

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 28	12:10 p.m.	† Joseph Sammut
Tuesday, September 29	12:10 p.m.	† Donald, Beatrice and Gilles Rioux
Wednesday, September 30	7:00 p.m.	† Vivian Chenier
Thursday, October 1	12:10 p.m.	† Gus Heydn
Friday, October 2	12:10 p.m.	† Fr. Scott Young
	7:00 p.m.	† Freda Mullen
Saturday, October 3	9:00 a.m.	† Amanda Smutek
		† Francisco Cana-Silva
		† Katherine Mary Polack
		† Members of the Coker and D'Anna Families



Indigenous Healing & Reconciliation Fund Collection – October 3/4th, 2026

Catholics throughout the Archdiocese of Toronto are invited to participate in the collection being held next weekend, October 3/4, 2026 to support the Indigenous Healing & Reconciliation Fund. To date, the Archdiocese of Toronto has allocated \$4.5 million to support projects that focus on culture and language revitalization, education and community building, healing and reconciliation for communities and dialogue involving Indigenous elders, spiritual leaders and youth. Let us join together and follow the invitation extended by the late Pope Francis during his penitential visit of 2022 for each one of us to become engaged in the healing and reconciliation journey. For more information or to donate online, visit: www.archtoronto.org/healingandreconciliation. Please see the insert in today's bulletin.

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.

We remember in prayer those who have died recently including: *Alice Oldland, Donna Chomyn, Cindy Ma and Thomas Taylor.*

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 call us and one of our pastoral visitors will come to see you.



On Wednesday, September 30th we mark our **National Day for Truth and Reconciliation**. We pray for Indigenous people, for who have suffered and continue to suffer from

intergenerational trauma and for our elected officials called to continue to work for truth and reconciliation.

Get Ready for the Upcoming Municipal Elections!

CARP Barrie (Canadian Association of Retired Persons) is sponsoring a Question & Answer evening with three of the four candidates for Barrie Mayor: Alex Nuttall, Tanya Saari, and Russell Tighe. Held at Grace United Church on **October 6th at 7:00 P.M.** You are invited to attend.



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, October 22nd at 2:00 p.m.**

FALL CLASSIC MOVIES - Tuesday, September 29th at 2:00 p.m. in the parish hall. Our next program is **"Four From the Golden Age of Television."** Four episodes of TV comedy with Jack Benny, Jackie Gleason and Lucille Ball and more! All welcome, snacks and refreshment included.



Homelessness is caused by Lack of Housing!

The Canadian Alliance to End Homelessness

(<https://caeh.ca/>) leads a national movement of individuals, organizations and communities working together to end homelessness in Canada. The National Housing Strategy will be renewed in 2027 / 2028. This is the opportunity to fix what was not working.



You are asked to act by calling, emailing or meeting with your MP. You can speak from your heart about your concerns, experiences and ideas. Email the Prime Minister, Housing Minister, Finance Minister and your local Member of Parliament.

More information including sample text and letters is available at:

<https://action.caeh.ca/nhs-call> or <https://action.caeh.ca/nhs-letter>

We need housing that is affordable!

The Barrie Mayor's Prayer Breakfast

The 46th annual Barrie Prayer Breakfast is on **October 7th at 7:25 a.m.** at the Southshore Community Centre. This is an ecumenical event that features a guest speaker and allow us to share faith with other Christians. St Mary's church is a supporter of this event. Tickets are \$35.00/each or \$40 at the door and available at barriepayerbreakfast.ca. If you have any questions, you can contact Allan Johnson at johnsonallan60@gmail.com.

Magnifica Humanitas Discussion Series

Join us for an engaging four-week discussion series exploring Pope Leo XIV's historic new social encyclical, *Magnifica Humanitas: On Safeguarding the Human Person in the Time of Artificial Intelligence*. Together, we will look at how to protect human dignity, navigate modern technology, and anchor our families in authentic relationships.

Wednesday evenings - Oct. 7, 14, 21 and 28 from 7:30 PM – 9:00 PM in our parish hall.

Reading Materials: Access the text for **free online** at magnificahumanity.org or purchase a **physical paperback book** online at paulinestore.ca. No prior reading is required for the first night. Coffee and light refreshments will be served. Registration not required. Series facilitators – Father Neil, Deacons Del and Damian. Questions? Contact Deacon Del at ddallan@archtoronto.org.

Knights of Columbus – Council 1626

Life Chain and Roses for Life Activities - Roses for Life (iron-on), in support of pro-life initiatives and unexpected pregnancy help, will be available next weekend **October 3/4**. Annual **Life Chain** is on **October 4th from 2:00-3:00 p.m.** at the northwest corner of Bayfield St. & Cundles Rd. This is a peaceful pro-life witness where participants display signs and make a visible statement against abortion. Interested? Pick up your sign in the Kozlov parking lot at 1:45 p.m.

Thanksgiving Food Drive – Barrie Food Bank - Bags will be handed out **next weekend, Oct. 3rd/4th**. Return on Oct. 10th/11th. Food items preferably in reusable bags, cash gift cards or cheque donations.

11th Annual Oktoberfest - Saturday, October 24th at 6:00 p.m. in our parish hall. Enjoy a German style meal and live entertainment! Tickets (\$40 pp) available this weekend and Oct. 3rd & 10th weekends. For further information, contact Allan Johnson at johnsonallan60@gmail.com.

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. 221.

Christian Meditation an ancient form of contemplative prayer is deeply rooted in the Christian tradition. We will meet on **Tuesday, September 29th 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

Lunch with Food from the Mandarin - Wednesday September 30th in our parish hall. Join us at 12:45 p.m. with food provided by the Mandarin. **\$22.00 (cash)/pp.** Tickets available after Mass from Catherine or David; or at the parish office. You must purchase your ticket before **September 28th**. 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.

Parish Religious Articles Store

Next weekend on October 3rd/4th religious articles will be available after **ALL Masses** in the parish hall. We have a large selection of books, cards, rosaries, jewellery and baptism gifts.

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.

Seasons of Hope - Bereavement Group

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. The group meets at **7:30 p.m. for six consecutive Wednesdays beginning October 7th** in the parish library. Registration required. Contact Catherine Ecker at 705 728 2985 ext. 115 or email cecker@archtoronto.org.

Youth Ministry

PLAY GROUP: Inviting all Moms, Dads, Grandparents and Caregivers! **Mondays at 10:00 a.m.** for babies and toddlers! Crafts, snacks and songs in the Youth Room. **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 **THIS Sunday, September 27th after the 4:00 p.m. Mass**.

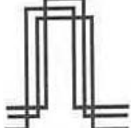
YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY:

Spiritus North - for Catholic young adults (18-35) that gathers once a month for a time of Praise and Worship, Adoration,

Speaker, followed by refreshments and a discussion. Spiritus North's purpose is to create a strong sense of community with young adults. Our next gathering is **Friday, October 23rd from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.**

Join Our Traditional Choir! Do you love to sing and praise God through music? We warmly invite members of our congregation to join our traditional church choir at 10:00 a.m. on Sundays. We practice on Thursday evenings at 7:30 p.m. and sing a variety of musical selections. Come share your voice, grow in fellowship, and help lead our worship through beautiful music. All are welcome! For more information, please contact Shannon Barks at (705) 229-7426 or shannonbarks@hotmail.com.



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