

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 Tenejou 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, August 24	12:10 p.m.	† Sean Foley
Tuesday, August 25	12:10 p.m.	† Jens Andersen
Wednesday, August 26	7:00 p.m.	† Mary Calvert
Thursday, August 27	12:10 p.m.	† Mark and Michael Gellegan
Friday, August 28	12:10 p.m.	† Monnie and Bud Arbour
Saturday, August 29	9:00 a.m.	† Donald and Mary Prince
		† Gerard and Irene Cruise

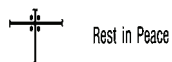


Symposium on Housing: Responding in Our Community with Compassion and Hope

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 Deputy Chief Rob Burke. **Registration not required! All are welcome.**

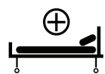


Praying for the Sick - If you or a family member is sick please let us know and we shall add their name to our prayer list which is posted in the gathering space of the church. If you have asked for someone to be added to the list please consult the list and let us know if the person has recovered so they may be removed.



We remember in prayer those who have died recently **Vincenzo Murro**.

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.



Wedding Anniversaries: Celebrating the Sacrament of Marriage



The married couples in our parish are a sign to us of God's faithfulness and through their witness we are strengthened. If you celebrated a wedding anniversary in August we shall pray with you and share in your joy at all Sunday (Saturday evening) Masses on **August 29th and 30th**. We thank God for the gift of the married couples in our midst.

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.



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.

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.



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. We will meet on Zoom on **Tuesday, August 25th at 10:30**

a.m. If you would like information on Christian Meditation please contact Catherine Ecker cecker@archtoronto.org or 705 728 2985 ext. 115.

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.



Summer Classic Movies



The next film in our summer line-up is on **Tuesday, August 25th** our movie is the **"Road to Morocco"**

(1942). It's Binq and Bob on another crazy adventure, co-starring Dorothy Lamour and Anthony Quinn.

Mark your calendars for **September 1st** when **"The Joy We Call the Movies"** will be shown, a compilation of classic movie clips exploring the fun and the joy we call going to "The Movies" as Christians in this original retrospect made specifically for this program.

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.



Altar Servers Needed for the 2026-2027 Year



Altar Servers are liturgical ministers who assist in the celebration of the Mass. Responsibilities include carrying the processional cross, the candles and preparing the altar for the Eucharist.

We invite all young people (grade 3 and above) who have shared in First Holy Communion and who are interested in serving in this important ministry to contact David Murdoch at ext. 113 or email dmurdoch@archtoronto.org.

JUST SING: A laid back, fun afternoon of song and to **JUST SING** our way through the folk, pop, gospel and traditional music songbooks. Bring your voice whether you can sing or not! No sign up – just come and just sing! Snacks and drinks included. Join us on **Thursday, September 24 at 2:00 p.m.** in St. Joseph's Room



Youth Ministry

Welcome to youth ministry at St. Mary's Church! We have something for everyone; babies to young adult! If you are an adult or teen interested in helping with youth ministry (*lots of volunteer hours to be had!*) or for more information on how to register, please contact Shannon Barks at stmarysyouthministrybarrie@gmail.com or call Shannon at (705) 229-7426.



group will resume on **Monday, September 14th**.

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 first gathering for this year is **Friday, October 2nd, 2026**.



EDGE is our youth ministry for youth Grades 5 -8, to come together once a month on a Friday night from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. EDGE is a ministry 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. Save the date: **Friday, October 16th, 2026** for our first EDGE night!

LIFE TEEN is a ministry for teens interested in diving deeper into their faith, relationship with Jesus, scripture, and each other. We have discussions, panels, and time of prayer to discuss the issues and teachings surrounding our teens today. Our Life Nights also include sports, music, and games to help strengthen the friendships made. Our first Life Night is **Sunday, September 27th, 2026 after the 4:00 p.m. Mass**.

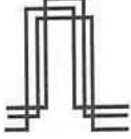


Volunteers Needed! We are looking to grow our youth ministry core team. If you enjoy working with youth, passionate about passing on the faith and love to have fun doing it, please prayerfully consider joining our team. Please join us in our first meeting on Wednesday, September 16th at 7:30 p.m. in the parish hall. For more information please contact Shannon Barks at stmarysyouthministrybarrie@gmail.com or call Shannon at (705) 229-7426.

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.

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