

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

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PARISH SCHOOLS:

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

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

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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: Cindy Labas

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Young Adult Ministry: Shannon Barks - 705-229-7426

Development & Peace: Becky Johnson - 705-327-9609

Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Communion: 705-728-2985

HopeLine (Palliative care resources and services) - 416-619-5700

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

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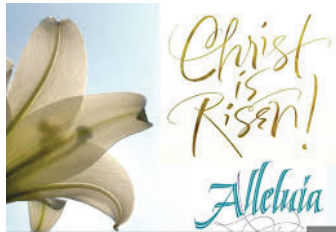
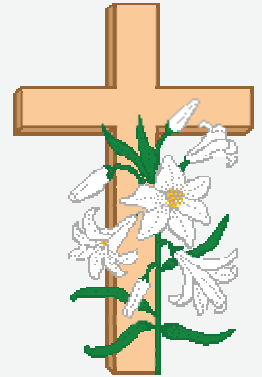
EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Monday through Friday 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. All welcome.

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, April 13	12:10 p.m.	† Maria Khien
Tuesday, April 14	12:10 p.m.	† Mary Ellen Varney
Wednesday, April 15	7:00 p.m.	† Kelly Bettencourt
Thursday, April 16	12:10 p.m.	† Yvonne Patterson
Friday, April 17	12:10 p.m.	† Yolanda Caicco
Saturday, April 18	9:00 a.m.	† Margarita "Tita" Martinez
		† Joseph Joseph
		† Susan Brown
		† Joan Belanger
		Intentions Janie Leclair



Christ is Risen! Alleluia! For 50 days we celebrate the great feast of Easter! In our parish and homes, we continue to praise our God and celebrate Jesus' victory over death. Alleluia! **Thank you** to all who devoted time and shared their gifts to assist us in praying and celebrating the Easter Triduum. A special note of thanks to those who assisted with the decorating including banners, the fire, and all liturgical ministers including the altar servers, lectors, musicians, cantors and choir members, extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, the Knights of Columbus, the members of the Young Adult Ministry and all who gathered to pray as the one Body of Christ.



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:
Steven Pietras, Alfonzo Alaimo, Maria Hristovski and Joan Belanger.



Visiting the Hospital: if you or a family member are admitted to RVH and would appreciate a visit from someone at St. Mary's please call or email the parish office. Please note: the hospital no longer provides us with a list of Catholics who are hospitalized; therefore, you must notify the parish.

Celebrating for 50 Days!

The Church celebrates the great feast of Easter for 50 days! There is simply too much joy for a day or even a week. The Church invites us to deepen our grasp of the Paschal Mystery by meditating on the Gospel, participating in the Eucharist (Mass) and doing works of charity. During the Easter season each Thursday morning we will gather in **St. Joseph's Room from 10:30 – 11:30 a.m. for Lectio Divina.**



Lectio Divina is Latin and means Divine Reading or Holy Reading. **Our primary focus will be the Gospels of Easter.** Registration is not required. For more information please

contact Catherine Ecker (cecker@archtoronto.org or 705 728 2985 ext. 115). All are welcome.

An Easter Prayer

God, source of life,
 Pour in our hearts the joy of Easter, and grant us to live the new life
 that Christ has gained for us through his resurrection,
 for he reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 God for ever and ever. Amen.

(adapted from Blessings and Prayers for Home and Family, © Concacan Inc., 2004)

The second ShareLife Sunday of the year is April 26th. To-date we have received \$25,165.20 or 16.8% of our goal of \$150,000. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate. *Thank you!*



Divine Mercy Sunday – April 12th, 2026



All are invited to a holy hour on **Divine Mercy Sunday, April 12th 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.

St. Faustina, pray for us!

Catholic Women's League Spring Fundraiser

Share your abundance with us! We are collecting plant donations and surplus hobby items for our sale on **Saturday, May 30th**. See CWL bulletin board for details.

COR -- Catholic Men's Spirituality Group

Note: April's COR meeting is at 2:00 p.m. on **Saturday, April 18th** in St. Joseph's Room. COR is open to all adult men in the parish and all are welcome to attend.

Easter Food Drive Success!

Sincere thanks and appreciation to all those who supported this year's Easter Food Drive for the Barrie Food Bank. A total of 2,475 lbs of food was collected along with \$ 3,283.50 in total of cash, cheques and gift cards. **Thank you to the Knights of Columbus!**

Preparing for First Sharing in Holy Communion Parent Child Meeting # 3 Reminder to All Families!

Families who have formally registered are reminded to attend the **Parent Child Meeting # 3** on the assigned date. You are asked to arrive a few moments early. We will begin at 7:00 p.m. and conclude by 8:15 p.m. Please note only the parent(s) and the child preparing for the sacrament are to attend. You only attend one meeting. To balance the number of people at the meeting please make every effort to attend the assigned meeting:

April 14th Surnames A through G

April 20th Surnames H through Z

If you are sick or unable to attend your assigned date, simply attend the alternate 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, April 14th 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@anchoronto.org or 705 728 2985 ext. 115.



Exploring our Christian Roots: A Trip into Rome - April 22nd, 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!

**Hospitality Sunday Next Weekend
April 18th and 19th after all Masses in parish hall
Hosted by The Good Shepherd School**

Knights of Columbus - Fundraiser

The Cabin Fever Band, 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 – email Edward.banville@gmail.com or etransfer to financial.secretary@kofc1626 or call 705-795-8818.

Faithful Climate Conversations: From Concern to Action

An opportunity for those who are worried about our changing climate to talk about what we can do to address our concerns. Brought to us by *For the Love of Creation*, a faith-based initiative for climate justice.

Wednesday, April 22nd, 2026, 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Grace United Church. Hosted by members of Simcoe County KAIROS. **Sign up by April 15th**, using this link: kairos.simcoecounty@gmail.com.

Spots are limited for this date. If there is more interest a second date may be added.

**CPR/AED Course Saturday, May 9th, 2026.
Registration 8:30 a.m. Course runs 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** in St. Joseph's Room. Room for 12 participants. Register with Karen Boyle or text to 705-321-0898.

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, May 8th**.

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 24th**.



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. Our next meeting is **Sunday, April 26th after the 4:00 p.m. Mass. Topic is "He is Risen! Alleluia!"**

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 17th at 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Worship and Adoration Night.**



EDGE CAMP 2026 – August 23rd to 27th 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 29th 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 stmarysyouthministrybarrie@gmail.com



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 on **April 14th** and entitled "Lilies of The Field" starring Sidney Poitier as a handyman who helps a community of German missionary nuns build a chapel in the middle of a desert, in this warm Catholic comedy about faith and finding out God's plan for each of us. *If you have any questions on these programs, please contact David at dmurdoch@archtoronto.org.*

Just Sing! - Join us on **Thursday, April 23rd 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!



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