

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

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

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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

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Anne Nord, local 113, Barrie, Ontario L4N 0B5

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

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

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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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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, February 16	9:00 a.m.	† Maired McGrath
Tuesday, February 17	12:10 p.m.	† Deceased Members of Pereira, Chaves and Saldanha Families
Wednesday, February 18	12:10 p.m.	ASH WEDNESDAY
	7:00 p.m.	“ “
Thursday, February 19	12:10 p.m.	† Christopher Daley
Friday, February 20	12:10 p.m.	† Patricia and Douglas Murdoch
Saturday, February 21	9:00 a.m.	† David Jessome
		† Mary and Stan Ritchie
		† Dr. Peter Moran
		† Hubert and Patricia Bond
		† Gregory and Isaac and David Ritchie



ASH WEDNESDAY: February 18th marks the beginning of Lent. There will be Mass at 12:10 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. Each will include the distribution of ashes. Ash Wednesday is a day of **fast** and **abstinence** when those over fourteen and under sixty are asked to refrain from eating meat and to limit food to one full meal and two smaller snacks.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Celebrated each Friday evening at 7:00 p.m. beginning Friday, February 27th. On March 6th they will be celebrated after Mass at 7:30 p.m.

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. If you have asked for someone to be added to the list please consult the list and let us know if the person has recovered so they may be removed.

Pray for the
SICK



We remember in pray those who have died recently including: **Kevin Krelove and Melanie Cardinal.**



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.

Lent Prepares and Leads Us to Easter

The Church reminds us that Lent has two major purposes: It recalls or prepares for baptism and emphasizes a spirit of penance. The emphasis on a spirit of penance assists us in preparing to renew our baptismal promises. Throughout the season of Lent we are called to listen more attentively to the Word of God and to set aside additional time for prayer. The traditional Lenten practices of prayer, fasting and works of charity (almsgiving) are to assist us as we prepare to renew our baptismal promises.



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 7:00 a.m. from St. Mary's Church and returns approximately 6:00 p.m. To register call or stop by the parish office.

An Evening Examen with the Holy Family.

In the spirit of Family Day, Monday, February 16, 2026 and as we end this day, we gather as a family in God's loving presence, inspired by the quiet, faithful love of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. This simple Examen helps us notice where love was shared today and invites God to dwell more deeply in our home.



Settle Together: Gather as a family and become still. Place yourselves in God's presence. Imagine the Holy Family at Nazareth—Jesus, Mary, and Joseph—sharing the quiet of the evening. Ask God to be with your family now.

Give Thanks: Take turns naming one thing you are thankful for today—a moment of joy, help received, laughter shared, or simply being together. Thank God for the gift of one another.

Remember The Day: Briefly recall the day as a family. When did your home feel loving, patient, or peaceful? When was it difficult to listen, forgive, or understand one another?

Ask for Forgiveness: In silence, or with simple words, ask God for forgiveness for moments of impatience, hurt, or neglect. Ask also for the grace to forgive one another.

Pray for Tomorrow: Offer to God any hopes, worries, or needs of your family. Ask for hearts like Jesus, Mary, and Joseph—gentle, faithful, and open to God's will. Close by praying the Our Father together, and, if desired, make the Sign of the Cross.

God bless all our families, both by bloodline and by choice, that we can grow together rejoicing in our similarities and accepting our individuality, always in Jesus Christ our Lord.

SHARE LIFE – THANK YOU! We invite you to visit the following link to read a letter of thanks from His Eminence Frank Cardinal Leo sharelife.org/thank-you.. It is also available to read on our parish website.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper - Youth Ministry Fundraiser



You're invited to the **Annual 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 or from the parish office. We will also have door prizes and a Silent Auction!

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.

Confirmation Preparation Reminder to All Families Catechetical Meeting # 2 for Candidates & Sponsors

It is understood that the candidate and sponsor will attend the meeting. **IF**, the sponsor cannot attend the parent is to attend. The candidates are grouped alphabetically. Please make every effort to attend the assigned meeting. If there is a serious reason, such as illness, you may attend the other meeting. You **do not** need to notify the parish office if you are attending a different meeting.

Monday, Feb. 23 7:30 – 8:45 p.m. Surnames A to L
Tuesday, March 3 7:30 – 8:45 p.m. Surnames M to Z

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 24th at 10:30 a.m. on Zoom**. We will not meet on February 17th. 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.

St. Patrick's Day! Tuesday March 17th 2:00 – 3:30 p.m. Join us for an afternoon of music and entertainment. The Flailing Shilaleighs will be performing mostly traditional Irish and East Coast Canadian music. **Tickets \$5.00 each includes refreshments and door prizes.** A 50 /50 draw with proceeds to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. Tickets available from the office or speak with Catherine Ecker 705 728 2985 ext. 115.

Accommodation Needed

Good news! St Mary's Interfaith Refugee Committee welcomed a newcomer to Canada on February 5th who is now settling in Barrie. We will continue to assist her in her new home.

We are currently awaiting arrival of another family and are looking for housing accommodation for them. If anyone in our parish community knows of an apartment or a house for rent, please let us know. This family has lived through the horrors of war in Sudan and now has an opportunity to rebuild their lives with a fresh start in Canada. We require at least a two- bedroom unit or more. This could also be a short-term arrangement (*ideally for their first year in Barrie*) until we can find permanent housing. If you have a house or apartment (*any size*) we would love to hear from you as we have other families who will be coming soon also. We urgently need your help. Please leave a message at the parish office (705) 728-2985 and we will respond.

COR -- Catholic Men's Spirituality Group

Please note that this month's COR meeting will take place at 2:00 p.m. on **Saturday, February 21** in the St. Joseph's Room. COR is open to all adult men in the parish, and all are welcome to attend.

Celebrating the Liturgy of the Word with Children

We will celebrate a separate Liturgy of the Word with Children on **February 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.

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, March 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 **TODAY 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**.

St. Valentine's Youth Dinner and Dance Saturday, February 14th @ 6:30 p.m.

We The North Parishes invite you to a St. Valentine's Dinner and Dance at St. Mary's Church. \$20.00 per person. Please contact Shannon Barks at stmarysyouthministrybarrie@gmail.com or come to the parish office to register!

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 p.m. Our next film is entitled *The Heiress* starring Olivia de Havilland and Montgomery Clift on **February 24th**.

Just Sing! - Join us for song and fellowship on **Thursday, February 19th at 2:00 p.m.** in St. Joseph's room as we gather to celebrate the spirit of St. Valentine. No sign up! Light snacks and refreshments.

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