

# 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  
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

**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](mailto: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

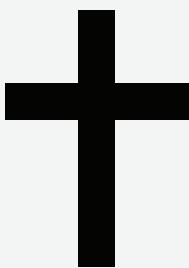
**Youth Adult Ministry:** Shannon Barks – 705-229-7426

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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 19	12:10 p.m.	† Beryl Fairchild
Tuesday, January 20	12:10 p.m.	† Rev. Scott Young
Wednesday, January 21	7:00 p.m.	† David Ritchie
Thursday, January 22	12:10 p.m.	† Francesco De Amicis
Friday, January 23	12:10 p.m.	† Heidi Kadlec
Saturday, January 24	9:00 a.m.	† Wayne Nelissen † Joseph Hien Tran and Maria Thuy Mai † Anthony Anh Nguyen † Ernie Ashley † Patricia Greene

**Prayers 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 pray those who have died recently including: **James Hobson and Yolanda Caicco.**

**H IN THE HOSPITAL** **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.

## Welcome to Ordinary Time

The green of Ordinary Time reminds us of life. During the Winter span of Ordinary Time, except on the 2nd Sunday when we hear the gospel of St. John, the gospel on Sundays will be from the gospel of St. Matthew.

This span of Ordinary Time extends to Sunday February 15th. This year Easter Sunday is April 5th and Ash Wednesday is February 18th marking the beginning of the season of Lent. Each Sunday (Saturday evening) when we gather to give praise to God we are nourished from the table of God's Word and the table of the Eucharist. The nourishment we receive strengthens us to live as the Body of Christ for the life of the world.

### A Prayer for Ordinary Time

God of wisdom and love, source of all good,  
send your Spirit to teach us your truth  
and guide our actions in your way of peace.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God  
for ever and ever. Amen



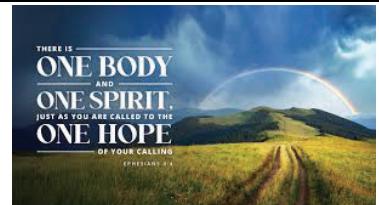
## The Spirituality of Retirement Series

Join us on Wednesdays from 7:30 p.m.–9:00 p.m. in our parish hall. 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).



## Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2026

Each year the Downtown Ministerial Association (which includes St. Mary's Church, Collier Street United, St. Andrews Presbyterian, Grace United and Trinity Anglican Church) work



together to serve the needs of the Downtown core of the City of Barrie.

We work together to support the daily "Breakfast-To-Go" program which serves the needs of those who experience homelessness and addictions, and the Little Food Pantry Program.

We participate in shared Lenten and Advent study groups and organize an annual Service of Christian Unity. This prayer service is part of the week of Prayer for Christian Unity organized by the Canadian Council of Churches. Its primary object is to bring Christians together to foster a stronger sense of shared ministry and mission and worship.

This year the service is on **Thursday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> at 2:00 p.m.** and will be hosted by Grace United Church, 350 Grove Street East, Barrie with the participation of the churches within the Downtown ministerial Association. The theme is **"There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the hope of your calling."** (Ephesians 4:4) All are welcome.

Refreshments to follow.

**"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](mailto:cecker@archtoronto.org)).



**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 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 Catherine Ecker ([cecker@archtoronto.org](mailto:cecker@archtoronto.org)) or David Murdoch ([dmurdoch@archtoronto.org](mailto: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.



Zoom. 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.

**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.



**Christian Meditation** an ancient form of contemplative prayer is deeply rooted in the Christian tradition. We will meet on **Tuesday, January 20th at 10:30 a.m.** on



**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.



**Hospitality Sunday – this weekend, January 17/18**

The Knights of Columbus Council 1626 are hosting Hospitality Sunday after all the Masses. We wish to reach out to the men of the parish who are not members. Stop by the parish hall and learn more our charitable endeavors in the community, as well as our fraternal fellowship in supporting our Catholic faith and our church

**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! 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.**



**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.**

**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, January 25<sup>th</sup> 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, February 20 at 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.**



If you are interested in any of the following programs, please contact David at [dmurdoch@archtoronto.org](mailto: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 27** a hilarious romantic comedy *The Awful Truth* (1937) starring Cary Grant and Irene Dunne. Our next film is entitled *Ball of Fire* (1941) with Gary Cooper and Barbara Stanwick on **February 3<sup>rd</sup>**.



**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 **THURSDAY, January 22<sup>nd</sup> 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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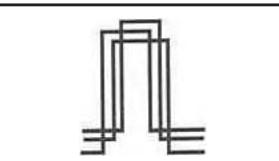
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