

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

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PARISH SCHOOLS:

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

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

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St. Marguerite d'Youville School - 705-726-5849

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St. Joseph's High School - 705-728-3120

Board Office - 705-722-3555

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L'Eucharistie est célébrée chaque dimanche à 10 h 30
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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

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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 19	12:10 p.m.	† Anne and Leo Gubbels
Tuesday, October 20	12:10 p.m.	† Patricia Greene
Wednesday, October 21	7:00 p.m.	† David Ritchie
Thursday, October 22	12:10 p.m.	† Rev. Scott Young
Friday, October 23	12:10 p.m.	† Veronica Fobert
Saturday, October 24	9:00 a.m.	† Matthew, Maria and Domenic Valentini
		† John Perkins
		† David Kennedy
		† Antonio Nicoletta
		† Maria Castilho



Today, October 18th, 2026 is special collection for the **Evangelization of the Nations, otherwise known as World Mission Sunday**. This is a worldwide collection for the missionary church and it is our opportunity to assist at-need Catholic Communities globally. Offerings are combined with offerings from other Catholics around the world and distributed to missions and dioceses. We are called to share from our abundance with those less fortunate who lack the basic essentials to know, love and praise God. In his letter for World Mission Sunday 2026, our Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV, writes:

"Let us all commit to contributing to the great mission of evangelization — which is always a work of love — according to our own vocation and the gifts we have received. Your prayers and practical support, particularly on World Mission Day, will be a great help in bringing the Gospel

of God's love to everyone, especially the poorest and those most in need. Every gift, no matter how small, becomes a meaningful act of missionary communion..."

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 **Gabriela Pontes**.

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.



Coffee Sunday – Hosted by our Parish Schools! Mark your Calendars!



Fellowship After
Join us throughout the fall as we gather for Coffee Sunday. Three of our Parish Schools will host Coffee Sunday following the 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. Masses. Come into the parish hall and enjoy coffee, refreshments, sweet treats and fellowship with our parish community.

October 25th – Sister Catherine Donnelly School
November 8th – St. Marguerite d'Youville School
November 22nd – St. Mary's School

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 are \$40.00 per person. 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. Advertising supports the bulletin service. **Please support the bulletin and advertise your product or service.** Call Liturgical Publications at 1-800-268-2637.

Annual Memorial Mass



On **Monday, November 2nd** we will pray for all of the faithful departed at a 7:00 p.m. Mass. Our Bereavement Committee extends a personal invitation to all families who had a loved one buried from St. Mary's Parish during the past year to attend this Mass. All parishioners are welcome to attend as we pray for family near and far who have died this past year. When you arrive, we will give you a lit candle which you will place on the steps near the altar. When Mass has ended you are welcome to take a candle home or to leave it burning in the church. After Mass everyone is invited to join us in the parish hall for simple refreshments and fellowship.

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 October we shall pray with you and share in your joy at all Sunday (Saturday evening) Masses next weekend on October 24 / 25. We thank God for the gift of the married couples in our midst.



Thanksgiving Food Drive

Thank you to all who responded to the Thanksgiving Food Drive in support of the Barrie Food Bank. The parish raised 2,121 pounds of food and \$2,805.56 in cash, cheques and gifts cards.

Parish Linen Volunteers

We are seeking volunteers who are willing to take home the small linens used at Mass (*not the large altar cloths*), to launder and iron. The commitment is for one month throughout the year. Full training will be provided. Please notify Susan in the parish office by phone at 705.728.2985 or email stmarysbarrie@archtoronto.org. *Thank you!*



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>

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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 20th 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. All are Welcome! 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 Jadvyga, 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!

Registering for Confirmation or First Communion - For families who received registration packages please remember to register **after** Mass this weekend, 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.

Municipal Elections 2026 – Cast Your Vote!

A municipal election will be held **on Monday, October 26th, 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 through to 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.

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 on **Friday, November 27th**.



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, Nov. 1st 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.**

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 - Join us on **Tuesday, October 27th at 2:00 p.m.** in the parish hall. All are welcome - no sign ups, snacks included (*free will offering*). Our next movie is entitled **"Unfaithfully Yours (1948)"**. A dark and hilarious comedy starring Rex Harrison - *orchestra conductor* and Linda Darnell, playing his wife.

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