

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

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

Dennis Cormier, Building Manager

PARISH SCHOOLS:

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

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

Monsignor Clair School - 705-737-2812

St. Marguerite d'Youville School - 705-726-5849

The Good Shepherd School - 705-728-2302

Sister Catherine Donnelly - 705-726-1221

St. Joseph's High School - 705-728-3120

Board Office - 705-722-3555

COMMUNAUTÉ CATHOLIQUE FRANCOPHONE DE BARRIE

Abbé Cyrille Tenenjou L'aumônier

L'Eucharistie est célébrée chaque dimanche à 10 h 30
dans les locaux de l'École Secondaire Catholique
Nouvelle-Alliance, située à l'adresse suivante :249 rue
Anne Nord, local 113, Barrie, Ontario L4N 0B5

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

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, July 27	12:10 p.m.	† Anna Esposito
Tuesday, July 28	12:10 p.m.	† Mark and Michael Gellegan
Wednesday, July 29	7:00 p.m.	† Henry Sapiano
Thursday, July 30	12:10 p.m.	† Pacita Gatabonton
Friday, July 31	12:10 p.m.	† Sam Arrigo
Saturday, August 1	9:00 a.m.	† Leo Babic
		† Francisco Canas-Silva
		† Herminia Battaglia
		† Robert Rogers
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World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly: Sunday July 26, 2026

"I will never forget you." Isaiah

Pope Francis instituted the world day in 2021; it is observed each year on the fourth Sunday of July, close to the liturgical memorial of Saints Joachim and Anna, the grandparents of Jesus.

From Pope Leo's message for the 6th World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly:

*"The celebration of the World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly is an opportunity to rediscover that the Church is called to be a mother to all and that at any age it is always possible to recognize ourselves as sons and daughters of God. May this day, therefore, be an inspiration for everyone, especially the young, to revive the beautiful custom of visiting their grandparents, the elderly members of the family and even those who have no one to visit them. Bring them, through this message and your presence, the closeness and affection of the Pope. Ensure that the words of the prophet, 'But I will never forget you,' take the form of a tender and affectionate encounter. 'In an era that favors speed and fragmentation, the human person still yearns to receive care and recognition from attentive minds, kind words and hands capable of tenderness. The digital culture multiplies connections and offers new opportunities for interaction; yet, the human heart retains an irrevocable need for genuine closeness' (Encyclical Letter, *Magnifica Humanitas*, 239)."*



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 including: **Gregory Swider, Doris Gaudet and Lyle "Tom" Stewart.**



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.



23rd Annual Barrie Blueberry Pancake Festival at Barrie Hill Farms in support of Hospice Simcoe - Seasons Centre - Saturday, July 25th and Sunday July 26th from 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.



Come on out with your family for a delicious and breakfast of pancakes with butter and maple syrup, sausages, fruit salad, coffee, tea and other beverages. Adult \$14, Child 12 & under \$12, Kids 5 & under free. Enjoy breakfast served then spend the rest of the day enjoying everything the farm has to offer: Wagon Rides, Pick-Your-Own-Own-Blueberries, Live Music, Fresh Produce, Homemade Treats and Lots of Family Fun! See you there! Visit [KnightsOfColumbus](#) or [BarrieHillFarms](#) for further details.



Your gift to ShareLife ensures our grandparents and the elderly are not forgotten.

Philip and Helene built a life together—decades of love, laughter, and memories in the home they created. But as the years passed, Philip worried he wouldn't have the strength to care for Helene on his own. And worse, he feared they would be forgotten—that as their needs grew, they would slip through the cracks, alone and unseen.

Through ShareLife, Philip and Helene were connected to Les Centres d'Accueil Héritage, where a case manager showed them a way forward. With the help of the Homemaking program, a team of personal support workers now visits them regularly, ensuring their changing needs are met—so they can stay together, where they belong. On World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, thank you for ensuring that our grandparents and the elderly find dignity and peace.

To-date we have raised \$112,063.00 toward our parish goal of \$150,000.00. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at [sharelife.org/donate](#).

The Annual Mass of the Faithful Departed

The Annual Mass for the Faithful Departed will be celebrated by Reverend Msgr. Owen Keenan on **Wednesday, August 12th at 7:00 p.m.** at St. Mary's Cemetery, 208 Sunnidale Road. In the event of rain, the Mass will be held at Holy Spirit Parish, 650 Essa Road at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome.



Baptism for Infants and Children under 7 Years of Age

- Parents of infants and children up to the age of 6 seeking Baptism for their child are invited to speak with Fr. Larry Léger, Pastor or Fr. Neil Pereira, Associate Pastor or Catherine Ecker after any Sunday (Saturday evening) Mass to receive a baptism preparation package. The package provides detailed information on the preparation process. A date to celebrate Baptism is not chosen until the preparation is complete.



Baptism for Children 7 and Older - If your child is not baptized or was not baptized in the Catholic Church and he or she wishes to celebrate a sacrament please contact our parish catechist Catherine Ecker at cecker@archtoronto.org or call 705 728 2985 ext. 115 for information on the preparation process.

Horizons of Hope



If you would like to know more about palliative care we invite you to participate in a learning session on **Horizons of Hope: A Toolkit for Catholic Parishes on Palliative Care**. Our faith in Jesus Christ has much to teach us about living well until the end of life. The program will help parishioners, caregivers, and family members facing a terminal illness to learn more about palliative care. The program will be offered at St. Mary's on four Wednesday evenings from 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. beginning **September 2nd** and concluding **September 23rd**.

Participation in all 4 sessions is preferred. To register please email stmarysba@archtoronto.org or call the parish office at 705 728 2985 ext. 101.

3rd Annual Symposium on Housing! Save the Date!

St. Mary's is hosting our 3rd Symposium on Housing on **Thursday September 17, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.** Come and hear information about housing initiatives, resources in our community, the complexity of needs and practical ways to be involved in changing how we respond to the lack of housing. Speakers include: *Erin Dej, Ph.D.; Staff from Redwood Builds; Community Bonds; Compassionate Care without Barriers and others.* Watch the bulletin for more details.



Initiation for Adults: *Is God calling you to explore life as a full member of the Catholic Church?* If you are not baptized or were baptized in another Christian Church and are

interested in discovering what is involved in becoming a full member of the Catholic Church please contact Catherine Ecker (cecker@archtoronto.org) 705 728 2985 ext. 115 for information.

Martyr's Shrine, Healing Mass – Midland, Ontario Friday, July 31st, 2026 at 7:30 p.m. there will be a special Mass for healing celebrated at Martyr's Shrine. The evening will begin at 7:00 p.m. with Praise and Worship music. Holy Mass is to be followed by individual healing prayers. Come and encounter the physical, emotional and spiritual healing Presence of the Holy Spirit. We look forward to seeing you.

Ministry with Maturing Adults



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. If you would like information on Christian Meditation please contact Catherine Ecker cecker@archtoronto.org or 705 728 2985 ext. 115. **Our Tuesday meetings resume on August 25, 2026.**



Life Story Writing: Tuesday, September 22 to October 27, 2026.

The *Life Story Writing Program* provides an opportunity to look back over the years in order to gain a deeper understanding, clearer perspective and a more integrated view. The program helps to uncover evidence that God has been with you and is still with you. The program nourishes participants and offers an opportunity for renewal. No writing experience is needed to participate.

The six-week program is offered once a year on Tuesday afternoon from 2:00 – 3:30 p.m. beginning September 22, 2026. Registration is required and there is a fee of \$20.00 to cover the cost of printed materials. Please contact Catherine Ecker (705 728 2985 ext 115 or cecker@archtoronto.org) for additional information and to register.

Summer Classic Movies



The next film in our summer line-up is on **Tuesday, July 28th** entitled **"The Parent Trap"** (1961) Walt Disney's timeless live action classic starring Hayley Mills. We will also play a bonus Mickey Mouse cartoon short.

On **Tuesday, August 11th** our classic comedy is **"The Odd Couple"** (1968). Neil

Simon's comic gem about Felix and Oscar, two opposites set to share an apartment together starring the unforgettable comedy team of Jack Lemmon and Walter Matthau. All films are for general audiences. Snacks and drinks included (*free will offering*). All welcome – no sign-up. Any questions ask David at dmurdoch@archtoronto.org.



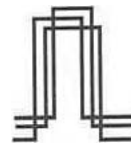
Are you registered in the parish? Being a registered member of the parish make it much easier for us to help you, we are better equipped to serve you and respond to your needs. Please do not assume that you are automatically registered if your child has completed Sacramental Preparation here, as families outside the parish celebrate Sacraments at St. Mary's.

To register, please complete a registration form locating in the gathering area of the church, or by visiting the parish office during office hours.

Help keep our parish database up to date! Let us know if:

- you moved or are planning to move
- your phone number or email has changed
- you have a new addition to your family



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