

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

Pat Borho, Finance – ext. 102

Dennis Cormier, Building Manager

PARISH SCHOOLS:

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

St. Monica's School - 705-726-8221

Monsignor Clair School - 705-737-2812

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COMMUNAUTÉ CATHOLIQUE FRANCOPHONE DE BARRIE

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L'Eucharistie est célébrée chaque dimanche à 10 h 30

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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: Cindy Labas

Email: cl.mailit255@gmail.com

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

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, March 9	12:10 p.m.	† John and Bernadette Scriven
Tuesday, March 10	12:10 p.m.	Intentions of Anthony Kazman
Wednesday, March 11	7:00 p.m.	† Phero Dieu
Thursday, March 12	12:10 p.m.	† Margie Padfield
Friday, March 13	12:10 p.m.	† Victor Frappa
	7:00 p.m.	Stations of the Cross led by Liturgy of the Word with Children Leaders
Saturday, March 14	9:00 a.m.	† Bill Taylor
		† Magdalene Toth
		† Anna Lang
		† Jenó Moldovanyi
		† Kelly Bettencourt
		† Andrew Molnar



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.



In Loving Remembrance

We remember in pray those who have died recently including: **Ester Paguia, Joseph Marrin, Alvaro Garson and Ian "Scotty" Morrison.**

Hospital Visitation

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.



Annual Mass of St. Patrick

Tuesday, March 17, 2026, 10 a.m. St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica, 65 Bond St., Toronto The annual Mass of St. Patrick at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica in Toronto. Eminence Thomas Cardinal Collins, Archbishop Emeritus of Toronto, will be the presider and homilist. All are welcome. Those unable to attend can participate in the celebration via livestream at www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live.



Knights of Columbus, Council 1626



Barrie Fuzion Fest on Sunday, March 8 from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at 93 Berczy Street. Voices and Vision – A community celebration of women, featuring promotion of new businesses, foods, networking, arts, portraits, children's activities and lots more. For more information visit

info@barriefuzionfest.com or call 1-249-877-9295.

You're invited to support the Knights of Columbus fundraiser with the **Cabin Fever Band** on **Friday, April 24th** at the Knights Hall, 93 Berczy St., Barrie. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Concert at 7:00 p.m. Country/roots/folk music. \$30/pp in advance or \$35/pp at the door. Tickets – contact Edward Banville at Edward.banville@gmail.com or etransfer to financial.secretary@kofc1626 or call 705-795-8818.

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 - You extended a helping hand to over 1,700 young parents and their children;
 - You provided accessible, dignified support to over 5,000 people with special needs and their families
- Learn more about the people you have helped at sharelife.org/impact.

2026 marks the 50th anniversary of ShareLife. By reaching our parish goal of \$150,000, our agencies will continue to uplift young mothers and their babies, enable more men to pursue priestly vocations, connect seniors with dignity-affirming resources, fight against hunger in our communities and help families in times of need. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website www.stmarysba@archtoronto.org or at www.sharelife.org/donate

**2026 ShareLife Sunday's are
March 22, April 26 and May 31
Our Parish Goal is \$150,000**

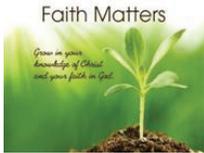
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Just Sing! - Join us on **Thursday, March 26 at 2:00 p.m.** in St. Joseph's room for a laid back afternoon of song and fellowship as we come together to Just Sing!. Bring your voice whether you can sing or not! All are welcome! No sign up required. Snacks and refreshments! *If you have any questions, please contact David at dmurdoch@archtoronto.org.*

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.

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.

Preparing for first Holy Communion Parent Catechetical Meeting # 2 Parents Only

The second and final opportunity to attend this essential meeting is **Monday, March 9**. We begin at 7:30 p.m. and conclude by 8:30 p.m. You will receive the second family book at this meeting. To foster full participation, we ask that **only parents** attend the 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, March 10 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 2:00 – 3:30 p.m. Tickets on Sale Now!

Join us on St. Patrick's Day 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.



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.

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 **Sunday, March 15 after the 4:00 p.m. Mass. Topic is "Touchdown" Incarnation.**



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 on **March 10**. On March 31 we will hold a film retrospective of Jesus' image on screen, using 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.

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.

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