

St. Mary's Church

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Thanksgiving

Be joyful always

Pray continually

Give thanks for everything.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, October 12	9:00 a.m.	† Paul Marley
Tuesday, October 13	12:10 p.m.	Margie Padfield
Wednesday, October 14	7:00 p.m.	† Mary Ritchie
Thursday, October 15	12:10 p.m.	† Fran Cadeau
Friday, October 16	12:10 p.m.	† May McKendry
Saturday, October 17	9:00 a.m.	† John Duivenvoorde
		† Gabrielle Sitt
		† Theresa DeLorenzo
		Blessings for Fr. Larry Léger



Annual Thanksgiving Food Bank Drive – THIS WEEKEND!

The Knights of Columbus will be collecting bags and donations after all masses **TODAY, Oct. 10/11** for the annual Thanksgiving Food Bank Drive. Food items preferably in reusable bags, cash gift cards or cheque donations are all welcome. All items collected will be directed to the Barrie Food bank.

You've invited into the parish hall to enjoy hot coffee, treats and fellowship after the 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. Masses for Coffee Sunday. Hosted by the Knights of Columbus, Council 1626.

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.



Rest in Peace

We remember in pray those who have died recently.

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.



Sincere Appreciation!



The **Society of St. Vincent de Paul** would like to thank everyone for your generosity during our annual collection last month. Total amount received was \$16,662.00. We appreciate all donations given each and every Sunday, as the need for support in our community continues to rise. **Please keep us in your prayers.**

Knights of Columbus 11th Annual Oktoberfest

Held in our parish hall on **Saturday, October 24th at 6:00 p.m.** Come out and enjoy a German style meal and live entertainment! Tickets (\$40 pp) and available after all Masses **this weekend**. For further information, contact Allan Johnson at johnsonallan60@gmail.com.



Church Bulletin Advertising

Liturgical Publications will be setting up the advertisements for our church bulletin. The advertising will begin in October 2026 and supports the bulletin service. **Please support the bulletin and advertise your product or service.** Call Liturgical Publications at 1-800-268-2637.

Homelessness is caused by Lack of Housing!

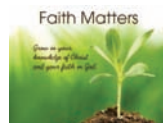
The Canadian Alliance to End Homelessness (<https://caeh.ca/>) leads a national movement of individuals, organizations and communities working together to end homelessness in Canada. The National Housing Strategy will be renewed in 2027 / 2028. This is the opportunity to fix what was not working. You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

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.



Giving Thanks to God!

As you gather with family or friends to celebrate Thanksgiving Day you are invited to pray before your meal.

O God, you dispel the darkness of our lives with the shining glory of the resurrection of your Son. Bless this food and drink which you provide for us, that being renewed in body and soul, we may serve you with holiness of life, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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.

Registering for Confirmation or First Communion



For families who received registration packages please remember to register **after** Mass on October 17 / 18 or October 24 / 25, 2026. Please bring the completed **Parish Registration Form, the Registration form for the Sacrament, a legible photocopy of the Baptismal certificate and the Sacramental Preparation envelope**. Questions: please email Catherine Ecker at cecker@archtoronto.org or call 705 728 2985 ext. 115 or email David Murdoch at dmurdoch@archtoronto.org.

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 13th 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.

Wednesday, October 21st at 2:00 p.m.

You are invited to come and hear **Mark Creedon**, the retired Executive Director of Catholic Family Services Peel Dufferin and author of the historical novel, **Caught Between Two Devils**. The book is based on the real-life experiences of Antanas Paskevicius, his wife Jadwyga, and his sister Maria. In April of 1944, their lives were forever altered when they were sent to a work camp in northeast Germany where they struggled for ten months. Despite the risk of betrayal, torture, and death, they stole a Wehrmacht truck in February 1945 and, along with other prisoners, fled and headed for Bavaria. Mark will speak about his book and offer two readings. Copies of the book will be available for purchase. Simple refreshments will be provided. All are welcome!



Happy Thanksgiving!

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 and Young Adult Ministry

Welcome ! 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 for any of the programs listed below, please contact Shannon Barks at stmarysyouthministrybarrie@gmail.com or call Shannon at (705) 229-7426.

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. 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. Join us on **Friday, Oct. 30th**.

EDGE - is for youth Grades 5 - 8, to come together once a month on a Friday night from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. 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. Join us of our Kick-off night on **Friday, October 16th**.



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. Included are sports, music, and games to help strengthen the friendships made. Join us on **Sunday, October 18th 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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