

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
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

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

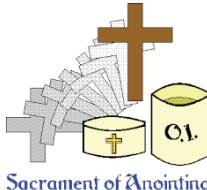
Youth Ministry: Shannon Barks - 705-229-7426

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, February 2	12:10 p.m.	† Nadine McKeown
Tuesday, February 3	12:10 p.m.	† Terry Chapman
Wednesday, February 4	7:00 p.m.	† Ike Ritchie
Thursday, February 5	12:10 p.m.	† Russell Evanshen
Friday, February 6	12:10 p.m.	Intentions of Frank and Theresa Matys
	7:00 p.m.	† Lorraine Silvani
Saturday, February 7	9:00 a.m.	† Amanda Smutek
		† Rev. Fred Schmid
		† Hugo Suasnabar
		Intentions of Hugh Gill



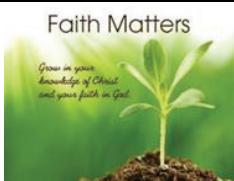
Praying for the Sick - If you or a family member is sick please let us know and we shall add their name to our prayer list which is posted in the gathering space of the church.



Rest in Peace We remember in pray those who have died recently including: **Paul Marley**.

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.

Vitamin F: Reflecting on Our Relationship with Non-Christian Traditions
Tuesday, February 10, 2026
from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.



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 learn about the document *Nostra Aetate*: In Our Time. This document from the 2nd Vatican Council in part, invites us to deepen our understanding of our relationship with Jewish and Muslim traditions. We will have some simple refreshments available and conclude by 8:30 p.m. All are welcome.

Pancake Supper - Youth Ministry Fundraiser



You're invited to the Annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on **Tuesday, February 17th**. Our Parish Youth will be serving pancakes, sausages, syrup or berries and whipped cream, juice, coffee/tea, and there's gluten-free! Come out to the parish hall 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$10.00 per person or \$40.00 per family and are available after all Masses **next weekend, February 7/8** or from the parish office. We will also have door prizes and a Silent Auction!

Wednesday, February 11th, 2026 World Day of the Sick

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.



Marriage Sunday 2026 will be celebrated 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. Married couples are invited to attend the **Celebration of Marriage Mass** with **Bishop John Boissonneau** on **Sunday, February 8, 2026 at 2:30 p.m.** at **St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica** (65 Bond St., Toronto). All married couples will have the opportunity to renew their marriage commitment during the Mass. Reserved seating is available for couples celebrating a **25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or 60+ anniversary in 2026**. Seating is limited and available by advance registration. All other seating is first-come, first-served. Those unable to attend in person are invited to join via livestream. Registration and additional information: www.archtoronto.org/marriage

Mary Matthew Public Speaking Contest – 2026



The Catholic Women's League invites all **Grade 7 and 8 students** to participate in the Public Speaking Contest held at St Mary's Parish next **Saturday, February 7, 2026**. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. The contest is from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Contestants will present a prepared speech that is not less than 3 minutes and no more than 5 minutes in length. Contestants will also be asked to prepare a 1 minute impromptu speech. Topic will be given after the prepared speech has been presented.



Celebrating the Liturgy of the Word with Children



We will celebrate a separate Liturgy of the Word with Children on **February 8 and 22, March 8 and 22 during the 12:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. Masses**. All children between the ages of 4 and 8 are invited to participate.

Confirmation Preparation for Adults

If you are an adult, baptized in the Catholic Church and would like to be Confirmed please contact Catherine Ecker (cecker@archtoronto.org or 705 728 2985 ext. 115) for details regarding registering for the preparation. Confirmation will be celebrated close to the feast of Pentecost.

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

Parent Child Meeting # 2 Reminder

Families who have formally registered are reminded to attend the **Parent Child Meeting # 2** on the assigned date. You are asked to arrive a few moments early. We will begin at 7:00 p.m. and conclude by 8:15 p.m. Please note only the parent(s) and the child preparing for the sacrament are to attend. You only attend one meeting. To balance the number of people at the meeting please make every effort to attend the assigned meeting:

February 3rd – Surnames A through G
February 9th – Surnames H through Z

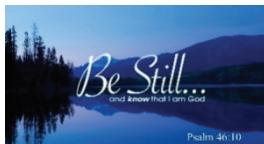
IF you are sick or unable to attend your assigned date, simply attend the alternate meeting.



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 February 3rd 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.

Guided Book Discussion Group for Women: Praying our Goodbyes A Spiritual Companion Through Life's Losses and Sorrows

We will meet for six **Thursdays from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. beginning February 12th and concluding March 19th**. The cost for the book is \$25.00 (cash) and preregistration before February 6th is necessary. To register and reserve a copy of the book please contact Catherine Ecker at 705 728 2985 ext. 115 or email cecker@archtoronto.org.

St. Valentine's Youth Dinner and Dance



We The North Parishes invite you to a St. Valentine's Dinner and Dance at St. Mary's Church on Saturday, February 14th at 6:30 p.m. \$20.00 per person. Please contact Shannon Barks at stmarysyouthministrybarrie@gmail.com or come to the parish office to register!

Lift Jesus Higher Rally

Join thousands of Catholics on **Saturday, March 14th, 2026** at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre. Adults \$80/pp and youth \$60/pp. Bus departs at 7am from St. Mary's Church and return approx... 6 p.m. To register call or stop by the parish office.

On the weekend of **February 7/8th** 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.

Hospitality Sunday, February 8th after all masses

Our parish schools, **Sister Catherine Donnelly, St. Mary's and St. Monica's** are hosting coffee Sunday. You are invited to stop by the parish hall to enjoy refreshments, treats and fellowship!



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 babies and toddlers! Crafts, snacks and songs in the Youth Room.

M.E.R.C.Y. (Ministry to Educate Roman Catholic Youth)

Grades Kindergarten to Grade 4. runs once a month from 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Our next date is **Friday, February 13th**.

EDGE- Grades 5 -8, once a month from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. 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. Our next date is **Sunday, February 15th 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 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! Light snacks and refreshments will be provided. Come out on **Thursday, February 19th at 2:00 p.m.** in St. Joseph's Room as we gather to celebrate the spirit of St. Valentine's Day.

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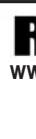
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