illuminated original. You may read more about the Saint John's Bible at <https://saintjohnsbible.org/>. All are welcome to attend this informative and enlightening event. If you have any questions please contact Catherine Ecker (cecker@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. 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, January 6 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.



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

Catholic Women's League Membership and Hospitality Sunday – January 3 and 4, 2026



All women ages 18+ are invited to join the Catholic Women's League. Women are invited to share their talents with other Catholic women through spiritual reflection, mentorship, leadership, volunteering and social activities. The annual membership fee for 2026 is \$37.00 paid by cash or e-transfer.



Membership weekend and Hospitality Sunday will be January 3 & 4, 2026 after masses. The CWL will be hosting Hospitality Sunday after all Masses in the parish hall. Join us for refreshments and fellowship and

learn more about joining the Catholic Women's League! For more information contact CWL Vice President Cindy at: tlclabas@hotmail.com or 705-970-4266.

Eucharistic Adoration

CLOSED – Mon. Dec. 29 and Tues. Dec. 30, 2025
Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God – Wednesday, December 31 – After the 5:00 p.m. Mass until 12:00 a.m.
CLOSED – Thursday, January 1, 2026
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.



Youth Ministry and Young Adult Ministry

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

PLAY GROUP: For babies and toddlers. Monday mornings at 10:00 a.m. in our youth room. Our next date is: **Monday, January 5, 2026.**

M.E.R.C.Y. (Ministry to Educate Roman Catholic Youth) for youth grades Kindergarten to Grade 4. We meet once a month on a Friday night, from 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Our next date is **Friday, January 9, 2026.**

EDGE for youth Grades 5 -8. We meet once a month on a Friday night from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. 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. Our next date is **Sunday, January 11, 2026 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 **THIS WEEKEND, Dec. 27/28.** 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.**

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

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