

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

Pat Borho, 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

Retrouvaille: (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, August 10	12:10 p.m.	† H����� Benoit
Tuesday, August 11	12:10 p.m.	† Margie Padfield
Wednesday, August 12	7:00 p.m.	† Annual Mass for the Faithful Departed
Thursday, August 13	12:10 p.m.	† Theresa Leddy
Friday, August 14	12:10 p.m.	† Yolanda and Guerino Bosica
Saturday, August 15	9:00 a.m.	† Giuseppe, Antonietta and Michael Ugliano
		† Francisco Canas-Silva
		† Varghese Soniya
		Intentions Paulo Pinkney



Annual Mass for the Faithful Departed



This year's 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.

Please note: there is no 7:00 p.m. Mass and are no confessions on August 12th.

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

May the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.



 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 all those who have died recently.



 **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 visit you.

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.

God bless you
with health and happiness

ShareLife 50th Anniversary Mass

Join us **on Saturday, August 22nd, 2026**, as we celebrate 50 years of bringing the hands of Christ to those in need through faith, compassion, and service.

Mass at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica will be celebrated by His Eminence Frank Cardinal Leo, Metropolitan Archbishop of Toronto at 10:30 a.m. This is a free event, but registration is required. Due to limited seating in the Cathedral, early registration is encouraged. **Please RSVP by August 17.** Registration link and event information: sharelife.org/50
For any inquiries, please contact us at StEvent@archtoronto.org.



**3rd Annual Symposium on Housing!
Save the Date!**

St. Mary's is hosting our 3rd Symposium on Housing on **Thursday, September 17th, 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.



Are You Interested in Becoming a Catholic?

**Interested
Becoming?
Catholic**



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.



The Grand Parade New in Barrie: September 19th, 2026

You are invited to join this new initiative which supports

the **Mature Minds Program at CFS Counselling & Wellbeing**. They are looking for walkers, volunteers, and donors. This is a great opportunity for high school students to receive Community Service Hours and for all community members to support **Mature Minds** that offers programs to enhance the lives of all people in the second half of life. For more information and to register visit TheGrandParadeBarrie. Questions: contact Michele Lawson 705 242 6656 or mlawson@cfssc.ca

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. **We shall resume our Tuesday meetings on August 25th, 2026.**

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



Guided Book Discussion Group for Women - Women are invited to a guided discussion of the book *The Gift of Years*. Sessions will be held

on Thursday mornings in St. Joseph's Room from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. beginning **September 10th and concluding October 29th**. All participants will need a copy of the book. To register and order a copy of the book (\$30.00 cash) please contact Catherine Ecker at 705 728 2985 ext. 115 or email cecker@archtoronto.org **before August 14, 2026.**

Important Information Meetings: Please Take Note of the Dates!

Preparing for Confirmation:

A Meeting for Parents and Young People

All parents of young people entering grade 7 in September 2026 or older, and baptized in the Roman Catholic Church are invited to attend an important information meeting on **Thursday October 1st OR Monday October 5th**.



The meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. and will conclude at 8:30 p.m. Participation in one of the meetings is essential. **A parent and the young person seeking Confirmation** are to attend.

Preparing Young People for first Holy Communion



All parents of children entering grade 2 in September 2026 or older and baptized in the Roman Catholic Church are invited to attend an important parent information meeting on **Monday, September 28th OR Thursday, October 8th**. The meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. and will conclude

at 8:30 p.m. Participation in one of the meetings is essential. To allow for your full participation you are encouraged to arrange **child care**. It is **essential** that you attend the information meeting because details will be provided regarding registration, future gatherings and the celebration of both Reconciliation (Confession) and first sharing in Holy Communion.

Baptism for Children Over the Age of 7

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.



Summer Classic Movies



The next film in our summer line-up is 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.



On **Tuesday, August 18th** our movie is **"Sabrina"** (1954).

A charming romance starring Audrey Hepburn as the chauffeur's daughter who creates a stir between two wealthy brothers (*Humphrey Bogart and William Holden*) on a Long Island estate.

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.

"It is solved by walking" St. Augustine

St. Mary's has a labyrinth directly in front of the main church doors. If you are interested in learning more about the ancient practice of contemplative prayer associated with walking the labyrinth please contact Catherine Ecker (cecker@archtoronto.org). The practice of walking the labyrinth is a wonderful way to pray while outside.



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