

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, September 14	12:10 p.m.	† Giuse Bich and Maria Hien
Tuesday, September 15	12:10 p.m.	† Kevin Krelove
Wednesday, September 16	7:00 p.m.	† Alexandra Paul
Thursday, September 17	12:10 p.m.	† Margie Padfield
Friday, September 18	12:10 p.m.	† Robert Lynn Junior and Lynn Marie Vaicanus
Saturday, September 19	9:00 a.m.	† Bruno and Giuseppina Manno † Leopoldo Banico Intentions of Donna and Wayne Kennedy Intentions of Charity Harrison

The St. Vincent de Paul Annual Collection

On September 9th, The Society of St. Vincent de Paul celebrates our founder, Blessed Frederick Ozanam. **We will have our annual collection next weekend, September 19/20, 2026.** It is through your donations that we are able to provide food for families within the St. Mary's Catchment. We continue to purchase over \$10,000 monthly in gift cards from Giant Tiger on Cundles Rd E. From January 2026 - July 2026, we made 774 appointments with clients, we served 1254 Adults and 1187 Children. Our total amount spent in this time period is \$82,525.00. We are very appreciative of all donations. We accept cash, cheques - payable to "The Society of St. Vincent de Paul, St Mary's Parish". We also accept e-transfers - ssvpoffice@gmail.com. Tax receipts will be given in the new year by mail or to your email address. Green envelope donations will be included in your parish tax receipt.

On behalf of our Ministry and the people we serve, thank you for your prayers and continued support.



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.

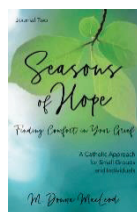


We remember in pray those who have died recently including:
Elizabeth Kay.

Visiting the Hospital: if you or a family member are admitted to RVH and would appreciate a visit from someone at St. Mary's please call or email the parish office. Please note: the hospital no longer provides us with a list of Catholics who are hospitalized; therefore, you must notify the parish.



Seasons of Hope - Bereavement Group



Our Lord assured us that those who mourn are blessed and shall be comforted. *Seasons of Hope* helps us come together to share in God's love. Whether your loss is recent or long ago, *Seasons of Hope* is a nurturing link to the Church, our God and people of faith who understand what it means to grieve.

This program is centered on Jesus Christ and grounded in the healing wisdom, traditions and practices of the Catholic Church. Come and be comforted. The group meets at **7:30 p.m. for six consecutive Wednesdays beginning October 7, 2026** in the parish library. Registration is required. For more details or to register please contact Catherine Ecker in the parish office at 705 728 2985 ext. 115 or email cecker@archtoronto.org.

Season of Creation: September 1st to October 4th

Pope Francis established the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation in the Roman Catholic Church in 2015, and in 2019 started celebrating the Season of Creation as well.

The official ecumenical theme for the **2026 Season of Creation** is "Living Water". The accompanying symbol is "*Immersion in Living Water*," drawing inspiration from the biblical vision in **Ezekiel 47:9, 12**, which portrays God's life-giving waters restoring barren ecosystems. Additionally, for the **World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation** on September 1, 2026, **Pope Leo XIV** announced a distinct yet interconnected papal theme: "*They shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks*" (Isaiah 2:4), specifically highlighting the devastating intersection between armed conflict and environmental destruction. Please visit SeasonofCreation2026 for more information.



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

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



Altar Servers - Servers Needed!



We will be having a training session for **all new servers on Saturday September 26th, 2026 at 2:30 p.m.** in the church. All children Grade 3 and up *who have received their first communion* are welcome to attend this practice. For more info ask David dmurdoch@archtoronto.org.

Mass with Anointing of the Sick - The Anointing of the Sick conveys several graces and imparts the gifts of strengthening in the Holy Spirit against anxiety, discouragement and temptation and conveys peace and fortitude. The Anointing of the Sick is a prayer of healing including spiritual health and for the courage, strength and peace to bear the burden of illness. We will celebrate a **Mass with Anointing of the Sick on Wednesday September 16th at 12:10 p.m.** All those requesting the Sacrament of Anointing, young and elderly are welcome to attend. A reception of sandwiches and salads will follow in the parish hall.



Ministry with Maturing Adults

All are welcome to attend the various session 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. 221.



Christian Meditation an ancient form of contemplative prayer is deeply rooted in the Christian tradition. We will meet on **Tuesday, September 22nd at 10:30 a.m. on**

Zoom. We will not meet on September 15th. 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.

A Wonderful Opportunity! Life Story Writing Program: September 2026

If you are in the second half of life (55+) you are invited to participate in the **Life Story Writing Program**. You do not need to be a writer or good speller! The writing program provides a structure to reflect and recall various events through the stages of our lives. Participants gain a deeper understanding, clearer perspective and a more integrated view of God's action in our lives. The program nourishes participants and offers an opportunity for renewal. **The program will be offered on Tuesday afternoons from 2:00 – 3:30 p.m. beginning September 22nd to October 27th.** A fee of \$20.00 is requested to cover the cost of printing. Advance registration is required. To register or for more information please contact Catherine Ecker at cecker@archtoronto.org or call 705 728 2985 ext. 115.



Wednesday, September 30th

Lunch with Food from the Mandarin

Join us in the parish hall at 12:45 p.m.

The cost is \$22.00 (cash) per person.

Tickets available after Mass from Catherine or David; or at the parish office. You must purchase your ticket before September 28th. Join us for conversation, fellowship and good food. There will be a 50 /50 draw with proceeds going to St. Vincent de Paul Society. Questions: contact Catherine Ecker at 705 728 2985 ext. 115 or email cecker@archtoronto.org.



Baptism for Children Over the Age of 7

The preparation for baptism of children over the age of seven is distinctly different than the process for infants and young children. If you are seeking baptism for your child who is seven years of age or older, please contact Catherine Ecker (cecker@archtoronto.org) for details on the preparation process.

Liturgy of the Word with Children

Adult Leaders needed starting this month at the 12:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. Masses. Training and materials will be supplied. Interested? Please email David at dmurdoch@archtoronto.org.

Important Information Meetings: Parents and Guardians, Please Take Note of the Dates!

Preparing for Confirmation:

A Meeting for Parents and Young People

All parents of young people currently in grade 7 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 currently in grade 2 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.



Youth Ministry

PLAY GROUP: Inviting all Moms, Dads, Grandparents and Caregivers! **Monday mornings at 10:00 a.m.** for babies and toddlers! Crafts, snacks and songs in the Youth Room. We resume on **Monday, September 14th.**



M.E.R.C.Y. (Ministry to Educate Roman Catholic Youth) is for youth grades

Kindergarten to Grade 4 and runs once a month on a Friday night, from 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Join us **Friday, October 2nd, 2026.**

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



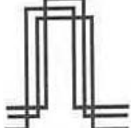
LIFE TEEN - Join us on **Sunday, September 27th, 2026** after the 4:00 p.m. Mass.

LOOKING TO GROW OUR TEAM!

If you enjoy working with youth join us on **Wednesday, September 16th at 7:30 p.m.** in the parish hall. For information please contact Shannon Barks at (705) 229-7426 or email stmarysyouthministrybarrie@gmail.com.

Fall Classic Movies - **Tuesday, September 15th at 2:00 p.m.** in the parish hall. We kick off with Fred and Ginger in **"Top Hat"**. All welcome, snack and refreshment included. Any questions ask David at dmurdoch@archtoronto.org.

JUST SING: A laid back, fun afternoon of song and fellowship as we come together 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 tea included. **Thursday, September 24th at 2:00 p.m.**

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