

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.

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: Lesley Recker - 705-728-6351

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

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
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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
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St. Joseph's High School - 705-728-3120
Board Office - 705-722-3555

COMMUNAUTÉ CATHOLIQUE FRANCOPHONE DE BARRIE

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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

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

Retrouvaille: (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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EUCARISTIC 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, January 12	12:10 p.m.	† Patrick Beatty
Tuesday, January 13	12:10 p.m.	† Maria Wojtowicz
Wednesday, January 14	7:00 p.m.	† Stanley Ritchie
Thursday, January 15	12:10 p.m.	† Fr. Scott Young
Friday, January 16	12:10 p.m.	† John Caiocco
Saturday, January 17	9:00 a.m.	† Joe Galle † Guy Machado † Calvin Pitts † Dorothy Murphy † David Jessome



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 pray those who have died recently including:

Maria Thi Lai Khien, Dr. Peter

Moran, Morris Gonsalves, Roger LeBuffe, Steve Muir and Denise Fernandez.



Visiting the Hospital: if you or a family member are admitted to RVH please let them know you are Catholic and call the parish office to inform us. 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 January 11th we celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord marking the end of the Christmas season. This feast is a wonderful time for us to recall our own baptism. At your family meal you may

consider taking a few moments before you begin to light a candle and to pray a prayer of thanksgiving for all those who handed on the gift of faith to you. Remember to thank God for the gift of godparents, the priest or deacon who baptized and the parish where the baptism was celebrated. The time of thanksgiving could conclude with this prayer:

*Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation.
Today we give you thanks for the gift of baptism.
Give us grace to live in your love
and help our family to draw closer to you by faith,
prayer and example.*

*All glory is yours through Jesus your Son
in the communion of the Holy Spirit,
now and for ever. Amen.*

Celebrating the Liturgy of the Word with Children

We will celebrate a separate Liturgy of the Word with Children on January 25, February 8 and 22, March 8 and 22 during the 12pm and 4pm Masses. All children between the ages of 4 and 8 are invited to participate.

Vitamin F: The People of Christmas!

Tuesday January 13, 2026 from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Faith Matters



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 the Christmas

season. We will have some simple refreshments available and conclude by 8:30 p.m. All are welcome.



The Knights of Columbus Council 1626 will be hosting Hospitality Sunday next weekend, **January 17 and 18** after all the Masses.

In addition to hosting we would like to reach out to the men of the parish who are not members of our council, regarding our charitable endeavors in the community, as well as our fraternal fellowship in supporting our Catholic faith and our church. Stop by the parish hall after Mass and enjoy refreshments, fellowship and learn more about joining the Knights of Columbus, Council 1626. Members will be present to answer any of your questions.



"A Masterpiece of Biblical Proportions made by the most sophisticated tools ever created by 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. 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 13th 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.

Wednesday, January 21st at 2:00 p.m. You are invited to our Annual Birthday Party! Begin 2026 with an afternoon of fun! There will be refreshments, games, cake and door prizes. All are welcome.



**Enrolment for Confirmation:
Reminder to Candidates!**

All young people who have formally registered in the preparation process for Confirmation will bring their letter to Father Larry to the Enrolment. The letter will be presented during one of the Saturday evening or Sunday Masses **this weekend, January 10/11 or on January 17/18, 2026.** On the day of Enrolment, as a tangible sign of our membership in the Body of Christ and commitment to living as disciples each candidate is asked to bring new socks, gloves or hot paws. (*Please no mitts.*) The items will be shared with those who are unhoused.

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. To foster full participation, we ask that you attend the assigned date. IF you are sick or unable to attend the assigned date then please attend one of the other times. Your assigned date was sent to you via Flocknote. If you have any questions / concerns please contact Catherine Ecker (cecker@archtoronto.org) or David Murdoch (dmurdoch@archtoronto.org).



Communication, Intimacy, Relationship



Build a joyful marriage by learning the tools of healthy communication. Retrouvaille, a Catholic-origin program, welcomes all couples to help get their relationships back on track. For more information call 437-234-5610 or visit www.torontoretrouvaille.com or www.helpourmarriage.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: 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, February 13, 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, January 11, 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 16, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.**



If you are interested in any of the following programs, please contact David at dmurdoch@archtoronto.org.

Classic Movies at St. Mary's Parish - Twice a month in the parish hall we offer great movies at no cost (free will offering).



Snacks and drinks included! All are welcome. No sign up – Tuesdays at 2:00 pm. Our next film is on **January 13**. A comedy drama *A Letter to Three Wives* (1949). Starring Ann Southern, Kirk Douglas, Linda Darnell. Our next film is entitled *The Awful Truth* with Cary Grant on **January 27th**.

Just Sing! - You're invited to join us for song and fellowship as we come together to JUST SING our

way through folk, pop, gospel and traditional music. No sign up – just come and just sing! Cookies and tea included. Come out on **Tuesday, January 22nd at 2:00 p.m.** in St. Joseph's Room as we travel the world and share in the beauty of global melodies.



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