

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

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PARISH SCHOOLS:

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Development & Peace: Becky Johnson - 705-327-9609

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Interfaith Refugee Committee: Sheila Lewis-Watts
705-737-1880

Knights of Columbus: Dr. Geoff Bond - 705-726-6641

Lectors: Parish Office

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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

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St. Mary's Cemetery: Larry Meyer 705-726-3931

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

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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, January 26	12:10 p.m.	† Gerry Pilon
Tuesday, January 27	12:10 p.m.	† Brian Cutt
Wednesday, January 28	7:00 p.m.	† Lynn Chen
Thursday, January 29	12:10 p.m.	† Deacon Ron MacLellan
Friday, January 30	12:10 p.m.	† Alfredo Vannucci
Saturday, January 31	9:00 a.m.	† Margie Padfield
		† Therese Bourque
		† David Jessome
		† Morris Gonsalves
		Intentions of Anita Lee



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: **Kelly Bettencourt.**



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.

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 January we shall pray with you and share in your joy at all Sunday (Saturday evening) Masses **this weekend, January 24th and 25th.** We thank God for the gift of the married couples in our midst.

Marriage Sunday 2026 - Celebration of Marriage Mass with Bishop John Boissonneau



Marriage Sunday will be held on the weekend of February 7/8. This occasion highlights the importance of the institution of marriage rooted in faith and affirms couples who strengthen our faith community through their witness. As part of the celebrations, Bishop John Boissonneau will preside at a special Mass to honour married couples, with special recognition for those celebrating 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th and 60+ wedding anniversaries in 2026. The Mass will take place at **2:30 p.m. on Sunday, February 8th, 2026 at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica (65 Bond Street, Toronto).** All married couples will have an opportunity to renew their marriage commitment during the Mass. All are welcome to attend. Reserved seating is available for couples celebrating a 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or 60+ anniversary in 2026. Reserved seating is limited, so please register early. All other seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. Those who are unable to attend at the Cathedral are invited to join the celebration via livestream Mass. **Registration** and other important information can be found at www.archtoronto.org/marriage.

The Sunday of the Word of God: January 25, 2026

In September 2019, Pope Francis issued an Apostolic Letter instituting the Sunday of the Word of God. The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time is to be devoted to the celebration, study and dissemination of the word of God. In the General Instruction to the Roman Missal (GIRM) we read: **"The Church invites us to listen reverently to the Word of God as it is proclaimed. (par. 29) and "In the readings the table of God's Word is spread before the faithful, and the treasures of the bible are opened to them." (par.57).** The celebration of the Sunday of the Word of God has ecumenical value, since the Scriptures point out, for those who listen, the path to authentic and firm unity." (Apostolic Letter, Instituting Sunday of the Word of God, par.3). Before coming to Mass (Sunday and weekday) we are encouraged to read the Scripture at home so we are ready to listen as the Word of God is proclaimed.



Wednesday February 11th World Day of the Sick

Anointing & Healing Mass



The Anointing of the Sick conveys several graces and imparts the gifts of strengthening in the Holy Spirit against anxiety, discouragement and temptation and conveys peace and fortitude. The Anointing of the Sick is a prayer of healing including spiritual health and for the courage, strength and peace to bear the burden of illness.

We will celebrate a Mass with Anointing of the Sick on **Wednesday, February 11th at 12:10 p.m.**

All those requesting the Sacrament of Anointing, young and elderly are welcome to attend. A reception of soup and sandwiches will follow in the parish hall.

Thank you to all candidates preparing for Confirmation who donated new socks, gloves, and hot paws. Your generosity will bring comfort to others. We thank God for the gifts you have given to others.



Reminder for all Families who have formally registered to prepare for first Holy Communion!

Parent Child Meeting # 1

Tuesday, January 27th from 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.



The final opportunity to attend the first parent child meeting is **Tuesday, January 27th**. If you have any questions / concerns please contact Catherine Ecker cecker@archtoronto.org or David Murdoch dmurdoch@archtoronto.org.

Saint John's Illuminated Bible is coming to St. Mary's Parish on Thursday, January 29th 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 27th 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.

Lift Jesus Higher Rally



Join thousands of Catholics on **Saturday, March 14th, 2026** at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre. We have

tickets for both adult and youth conferences. The bus will depart from St. Mary's Church at 7:00 a.m. and return at approximately 6:00 p.m. Tickets are \$60/Youth \$80/Adult which includes admission and transportation. Tickets are available at the parish office.

On the weekend of **February 7th** the prayer shawls will be blessed at each Mass. After each Mass there will be a short message from a member of the Prayer Shawl Ministry acknowledging the support of the CWL.



Blessing of Throats-Tuesday, Feb. 3rd, 2026
Feast of St. Blaise: Bishop and Martyr

After Mass we will have a blessing of throats. St. Blaise is the patron saint of throat maladies.

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 13th**.



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, February 27th**.



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 25th after the 4:00 p.m. Mass. Topic is "Huddle Up – The identity of the Church."**

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 20th at 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Worship and Adoration Night.**

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 entitled *Ball of Fire* (1941) with Gary Cooper and Barbara Stanwick on **February 3rd**. On February 24th our film is *The Heiress* starring Olivia de Havilland and Montgomery Clift.



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, February 19th 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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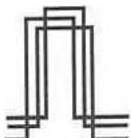

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