

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

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PARISH SCHOOLS:

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

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

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Board Office - 705-722-3555

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L'Eucharistie est célébrée chaque dimanche à 10 h 30
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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

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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, October 5	12:10 p.m.	† Beverley Miller
Tuesday, October 6	12:10 p.m.	† Cidaliza Paiva
Wednesday, October 7	7:00 p.m.	† Ike Ritchie
Thursday, October 8	12:10 p.m.	† Elso and Venerina Salucci
Friday, October 9	12:10 p.m.	† Guerino Bosica
Saturday, October 10	9:00 a.m.	† Alick Paguandas
		† Marie Clair LaCroix
		† All Souls



Intentions of Tim Kennelly and Ruth Aughton

Indigenous Healing and Reconciliation Fund

As part of our ongoing commitment to support healing and reconciliation, the Archdiocese of Toronto has made a commitment to provide funds in support of programs and initiatives that respond to the various needs that exist among Indigenous Peoples both locally and throughout the country. The Indigenous Healing & Reconciliation fund is part of a national effort announced by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops. To date, the fund has raised more than 86% of its \$30 million target as pledged by the Canadian bishops and dioceses throughout Canada. The archdiocese has allocated \$4.5 million of its \$6 million pledge to charitable initiatives supporting healing and reconciliation. The collection this weekend provides an opportunity for the faithful to contribute to this important initiative. For more information or to donate online please visit: www.archtoronto.org/healingandreconciliation.



Pray for the Sick: If you or a family member is sick please let us know. We will 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 **Gilles Langlois, Cindy Ma and Donna Chomyn.**

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.

The Barrie Mayor's Prayer Breakfast

Wed. October 7th at 7:25 a.m. at the Southshore Community Centre. This ecumenical event features a guest speaker and allows us to share faith with other Christians. Tickets \$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.



To-date we have received \$120,030.60 or 80% of our goal of \$150,000.00. You may still support the parish 2026 campaign using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at <https://sharelife.org/donate/>

Magnifica Humanitas Discussion Series

Join us to explore Pope Leo XIV's encyclical, *Magnifica Humanitas*: and its reflections on human dignity, artificial intelligence and authentic relationships.

Wednesday evenings - Oct. 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th from 7:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. 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.

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!

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 7th, 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.

Catholic Women's League - FUNDRAISER

Do you need a pie for Thanksgiving? Come and purchase a homemade baked pie **next Saturday, Oct. 10th in the parish hall from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.** and support local charities with your purchase.

Religious Articles Store - Please note the store will be closed next weekend, October 10th/11th.

Municipal Elections 2026 – Cast Your Vote!

A municipal election will be held **on Monday, October 26, 2026**. All Catholics are strongly encouraged to exercise their democratic right to vote. To help learn more about the candidates for Catholic School Board Trustee, Cardinal Leo has given permission for these candidates (or their volunteers) to distribute literature on weekends from October 3/4 through October 24/25. We hope you'll take the time to get to know those seeking elected office for this important role. To ensure your vote for Catholic School Board Trustee, at the polling booth, verify that you are registered as a separate school supporter. If your support status is incorrect ask for an Application to Amend Voters' List. This form may be completed and submitted at the polling station.

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.

You are Invited to Join Us for A Time of Faith Nourishment on Tuesday, October 13th at 7:00 p.m. Topic: Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy Part II

We will gather for a time of prayer, reflection, discussion and catechesis on deepening our understanding of how the Church calls us to participate in the celebration of Mass. All are welcome.

Ministry with Maturing Adults

All are welcome to attend the various sessions 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, October 6th 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

Alumni Writing Group: this is a gathering for those who have already completed the Life Story Writing program. The monthly meeting will be held at 2:00 p.m. on **Thursday, October 8th** in St. Joseph's Room.

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, available **TODAY, Oct. 3/4. Annual Life Chain - TODAY! Oct. 4th - 2-3:00 p.m.** at the northwest corner of Bayfield St. & Cundles Rd. This is a peaceful pro-life witness where participants display signs 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 today. **Please return next weekend, Oct. 10th/11th**. Food items, preferably in reusable bags, cash, gift cards, or cheque donations are welcome.

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 today, and Oct. 11th & 18th weekends. For further information, contact Allan Johnson at johnsonallan60@gmail.com.

Stay Informed with Your Parish

Would you like to receive the parish bulletin in your email inbox? Sign up below to receive a copy of our weekly bulletin delivered straight to your inbox. [Bulletin Sign-UP](#)

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 information meeting. The second and final opportunity to attend this meeting is on **Monday October 5th**. **The meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. and will conclude at 8:30 p.m.** Participation in the meeting 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 a parent information meeting. The second and final opportunity to attend this meeting is on **Thursday October 8th**. **The meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. and will conclude at 8:30 p.m.** Participation in the meeting 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.

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, October 13th at 2:00 p.m. in the parish hall. Our next program is **"Dial 'M' for Murder (1954)."** Alfred Hitchcock's famous thriller about an unsuspecting wife (Grace Kelly) and the actions of her murderous, no good husband. All welcome, snacks and refreshment included.

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 30th**.

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**.

LIFE TEEN - Join us **TODAY Sunday, October 4th 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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