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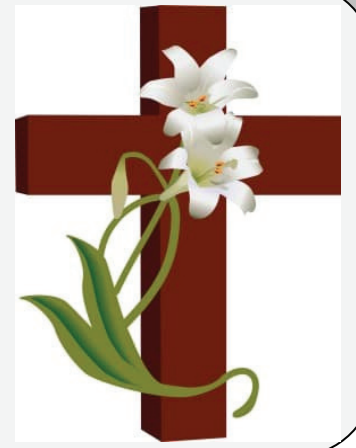
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Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, April 27	12:10 p.m.	Intentions of Parish Staff
Tuesday, April 28	12:10 p.m.	† Loreta Garcia
Wednesday, April 29	7:00 p.m.	† Lorraine Silvani
Thursday, April 30	12:10 p.m.	† Kevin Krelove
Friday, May 1	12:10 p.m.	† Morris Gonsalves
	7:00 p.m.	† Kelly Bettencourt
Saturday, May 2	9:00 a.m.	† John Vellinga
		† Joan Belanger
		† Lulu Karam
		† Medardo Medina
		† Leo Gubbels



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.

We remember in prayer those who have died recently.

Rest in Peace



IN THE HOSPITAL 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.

Saturday, May 9 and Sunday, May 10-Weekend

Knights of Columbus - Roses for Mother's Day

In support of the Knights Barrie Council #1626 Catholic Charities, fresh roses for the Mothers of the parish will be available for sale on Mother's Day weekend at all Masses. \$4/ rose or \$40/dozen. With your financial assistance, the Knights can continue to support the parish and community.



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. 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!**

ShareLife Sunday is this weekend, celebrating 50 years

Today is ShareLife Sunday. Since 1976, ShareLife has been rooted in our Catholic values of charity and in living the Gospel by caring for those in need. Over the decades, thousands of people across our archdiocese have come together through parish campaigns, school drives, workplace giving, and personal acts of kindness to make a difference in the lives of countless individuals and families. With your support, ShareLife-funded agencies can continue to provide vital services—like counselling for families, support for isolated seniors, and care for those facing mental health challenges—for years to come.



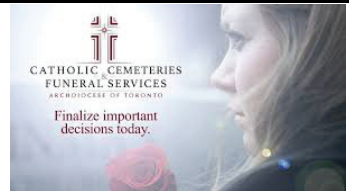
To date we have collected \$52,388.80 toward our goal of \$150,000. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.

Pre-Planning Seminar

Planning ahead is one of the most thoughtful and compassionate decisions you can make for your family. Join us for an informative seminar designed to help you understand your options and make confident, faith-informed decisions. **Learn about:**

- Funeral and burial options
- Planning in advance to ease burden on loved ones
- Catholic teachings on cremation
- Flexible payment options (*incl. 0% financing options*)

Presented by St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery on **Saturday May 23, 2026 at 1:00 p.m.** in St. Joseph's room. Please R.S.V.P. to Larry Meyer at 705-726-3931 or email stmarysinquiry@cc-fs.ca



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

Celebrating Initiation During Easter



In the Church the Easter season is the normative time for celebrating the Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. Beginning May 2 /3 children will join us at the table of the Lord for the first time. You are asked to pray for all families who will join us at the Lord's table. We thank God for their witness of faith.

A Sign of our Communion with God and Union with Others

Throughout May a number of our young people will begin to share in Holy Communion. They and their parents have been preparing for months. This is an ideal time to review the process for sharing in Holy Communion.

Our sharing in Holy Communion is a profoundly public personal act. We process forward to share in Holy Communion. It is most definitely a holy union with Jesus and with our brothers and sisters in Christ. There is nothing private about the Communion procession. In 2011, the Canadian Bishops instructed that our common sign of reverence before sharing in Holy Communion be a bow of the head. The Church's ritual does not expect anyone to genuflect, kneel or make the sign of the cross before or after receiving Holy Communion.

At the time of Holy Communion when the person in front of you has received Holy Communion and you are in the front of the procession, you **bow your head**, the Minister of the Body of Christ will say, "The Body of Christ", you reply, "Amen".

It is important to note that the only appropriate response is **Amen**. The Church expects that **Amen** is said in a voice that can be heard by the Minister of Holy Communion.

After saying **Amen** the Minister of Communion places the host in your hand. You put the host in your mouth immediately. If you are going to share in the Blood of Christ you move to the Minister and he / she says, "The **Blood of Christ**", you answer "Amen" and take the chalice and take a sip. Then you return to your place. The Communion procession is a time of communal prayer. We sing the Communion hymn as an outward sign of our unity. We sit or kneel for silent prayer when the priest sits down after Communion.

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@archtoronto.org or 705 728 2985 ext. 115.

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.

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 **Friday, May 22.**



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 **TODAY 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



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! - Thursday, May 21 at 2:00 p.m. in St. Joseph's room.



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.

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