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
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PARISH SCHOOLS:
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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
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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
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Youth Adult Ministry: Shannon Barks – 705-229-7426
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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 23	**12:10 p.m.**	**† Mary Azzopardi**
Tuesday, November 24	**12:10 p.m.**	**† Rita Raizenne**
Wednesday, November 25	**7:00 p.m.**	**† Brent Miller**
Thursday, November 26	**12:10 p.m.**	**† Mark and Michael Gellegan**
Friday, November 27	**12:10 p.m.**	**† Margie Padfield**
Saturday, November 28	**9:00 a.m.**	**† All Souls**
		† Louise Adam
		† Paul Marley
		† Dolores Sexton
		† Deceased Members of the Camilleri & Matys Families



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 all those mentioned in our Book of Remembrance. The parish Book of Remembrance is in the church proper during the month of November so that you may inscribe the names of those who have gone before you marked with the sign of faith.

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.



A New Liturgical Year: Year B

The Church follows a three-year cycle and on the first Sunday of Advent, November 29, 2026 we embark on a new liturgical year. On Sundays during Year B the Gospel reading will most often be from the gospel of St. Mark. The new Sunday Missal includes a brief introduction to St. Mark's Gospel and suggestions for using the Missal.

Sunday Missals for the New Liturgical Year!

The new Missals are available in the foyer or from the parish office. The cost is $5.00. You are invited to review the instructions for using the Missal found on pages 4 and 5.

Advent: A Period of Devout and Expectant Delight

During Advent we shall gather in St. Joseph's Room on Thursday mornings beginning **November 26th from 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.** for **Lectio Divina**. Lectio Divina is Latin and means Divine Reading or Holy Reading. **Our primary focus will be the Gospels of Advent.** Registration is not required. For more information please contact Catherine Ecker (cecker@archtoronto.org or 705 728 2985 ext. 115). *All are welcome.*

Busby Meal Ministry: New Team Members Needed!

Team 2, who provide meals for Busby Clients on the second Saturday of each month, **need 2 additional team members**. Recipes, training & encouragement will be provided. If you are able to assist with the Meal Ministry please contact the parish office and leave your name, phone number and email address.

Make your gift to ShareLife - DOUBLE your impact!

From now 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.

Too often, families face their struggles in silence, unseen and unheard. New data shows that many food bank visitors are of working age & that one in four visitors are children. Through ShareLife's Food Security Grants, parents find relief in knowing they can provide nourishing meals for their children, and seniors are able to live with dignity, free from the fear of hunger. This is only possible because of your generosity! Double the impact of your kindness by giving at the parish with a ShareLife envelope or anytime at sharelife.org/donate. ***Thank you for living the Gospel***



Knights of Columbus's Children's' Christmas Party in our parish hall is on **Sunday, November 29th from 1 to 3:30 p.m.** with a **special visitor arriving at 2:15 p.m.!** Free to all and no reservations needed.

Save the Date! Annual Parish Christmas Concert featuring choirs from both the church and school communities on **Friday, December 4th at 7:00 p.m.**

Free will offering.





Celebrating Advent: Join us for **Advent Lessons and Carols on Wednesday December 9th at 2:00 p.m.** As we embrace the season of Advent you are invited to join us for a time of reflection and prayer followed by fellowship and refreshments. All are welcome.

Catholic Women's League Christmas Bake Sale



Treat yourselves to a taste of the holidays on **Saturday, December 12th** in the parish hall at **1:00 - 4:00 p.m.** and will continue after **5:00 p.m. Mass**. Homemade Christmas Cookies, Tarts, Pies, Coffee Cake, Preserves, Jams, Treats and more!

All proceeds are donated to local charities. *All Sales CASH ONLY*.

Liturgy of the Word with Children

All children between the ages of 4 and 8 are invited to participate. We celebrate **at the 12:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. Masses on Nov. 22, Dec. 6 and 20**. Questions? Please contact David at dmurdoch@archtoronto.org.

All Adults 55+ 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. 8108.**



Christian Meditation an ancient form of contemplative prayer is deeply rooted in the Christian tradition. We will meet on **Tuesday, November 24th 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.

National Day of Housing is November 22 every year



Timothy Schmalz is the sculptor of the Homeless Jesus statues.
"It's hardcore and it's haunting. If we continually have our visual ambassadors, and that's what I think Christian artwork is, telling the story that everything is beautiful, we're missing a great opportunity to preach with the artwork. I think that a homeless person, a marginalized person can feel very disconnected to the ideas of Jesus that have been represented as Mr. Perfect and 'everything's fine'. And so I think that this lets them in."- Timothy Schmalz

For resources regarding the National Day of Housing: see https://homelesshub.ca/

Prayer for the Unhoused

Bless the homeless, this day and every day,
keep them from physical and emotional harm,
fill their hearts with hope for the future and for today,
comfort the homeless as they walk their difficult paths.
May I know that anyone, even me, can be homeless.

Bless the homeless with enough food to sustain them,
with enough warmth to shield them from the elements,
with the power to wrestle personal demons and win,
with the will to go on, and build their lives again.

May hope touch each homeless heart, spirit and life,
let the kindness of others bring lasting benefits,
bring freedom from addiction, illness and misery,
open their humanity to include & embrace themselves.

Bless the homeless with self acceptance and love,
spark their imaginations with belief in the future,
bringing the possibility of a better life,
a safer life and a more secure life. Amen

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 (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 - 7:30 p.m. where we explore our faith in a dynamic way through activities, games, crafts and music. Join us on **Friday, December 4th**.

EDGE - is for youth Grades 5 - 8, 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: Emmaus is for Catholic young adults (18 - 35) that gathers once a month. Our next gathering is on **Saturday December 19th** for a White Elephant & Potluck Party. All are invited to wear their favourite Christmas sweater.

Classic Movies



Join us on **Tuesday, November 24th at 2:00 p.m.** for ***"Random Harvest"*** (1942). A beautifully mounted, and yet mysterious love story about an amnesiac man (Ronald Coleman) and the lonely woman (Greer Garson) who loves him in the years following World War 1. *Be sure to join us on December 8th for our 100th film shown in the parish since Classic Movies started in 2022*. Snacks and refreshments included. No sign-ups. Free will offering.

Just Sing

Just Sing! Join us on **Thursday, December 17th 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 Advent and Christmas. Bring your voice whether you can sing or not! No sign up required. Snacks and refreshments are included. All are welcome!

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