

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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Dennis Cormier, Building Manager

PARISH SCHOOLS:

St. Mary's School - 705-726-1843

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Monsignor Clair School - 705-737-2812

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The Good Shepherd School - 705-728-2302

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Adoration Chapel: Mary Bond - 705-726-6641

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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

Retrouaille: (for troubled marriages) - 437-234-5610

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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, March 2	12:10 p.m.	† David Raizenne
Tuesday, March 3	12:10 p.m.	Intentions of Mary Lorbetskie
Wednesday, March 4	7:00 p.m.	† Norm McKinney
Thursday, March 5	12:10 p.m.	† Yvonne Patterson
Friday, March 6	12:10 p.m.	Intentions Rosalie and Mario Graziani
	7:00 p.m.	† Brandon Horwood
<i>Stations of the Cross led by The Society of St. Vincent de Paul</i>		
Saturday, March 7	9:00 a.m.	† Amanda Smutek, † Antonio Neves, † Wayne Nelissen
		† Paula McHugh, † Sebastian Kmiecik



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. 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.

Rest in Peace

We remember in prayer those who have died recently including: **Lawrence**

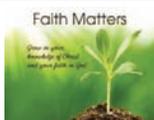
Labadie and Ester Paguia.



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 Dei Verbum: Divine Revelation

Tuesday, March 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 Dei Verbum. This document from the 2nd Vatican Council invites us to deepen our understanding of Scripture in our lives and the life of the Church. Join us as we explore the importance of the Word of God. We will have some simple refreshments available and conclude by 8:30 p.m. All are welcome.

Lift Jesus Higher Rally



Join thousands of Catholics on **Saturday, March 14, 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.

Celebrating the Liturgy of the Word with Children



We will celebrate a separate Liturgy of the Word with Children on **March 8 and March 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.

Lent Prepares and Leads us to Easter!

Our Lenten journey is leading us the celebration of Easter when the elect will be baptized and the baptized will renew our baptismal promises. The traditional Lenten practices of prayer, fasting and acts of charity are to prepare us to celebrate the Easter Triduum with deep joy.



Lent is more than a season of fasting, it can also be a joyous season of feasting.

- Fast from judging others; Feast on the Christ dwelling in them.
- Fast from emphasis on differences; Feast on the unity of life.
- Fast from apparent darkness; Feast on the reality of light.
- Fast from thoughts of illness; Feast on the healing power of God.
- Fast from words that pollute; Feast on phrases that purify.
- Fast from discontent; Feast on gratitude.
- Fast from anger; Feast on patience.
- Fast from pessimism; Feast on optimism.
- Fast from worry; Feast on divine order.
- Fast from complaining; Feast on appreciation.
- Fast from negatives; Feast on affirmatives.
- Fast from unrelenting pressures; Feast on unceasing prayer.
- Fast from hostility; Feast on non-resistance.
- Fast from bitterness; Feast on forgiveness.
- Fast from self-concern; Feast on compassion for others.
- Fast from personal anxiety; Feast on eternal truth.
- Fast from discouragements; Feast on hope.
- Fast from facts that depress; Feast on acts that uplift.
- Fast from lethargy; Feast on enthusiasm.
- Fast from thoughts that weaken; Feast on promises that inspire.
- Fast from shadows of sorrow; Feast on the sunlight of serenity.
- Fast from idle gossip; Feast on purposeful silence.
- Fast from problems that overwhelm; Feast on prayer that [strengthens].

—William Arthur Ward (American author, teacher and pastor, 1921-1994.)

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 second and final opportunity to attend this meeting is **Tuesday, March 3**. We begin at 7:30 p.m. and conclude by 8:45 p.m.

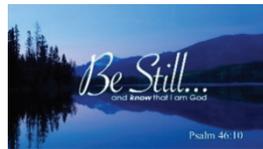
All Adults 55+ - Ministry with Maturing Adults

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, March 3 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



St. Patrick's Day!
Tuesday, March 17 from 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Tickets on Sale Now!



Join us for an afternoon of music and entertainment. **The Flailing Shilaleighs** will be performing mostly traditional Irish and East Coast Canadian music. **Tickets**

are **\$5.00 and include refreshments and door prizes**. There will be a 50 /50 draw with proceeds going to St. Vincent de Paul Society. Please purchase your tickets in advance from the office or speak with Catherine Ecker 705 728 2985 ext. 115.



Just Sing! - Join us on **Thursday, March 26 at 2:00 p.m.** in St. Joseph's room for a laid back afternoon of song and

fellowship as we come together to Just Sing! Bring your voice whether you can sing or not! All are welcome! No sign up required and no music experience necessary. Snacks and refreshments! If you have any questions, please contact David at dmurdoch@archtoronto.org.

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, March 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, March 27**.



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, March 1 after the 4:00 p.m. Mass. Topic is "Team Player-Selflessness."**



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



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 *Twelve Angry Men* starring Henry Fonda, Jack Warden and Lee J. Cobb on **March 10**. On March 31 we will hold a film retrospective and discussion of Jesus' image, life and death on screen, from films like *Ben Hur* and *The Greatest Story Ever Told*, up to *The Passion of the Christ*. For questions please contact David at dmurdoch@archtoronto.org.

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