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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
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Catherine Ecker, Coordinator of Ministry with Maturing Adults and Parish Catechist -ext.115
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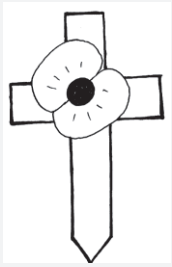
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Adoration Chapel: Mary Bond - 705-726-6641
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Liturgy of the Word with Children: Parish Office
Marriage Preparation: Parish Office
Maturing Adults: Catherine Ecker - ext. 115
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EUCHARISTIC 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, November 9	**12:10 p.m.**	**† Joan Belanger**
Tuesday, November 10	**12:10 p.m.**	**† Veronica Fobert**
Wednesday, November 11	**7:00 p.m.**	**† Roland Gervais**
		(Veterans Appreciation Mass)
Thursday, November 12	**12:10 p.m.**	**† Dalio and Grazia Catallo**
Friday, November 13	**12:10 p.m.**	**† Laurenso Thuan V. Nguyen**
Saturday, November 14	**9:00 a.m.**	**† Amanda Smutek**
		† Antonio Marglia
		† Michele Romano
		† Vincenzo Shliola
		† Gusepe Romano



SHEPHERD'S TRUST COLLECTION - Next weekend – November 14/15, 2026

The mission of The Shepherds' Trust is to help ensure that elderly and disabled priests are provided with sufficient financial resources to lead a dignified life after many years of ministry. Your generous gift will help our priests to maintain a modest but active and independent lifestyle in their retirement years. For priests who are ill or otherwise infirm, the Trust ensures they have access to nursing home facilities and medical care. Please also consider remembering The Shepherds' Trust in your will. ***Thank you for your support!***

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 ***Donna Maietta, Pina Genovese and Gilles Langlois*** and all those mentioned in *Our Book of Remembrance.*



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 let the parish office know and one of our pastoral visitors will come to see you.

Patron Saint of Widows and Widowers: St. Elizabeth of Hungary



It is customary to celebrate wedding anniversaries. The witness of a married couple is life giving and a sign of God's presence. In our parish, many widows and widowers continue to serve God, our parish and the community at large through their witness and living faith. The years of their married life continues to bear great fruit in our midst. St. Elizabeth of Hungary is the patron saint or an example for widows and widowers. The universal Church marks her feast day on the day of her death, November 17th. **On Sunday, November 15 (Saturday November 14) at all Masses we will thank God for the witness of the widow and widowers and ask God to bless them.**

A BIG THANK YOU to Sister Catherine Donnelly School for hosting Coffee Sunday TODAY after the 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. Masses. Join us in the parish hall for treats, refreshments and fellowship!

Christmas Wreaths and Decorated Wreath Raffle Help Support Our Refugee Fund

Come and place your Christmas wreath orders! Beautiful undecorated Christmas wreaths at $35.00 each (no tax). We are also having a raffle for a decorated Christmas wreath (displayed in the foyer).Tickets $5/ea. or 3/$10.

Celebrating the Liturgy of the Word with Children

We will celebrate a separate Liturgy of the Word with Children today ***November 8th, 22nd, December 6th and 20th*** during the 12:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. masses. Any questions please ask David.

A November Prayer

Throughout November we pray for those who died. Although the falling leaves and days that are getting shorter can create a picture of death we know that Jesus in his resurrection has destroyed death for all time. During this month you are invited to light a candle when you gather for a meal or family prayer and to include a prayer for those who have died including those who have no one to pray for them. A traditional prayer for those who have died is:

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord,
And let perpetual light shine upon them.
May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed,
Through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Make a gift to ShareLife and DOUBLE your impact! *From November 2 until year end, your contribution to our parish's ShareLife campaign will be matched by an anonymous donor up to a total of $500,000.* Your gift to ShareLife transforms the lives of tens of thousands of people who turn to over 40 ShareLife-funded agencies for help. In moments of hardship, you can feed the hungry, comfort lonely seniors, enable Deaf children and their families to communicate, guide struggling families to counselling, and share the Gospel in developing countries. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through your parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate. *Thank you!*

Shine a Light for Persecuted Christians on Red Wednesday – November 18, 2026



On November 18, 2026, join **Red Wednesday**, an initiative of Aid to the Church in Need (ACN). Red Wednesday began officially with ACN UK in 2016, and has grown into a global movement with events in over 20 countries raising awareness of Christian persecution. This year's theme asks: *"Who stands with persecuted Christians?"* In Toronto, where Red Wednesday has been commemorated since 2018, a Mass will be held at 5:30 p.m. at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica with Bishop Vincent Nguyen, Auxiliary Bishop of Toronto presiding. As in previous years, the Cathedral's facade will be illuminated in red. Visit Red Wednesday 2026.

Veterans Appreciation Mass

On Wednesday, November 11th at 7:00 p.m. we will honour our veterans. The veterans who are present will be invited to stand for a blessing. Veterans are encouraged to wear their blazers and medals. Regular and Reserve Force personnel and Cadets are invited to attend in uniform.

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 November 10th 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

Staying Healthy! Wednesday, November 11th at 2:00 p.m. You are invited to join us for a session on ***Staying Healthy Physically, Mentally and Spiritually***. This session will provide time for conversation, activities and refreshments as we focus on practical ways to stay healthy! All are welcome.

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, November 12th** in St. Joseph's Room.

Fall Classic Movies

Join us **Tuesday, November 10th at **1:00 p.m.**** for the WAR ACTION CLASSIC *(based on a true story)* ***The Great Escape*** with Steve McQueen. Our next film is the romantic drama *Random Harvest* – November 24 with Greer Garson and Ronald Colman at our regular time of 2:00 p.m.

Just Sing! - Join us on **Thursday, November 19th at 2:00 p.m**. in St. Joseph's room for a laid back afternoon of song and fellowship as we come together and sing songs from the different war eras. Bring your voice whether you can sing or not! All are welcome! No sign up required. Snacks and refreshments.

Preparing for first Holy Communion: Parent Catechetical Meeting # 1

All families who have registered their child in the preparation process for first Holy Communion are reminded to attend the **parent catechetical** meeting in November. **This meeting is ONLY for families who have formally registered in the preparation process**. Parents will receive a family book and catechesis focused on preparing to celebrate reconciliation (confession).

We ask that **only parents** attend. It is fine for one parent to attend. The **parent meeting** will be held from **7:30 – 8:45 p.m. This meeting is offered twice, you attend one meeting. You may attend on Thursday November 12th or Monday November 16th.**
If you have any questions please call Catherine Ecker 705 728 2985 ext. 115 or email (cecker@archtoronto.org) or David Murdoch (dmurdoch@archtoronto.org).

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, November 20th.**

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 speakers, discussions and time of prayer to reflect on the issues and teachings surrounding our teens today. Included are sports, music, and games to help strengthen the friendships made. Join us **Sunday, November 22nd 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, November 13th from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m**.

WE THE NORTH "SEARCH RETREAT"
All teens are invited to join parishes in the northern region of the Archdiocese of Toronto for a retreat at St. John Vianney Parish in Barrie from **Friday, November 13th to Saturday, November 14th, 2026.** This is an overnight retreat focusing on deepening our relationship with God. Registration and details please contact Shannon at stmarysyouthministrybarrie@gmail.com or call Shannon (705) 229-7426. Cost $50.00/per person.

Knights of Columbus Fundraiser Concert

Join us on **Saturday, November 14th at 7:00 p.m.** in our parish hall for an Elvis Presley and '60's oldies tribute by award-winning artist *Terry Chisholm.* Doors open at 6:00 p.m. Tickets $20/pp in advance or $25/pp at the door. All proceeds help fund the St. Mary's contribution to The Barrie Breakfast Program. Etransfer your ticket order to tickets@kofc1626.ca or contact Edward Banville at 705-795-8818.

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