

# 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

Sidney Ruddock, Finance – ext. 102

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## PARISH SCHOOLS:

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

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

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Board Office - 705-722-3555

## 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

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**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

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**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, May 4	12:10 p.m.	† Kevin Krelove
Tuesday, May 5	12:10 p.m.	† Lina Buttino
Wednesday, May 6	7:00 p.m.	† Stanley Ritchie
Thursday, May 7	12:10 p.m.	† Tony Bortone
Friday, May 8	12:10 p.m.	† Deacon Sal Badali
Saturday, May 9	9:00 a.m.	† Frank Prior
		† John Tilley
		† Julian Marin
		† James Meechan
		† John Vellinga



## Catholic Education Week — May 3-8, 2026

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indicate your support of Catholic education and sign-up for email updates, visit: [www.togetherinfaith.ca](http://www.togetherinfaith.ca).



**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**



**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.

### Property Taxes and School Support

Are you an English Separate (Catholic) School Supporter?



**Do you know if the education portion of your property taxes supports the Catholic School system?**

If you are a baptized Roman Catholic you have a right to direct your tax dollars to the Catholic School system. Tenants and homeowners alike are able to designate their taxes. The number of supporters determines the number of trustees. Being a supporter allows you to elect a trustee for the Catholic school system. You do not need to have a child in school to support Catholic education. To ensure your property taxes are designated properly contact the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (M.P.A.C.) at 1-866-296-6722 or visit <https://smcdsb.on.ca/cms/one.aspx?portalId=30054&pa geld=108844>. Have your assessment notice or property information available.

### 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](mailto:cecker@archtoronto.org) or 705 728 2985 ext. 115).



### 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.

### COR -- Catholic Men's Spirituality Group

This month's COR meeting is **Saturday, May 16 at 2:00 p.m.** in St. Joseph's Room. COR is open to all adult men in the parish, and all are welcome to attend.

### Volunteers Needed

**Rosary Apostolate Inc.** is looking for volunteers to pray the Rosary with students in our schools. Training and orientation will be provided. If interested, please contact Dianne Hunter at 705-725-9007 or [dihun04@gmail.com](mailto:dihun04@gmail.com).



**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 for 12 participants. Register with Karen Boyle or text to 705-321-0898.

**Catholic Cemeteries 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](mailto: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. The final time to attend this meeting is **tomorrow evening, Monday May 4.**

**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, May 5 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](mailto:cecker@anchoronto.org) or 705 728 2985 ext. 115.

**The Happiness Compass for Midlife Transition** **Wednesday, May 20 at 2:00 p.m.** - Come out and join Shirley Edwards of Boomer 3.0 as she shares

- The #1 source of happiness
  - The #1 source of health
  - The Happiness Compass to navigate what's next
- Join us on **Wednesday, May 20** for some inspiration and fun conversations about what makes us happy, healthy and fulfilled. We are still relevant. In fact, we are needed now more than ever. We are "modern elders." **Everyone between the ages of 50 and 100 are welcome! No registration needed, simple refreshments provided.**

**Interfaith Refugee Committee**

**Thank you St. Mary's Parishioners!**

The first of our six families arriving from Sudan is slated to arrive in Barrie on May 14. This is a family with two small children who have endured unthinkable tragedies and hardships since the Sudan war began three years ago. Your generosity in supporting our work has given them renewed hope and allowed them a new start in our welcoming city. Your support has made this possible and we thank you.



**Next Weekend May 9 and 10, 2026**

**Knights of Columbus - Roses for Mother's Day** In support of Catholic Charities. Fresh roses available at all Masses. \$4/ rose or \$40/dozen.



**Catholic Women's League**

You are invited to support the CWL May Diaper Drive for the Barrie Women and Children's shelter.

Donations accepted before and after mass. Please place them 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.

**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 30. See CWL bulletin board for details.

**Youth Ministry and Young Adult Ministry**

**Welcome!** Please contact Shannon Barks at [stmarysyouthministrybarrie@gmail.com](mailto:stmarysyouthministrybarrie@gmail.com) or call Shannon at (705) 229-7426 for further information.

**PLAY GROUP:** Inviting all Moms, Dads, Grandparents and Caregivers! **Monday mornings at 10:00 a.m.** for babies and toddlers! We meet in the Youth Room.

**M.E.R.C.Y. (Ministry to Educate Roman Catholic Youth)** for grades Kindergarten to Grade 4. Offered monthly on a Friday night, from 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Our next date is **THIS Friday, May 8.**

**EDGE** for Grades 5 -8, offered monthly on a Friday night from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. Our next date **Friday, May 22.**

**LIFE TEEN** for teenagers. Our next meeting is **TONIGHT Sunday, May 3 after the 4:00 p.m. Mass.** Topic is **"GuessHe 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, We meet next on **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](mailto: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 welcome and no sign up. **Tuesdays at 2:00 p.m.** Our next film is the British thriller **The Third Man** with Orson Welles on **May 12.**



**Just Sing! - Thursday, May 21 at 2:00 p.m.** in St. Joseph's room for an afternoon of songs and fellowship; this month's music is from classic movies and TV shows.



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