

# 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

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**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

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**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  
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## 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

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**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, February 16	9:00 a.m.
Tuesday, February 17	12:10 p.m.
Wednesday, February 18	12:10 p.m.
	7:00 p.m.
Thursday, February 19	12:10 p.m.
Friday, February 20	12:10 p.m.
Saturday, February 21	9:00 a.m.

† Maired McGrath  
† Deceased Members of Pereira, Chaves  
and Saldanha Families

## ASH WEDNESDAY

“ ”

† Christopher Daley  
† Patricia and Douglas  
Murdoch  
† David Jessome  
† Mary and Stan Ritchie  
† Dr. Peter Moran  
† Hubert and Patricia Bond  
† Gregory and Isaac and David Ritchie



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.



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

**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.

### 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 14<sup>th</sup>, 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](http://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 17<sup>th</sup>**. 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](mailto: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 24<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m. on Zoom**. We will not meet on February 17<sup>th</sup>. 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.

**St. Patrick's Day! Tuesday March 17<sup>th</sup> 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](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 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 13<sup>th</sup>**.

**EDGE-** Grades 5 -8, once a month from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. Our next date is **Friday, February 27<sup>th</sup>**.

**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 15<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<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Worship and Adoration Night**.

## St. Valentine's Youth Dinner and Dance Saturday, February 14<sup>th</sup> @ 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](mailto: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](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 p.m. Our next film is entitled *The Heiress* starring Olivia de Havilland and Montgomery Clift on **February 24<sup>th</sup>**.

**Just Sing!** - Join us for song and fellowship on **Thursday, February 19<sup>th</sup> 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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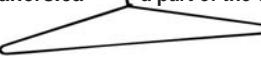
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