

# 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

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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 30	12:10 p.m.	† Yolanda and Guerino Bosica
Tuesday, March 31	12:10 p.m.	† Duilio Antonioni
Wednesday, April 1	7:00 p.m.	† Amanda Smutek
Thursday, April 2	8:00 p.m.	MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER
Friday, April 3	12:00 p.m.	GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE
	3:00	“ “
Saturday, April 4	8:00 p.m.	EASTER VIGIL MASS



## Preparing for and Celebrating the Easter Triduum - April 2 – 5, 2026



The Easter Triduum is the highpoint of our Church year. The word Triduum means three. For a Catholic there is really nothing more important than gathering with the community to pray throughout these three days. A liturgical day begins at sundown, so our first day is from sundown on Thursday to sundown on Friday. The second day is sundown on Friday to sundown on Saturday and the third day is sundown on Saturday to sundown on Sunday. The Easter Triduum is really one liturgy that extends over the three days. We go home in-between to rest, pray and to ponder the mystery of Jesus' life, death and resurrection.



**Holy Thursday April 2<sup>nd</sup> Mass of the Lord's Supper: 8:00 p.m. (there is no noon Mass).** You are invited to bring non-perishable food items, gift cards for grocery stores or cash

to the celebration of the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday. The bags of food or monetary gifts will be brought forward during the Preparation of the Gifts. Everyone is invited to come ready to have their feet washed.

Adoration will take place after Mass until midnight.

**Good Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> Celebration of the Lord's Passion 12:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m.** We will gather for the Celebration of the Lord's Passion. We **do not** celebrate Mass on Good Friday. It is the same liturgy at 12:00 and 3:00 p.m.



### Stations of the Cross

All are invited to this live reenactment led by our Youth at 7:00 p.m. on Good Friday.



**Holy Saturday April 4<sup>th</sup> Midday Prayer, Anointing of the Elect and Blessing of Easter Baskets 12:00 p.m.** Gather with the parish family to pray Midday Prayer. When many of our European ancestors came to Canada they brought traditions that add to the holiness of Easter. One of the

most popular is bringing a decorated Easter basket to the Church on Holy Saturday. You may put some of the food that will be used at your Easter breakfast as well as special treats such as chocolate, wine, or a special bread or dessert. When you arrive put your Easter basket at the front of the worship space where they will be blessed. All are invited to this brief time of prayer.



### Easter Vigil Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 p.m.

St. Augustine called this vigil the "Mother of all Vigils". We hear stories from Scripture, proclaim God's praises and rejoice at the waters of new life. We will celebrate initiation with our 11 elect and then with thanksgiving participate in feasting at the Eucharistic table.

There will be a reception after the Easter Vigil.

**No confessions and no 9:00 a.m. or 5:00 p.m. Mass.**

### Easter Sunday April 5<sup>th</sup>

We will celebrate Mass at 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. 12:00 noon and 4:00 p.m. At each liturgy we shall renew our baptismal promises.



**We live in a world that seldom takes time off from work and daily demands so it is important to plan how we can keep the Easter Triduum holy. You are invited to take time each day, to prepare and to reflect on the liturgy.**

### Celebrating Initiation at Easter

On Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup> during the Easter Vigil we will celebrate full initiation with 11 people. You are invited to continue to pray for our elect who will be Baptized, Confirmed and join us at the Lord's Table to share in Holy Communion. Please pray for **Nikki, Krishn, Jiya, Emma, Elizabeth, Doug, Sam, Jack, Megan, Patricia and Amelia**. On Easter Sunday we will welcome into Full Communion with the Catholic Church **Graydon and Zolan**. They will be Confirmed and join us at the Lord's Table to share in Holy Communion. *Please keep them in your prayers.*

### The Good Friday Collection

helps to maintain the Church of the Holy Land by providing education, pastoral, and social support of Catholic youth and families committed to living their faith in the land where Christ lived, and by maintaining the Holy Sites that are so important to the faith of Christians everywhere. At the Good Friday Service there will be baskets to place your donation. Those who prefer to contribute online, may use credit cards, Interac, or Canadahelps, accessible at: [www.commissariat.ca](http://www.commissariat.ca), in the "Support Us" link.



*Fr. Robert Mokry, OFM  
Commissary of the Holy Land in Canada.*



**Church Parking Lot - Please!** Do not double park or block any of the laneways in the church parking lot. Ambulances and Fire Emergency Vehicles must be able to access all of our entrances. Priests also need to be able to **exit out of the garage for emergency calls**, do not block their driveway or exit. Also, please do not park in numbered parking spots in St. Mary's Seniors Residence. *Thank You.*



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: **Gordon Taylor and Joan Belanger.**

### IN THE HOSPITAL

**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.

### The Easter Season: Celebrating the 50 Days!

During the Easter Season we shall gather on Thursday mornings from 10:30 – 11:30 a.m. for **Lectio Divina**. Lectio Divina is Latin and means Divine Reading or Holy Reading. **During Lectio Divina our primary focus will be the Gospels of Easter.** For more information please contact Catherine Ecker ([cecker@archtoronto.org](mailto:cecker@archtoronto.org) or 705 728 2985 ext. 115). All are welcome.



### Classic Movies Holy Week Special Presentation



Join us on Tuesday, **March 31<sup>st</sup> at 2:00 p.m. in the parish hall** when 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*. No sign ups, snack included, free will offering. All welcome! Questions? Email David [dmurdoch@archtoronto.org](mailto:dmurdoch@archtoronto.org).

### Annual Easter Food Bank Drive

Bags will be distributed by the Knights of Columbus after all Masses this weekend. **Please return the bags when you attend Mass on Holy Thursday at 8:00 p.m.** Food items, cash, gift cards or cheque donations are welcome. All food collected will be directed to the Barrie Food Bank who are in need of the following necessities: **Canned Meat/Fish, Baby Formula, Children's Lunch snacks, Juice Boxes, Cereal, Beef Jerky, Ensure/Protein Shakes, Feminine products, Diapers (sizes 4-6 and pull-ups)** Thank you to the Knight of Columbus, Council 1626 for overseeing this important parish effort.

### Divine Mercy Sunday – April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2026



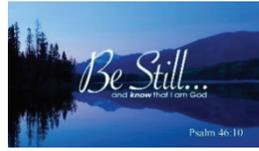
All are invited to a holy hour on **Divine Mercy Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup> from 2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.** Divine Mercy Sunday is celebrated on the Second Sunday of Easter, and was established by St. John Paul II centered on the revelations to St. Faustina Kowalska. A Divine Mercy Novena begins on Good Friday. Pamphlets are available in the church. The Divine Mercy Chaplet is prayed on

Rosary beads with a different set of prayers. During the holy hour, there will be Adoration, confessions and the sung Divine Mercy at 3:00 p.m. There are special graces that our Lord promised for those who pray on Divine Mercy Sunday and can only be received for oneself, through reception of Holy Communion in a state of grace. A plenary indulgence, however, can be offered for oneself, or for souls suffering in purgatory.

### 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**



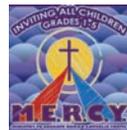
**Christian Meditation** an ancient form of contemplative prayer is deeply rooted in the Christian tradition. We will meet on **Tuesday, March 31<sup>st</sup> at 10:30 a.m. on Zoom.** If you would like

information on Christian Meditation or to receive the link for the session please contact Catherine Ecker [cecker@archtoronto.org](mailto:cecker@archtoronto.org) or 705 728 2985 ext. 115 **Exploring our Christian Roots: A Trip into Rome April 22, 2026 at 2:00 p.m.** - Join us for a little trip into (the heart of) Rome to deepen our Easter joy and connection with our Christian roots through discussion, fellowship and snacks from Italy. All are welcome!

### Youth Ministry and Young Adult Ministry

**Welcome!** We have something for everyone; babies to young adult! Please contact Shannon Barks at [smarysyoungministrybarrie@gmail.com](mailto:smarysyoungministrybarrie@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, April 10<sup>th</sup>.**

**EDGE** for youth Grades 5 -8, to come together once a month on a Friday night from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. 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, April 24<sup>th</sup>.**



**LIFE TEEN** for teens interested in diving deeper into their faith, relationship with Jesus, scripture, and each other.

Included are sports, music, and games to help strengthen the friendships made. We meet **TODAY Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup> after the 4:00 p.m. Mass. Topic is "Hail Mary – Mother Mary is our guiding example."**

**YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY: Spiritus North** 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. Our next gathering is **Friday, April 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Worship and Adoration Night.**

**BIBLE CAMP 2026 - Monday, July 6<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup>** from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. daily. \$75.00 per youth.

**EDGE CAMP 2026 – August 23<sup>rd</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup>** at Camp White Pine with an EDGE stream for youth going into grades 5-9, and a teen stream for high school youth.

**OVERNIGHT BICYCLE PILGRIMAGE:** Calling all teens! We depart from the parish on **Fri., May 29<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 p.m.** The cyclists are picked up at Martyr's Shrine in the afternoon on Sat., May 30th. Families are invited to meet the cyclists and join us for Mass and a potluck dinner at the Shrine. Questions and to register, email [smarysyoungministrybarrie@gmail.com](mailto:smarysyoungministrybarrie@gmail.com)

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