

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

Rev. Mr. Damian Maliki, Deacon Intern

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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

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

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Adoration Chapel: Mary Bond - 705-726-6641

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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

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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

Retrouaille: (for troubled marriages) - 437-234-5610

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 11	12:10 p.m.	† Fran Cadeau
Tuesday, May 12	12:10 p.m.	† Fr. Scott Young
Wednesday, May 13	7:00 p.m.	† Randy Hill
Thursday, May 14	12:10 p.m.	† Laurenso Thuan Nguyen
Friday, May 15	12:10 p.m.	† George and Paulette Harradine
Saturday, May 16	9:00 a.m.	† Compton DeCunha
		† James Meechan
		† Debbie Cook
		† Lucas Chavez
		† Members of the Camilleri and Matys Families



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.

Rest in Peace

We remember in prayer those who have died recently including: **Nancy Desjardins and Joseph Sammut.**

H 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.

Share...Life!

To-date we have collected \$81,272.60 toward our goal of

\$150,000. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at

This weekend...May 9 and 10

sharelife.org/donate.

The CWL May Diaper Drive in support of the Barrie Women and Children's shelter is accepting



donations before and after all Masses of 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!**



Roses for Mother's Day – In support of the Knights Barrie Council #1626 Charities, fresh roses will be available for sale after all Masses in the Parish Hall. \$4/rose or \$40/dozen. With your financial assistance, the Knights are able to continue their support for St. Mary's Parish Ministries, the Parish congregation and other worthwhile charities. If you miss our sale at Mass, you can still purchase roses during the Barrie Hill Farms Mother's Day Brunch this weekend. Visit: <https://barriehillfarms.com> for more details.

Priest's Retreats 2026 - Fr. Larry be on retreat the week of May 18 and Fr. Neil will be on retreat the week following. *Please keep them both in your prayers during this time of renewal.*

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).

Rosary Apostolate Volunteers Needed
Pray the Rosary with students in our schools. Training and orientation will be provided. Interested? Contact Dianne Hunter at 705-725-9007 or dihun04@gmail.com.



On Mother's Day we pray for all mothers, living and deceased, for those who have loved us with a mother's love, for grandmothers, grandaunts and for all care givers.



Please see our bulletin board for the Cardinal's 2026 Mother's Day Message and visit the following link for his message for the Month of the Blessed Mother: [Frank Cardinal Leo's Message for the Month of the Blessed Mother](#)

Catholic Women's League Spring Fundraiser



Saturday, May 30 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:10 p.m. Plants, surplus craft supplies, and baked goods for sale at great prices. Come early for best

selection. Craft Donations can be placed in the box in the foyer. Plant donations can be brought to the church, Friday May 29 from 3pm to 7 pm. Please see bulletin board for more information. Thank you for your support!

A Day with Mary



Saturday, May 30, 2026 at Villanova College in King City. A family-friendly day with Holy Mass with His Eminence Frank Cardinal Leo, praying of the Rosary, Confessions, and more! There will be music, fellowship and more. There is no fee to register – this is a free event open to all.

Visit <https://archtoronto.org/Mary> for information.

Confirmation Reminders! The candidates preparing for Confirmation will attend a retreat at the parish on **May 14 from 4:30 – 8:30 p.m.** Supper is provided. Reminders have been sent to families via Flocknote. Please pray for our candidates as they complete their preparation. If you have any questions / concerns please contact Catherine Ecker (cecker@archtoronto.org) or David Murdoch (dmurdoch@archtoronto.org)

Celebrating Initiation During Easter

In the Church the Easter season is the normative time for celebrating the Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. Throughout the month of May young people 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.*



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

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 12 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.

Alumni Writing Group: this is a gathering for those who have already completed the Life Story Writing program. The monthly meeting will be held at 2:00 p.m. on **Thursday, May 14** in St. Joseph's Room.

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.**

Vitamin F - You are Invited to Join Us for A Time of Faith Nourishment on Tuesday, May 12 at 7:00 p.m.
Topic: Guadium et Spes: Joy and Hope

We will gather for a time of prayer, reflection, discussion and catechesis on the ***Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World.*** This document invites us to engage in living the Gospel here and now. We gather for 7:00 p.m. and conclude by 8:30 p.m. Simple refreshments will be provided. All are welcome!

Youth Ministry and Young Adult Ministry

Welcome! 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! **Monday mornings at 10:00 a.m.** for babies and toddlers! We meet in the Youth Room.

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 **Sunday, May 24 after the 4:00 p.m. Mass.** Topic is "**What Now?**"

BIBLE CAMP PLANNING MEETING – We invite all adults and teens interested in helping at Bible Camp to attend a meeting on **Tuesday, May 12 at 7:00 p.m.**

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

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.

St. Mary's Prayer Shawl Ministry

We meet Monday's at 10:00 a.m. in St. Joseph's Room. This ministry creates hand-knit shawls blessing them with prayers to provide comfort, warmth, and a sense of God's love to individuals experiencing illness, grief, or difficult life transitions. For more information please call Diana at 705-722-7067.

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.

SAVE THE DATE! Parish Picnic -Sunday, June 7 after the noon Mass! Watch bulletin for further details.

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