

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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PARISH SCHOOLS:

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

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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

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

Religious Articles Store: Pat Dunn - 705-718-1853

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Sacramental Preparation: Catherine Ecker - ext. 115

St. Mary's Cemetery: Larry Meyer 705-726-3931

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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, April 20	12:10 p.m.	† Patricia Greene
Tuesday, April 21	12:10 p.m.	† Mark and Michael Gellegan
Wednesday, April 22	7:00 p.m.	Intentions of the Parish Priests
Thursday, April 23	12:10 p.m.	† Earl, June and Ruth Johnson
Friday, April 24	12:10 p.m.	† Rev. Scott Young
Saturday, April 25	9:00 a.m.	† Rosa Silva
		† Agostinha Gouveia
		† Leo Gubbels
		† Margaret Baker
		Intentions of Linda Bidwell



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: **Marianne Taylor, Alfonso Alaimo and Jack and Keith Raflab**



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.



Lectio Divina on Thursday Mornings

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

Catholic Women's League



Catholic Women's League May 2026 Diaper Drive. The CWL is inviting everyone to donate to our May Diaper Drive for the Barrie Women and Children's shelter. We will be accepting donations before and after mass on **Saturday, May 9 and Sunday, May 10, 2026**. Donations can be placed in the hall. Pull Ups, Goodnights, diapers, wipes, diaper cream or Vaseline, breakfast foods, juice boxes, school snacks, lunch containers and Walmart gift card or financial donations are appreciated. Other needed items include: hand soap, dish soap & cloths, TP, towels, sheet sets, fitted crib sheets, kettles.

Thank you for your support!

CWL General Meeting: The guest speaker at the General Meeting on **April 21 at 7:00 p.m.** is Marie McCallum, Executive Director of Victim Services Simcoe County. All ladies welcome.

ShareLife

Through ShareLife, you provide safety to those in need - Your kindness makes it possible for refugees to create a sanctuary here in Canada, providing hope and new beginnings to our brothers and sisters in need. Like Hetvi, who came to Canada seeking refuge but found her hope shattered by her husband's control and abuse. Isolated and desperate, her cries for help initially went unheard. Because you care, she found solace through Catholic Crosscultural Services (CCS), a Catholic Charities agency you support through ShareLife. Here, she received housing support and counselling in her native language, as well as financial and legal assistance, food banks, childcare, and healthcare. The Office for Refugees of the Archdiocese of Toronto is another agency you support through ShareLife, facilitating critical care for refugees. Director Deacon Rudy Ovcjak says: *"On behalf of the thousands of refugees who have been forced to flee their homes and native lands, and who now find refuge in Canada—a land of freedom and peace—I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude for your incredible kindness and generosity. Your unwavering support allows our office to sponsor hundreds of refugees each year, the majority of whom are Christians fleeing persecution for their faith in Christ."*

The second ShareLife Sunday of the year is next Sunday, April 26.

To date we have collected \$27,049 toward our goal of \$150,000. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.

Infertility Awareness Week is April 19-25!

Catholic infertility resource and ministry: Are you and your spouse experiencing infertility and looking for support, tools, and encouragement? Are you looking for ways to support your loved ones struggling with infertility? Check out the inspiring blog posts, free resources, and free mentoring services provided by The Fruitful Hollow. Website: www.thefruitfulhollow.com Instagram: @thefruitfulhollow Facebook: @thefruitfulhollow



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.

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 8.**

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.**



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 26 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, May 15 at 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Worship and Adoration Night.**



EDGE CAMP 2026 – August 23-27 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 **Friday, May 29 at 2:30 p.m.** The cyclists are picked up at Martyr's Shrine in the afternoon on Saturday, May 30. 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

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. The second and final time to attend this meeting is: **April 20.**



Confirmation Preparation Reminder to All Families Catechetical Meeting # 3 for Candidates & Sponsors from 7:30 to 8:45 p.m.



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.

Tuesday, April 28
Monday, May 4

Surnames A to L
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, April 28 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@archoronto.org or 705 728 2985 ext. 115.

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



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Save the Date: Wednesday, May 20 from 2:00 – 3:30 p.m. An afternoon of activity, socializing and

simple refreshments. Watch the bulletin for more details. **Thank you to all for your support!**

Wedding Anniversaries: Celebrating the Sacrament of Marriage

The married couples in our parish are a sign to us of God's faithfulness and through their witness we are strengthened. If you celebrated a wedding anniversary in April we shall pray with you and share in your joy at all Sunday (Saturday evening) Masses **next weekend on April 25 and 26.** We thank God for the gift of the married couples in our midst.



CPR/AED Course Saturday, May 9, 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.



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 28** and entitled "Easter Parade" Fred Astaire and Judy Garland dance and sing their way in this musical holiday classic with Ann Miller and Peter Lawford. *If you have any questions on these programs, please contact David at dmurdoch@archtoronto.org.*



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