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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:
St. Mary's School - 705-726-1843
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Abbé Cyrille Tenejou L'aumônier
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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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
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Young 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.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, November 30	**12:10 p.m.**	**† Members of the Duivenvoore and Perkins Families**
Tuesday, December 1	**12:10 p.m.**	**† Morris Gonsalves**
Wednesday, December 2	**7:00 p.m.**	**Intentions of Cyril Egwuekwe**
Thursday, December 3	**12:10 p.m.**	**† Rev. Scott Young**
Friday, December 4	**12:10 p.m.**	**† Veronica Fobert**
	7:00 p.m.	**Parish Christmas Concert**

(There is no First Friday Mass –Adoration will be in the Chapel until 6:00 p.m.)

Saturday, December 5	**9:00 a.m.**	**† Carmelo Galle**
		† Dominico Svizzero
		Intentions of the Lopez and Zabala Families
		Intentions of Thierry Rayaisse
		Intentions of Father Larry Léger

Parish Christmas Concert – Friday, December 4th at 7:00 p.m.



We invite you to join us for our Annual Christmas Concert, featuring choirs, ensembles and soloists from within our parish and school community. Come and begin this Advent Season together in song. A free-will offering will be taken for our parish Youth Ministry.

Pray 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.

Rest in Peace We remember in prayer those who have died recently including all those mentioned in our Book of Remembrance.



If you or a family member are admitted to RVH please let them know you are Catholic and call the parish office. If you wish to receive Holy Communion please let the parish office know and one of our pastoral visitors will come to see you.

A New Liturgical Year: Year B

The Church follows a three-year cycle and on the **first Sunday of Advent, November 29, 2026, TODAY,** 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 **Sunday Missal** provides a brief introduction to the Gospel of Mark, an explanation of the choice of readings for Sundays and important suggestions on how to use the missal. You may purchase a new missal for $5.00 – *cash only.*

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.

TODAY, Sunday, November 29th CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY!

Hosted by Knights of Columbus, Council 1626



All children of the parish are invited to the parish hall for an afternoon of fun and crafts, snacks and refreshments from **1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.** with a special visitor arriving at 2:15 p.m.! This event is free to all. No reservations required.

Make your gift to ShareLife - DOUBLE your impact!

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.

ShareLife-funded agencies and Food Security Grant recipients are responding to families facing difficult situations, comforting seniors with fellowship, distributing meals to our neighbours in need, and so much more. Your sacrificial gift this Advent makes this support possible. You offer immediate relief, restore hope, and remind your brothers and sisters in Christ that they are not alone; that there is a family of faith who cares deeply for them.
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.***

Advent: A Period of Devout and Expectant Delight



During Advent we shall gather in St. Joseph's Room on Thursday mornings beginning **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.

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 and on December 6th and 20th.**
We are seeking Leaders for this rewarding ministry. Please contact David at dmurdoch@archtoronto.org.

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. ***Thank you for considering our Community Meals Ministry.***

Vitamin F: Mary: our Model of Discipleship Tuesday December 8th from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.



The Church invites us to continue to grow in our relationship with God and our understanding of our faith. All are welcome to attend this time of catechesis, conversation and prayer as we reflect on Mary at the wedding feast of Cana. We will briefly explore the new Pastoral Plan for the Archdiocese: Filling the Jars to the Brim. All are welcome to attend this time of catechesis, conversation and prayer. We will begin at 7:00 p.m., have simple refreshments available and conclude by 8:30 p.m.

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*.

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. 221.



Christian Meditation an ancient form of contemplative prayer is deeply rooted in the Christian tradition. We will meet on **Tuesday, December 1st 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

Preparing for Confirmation!Catechetical Meeting # 1: Parent, Candidate & Sponsor

All families who have registered in the preparation process for Confirmation are reminded to attend the parent candidate sponsor meeting. The meeting will begin with Mass at 7:00 p.m. and conclude by 9:00 p.m. **It is understood that the candidate, sponsor and parent will attend the meeting.** The candidates are grouped alphabetically. If you **cannot** attend the assigned meeting date, please attend the other meeting. You **do not** need to notify the parish office that you are attending a different meeting.

Wed. Dec. 2nd 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. Surnames A to L
Wed. Dec. 9th 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. Surnames M to Z

Preparing for First Holy Communion and First Reconciliation

All families who have formally registered their child in the preparation process are reminded to participate in the Enrolment ceremony at one of the Sunday (Saturday evening) Masses on **December 5/6 or December 12/13.** Please remember to bring the 'lamb' with you to enrolment. You only participate in enrolment once. Please continue to check your emails for updates and reminders via Flocknote.
If you any questions / concerns regarding preparation for the sacraments please contact Catherine Ecker at cecker@archtoronto.org or call 705 728 2985 ext. 115 or David Murdoch (dmurdoch@archtoronto.org).

Barrie & District Christmas Cheer



This Christmas, help bring JOY to a local family in need. Please consider donating NEW unwrapped toys for all ages, crafts, games, science kits, books, stuffies, lego, action figures, dolls, puzzle, knit hats/mitts, PC, Visa or Mastercard Gift Cards. **Donation deadline is Sunday, December 13th after the 4:00 p.m. Mass. Please bring donations to the parish hall.** Online donations welcome at https://christmascheerbarrie.com/, or drop off a cheque to the parish office.

Christmas Youth Ministry Fundraiser

December 5/6th weekend after ALL Masses.
JOY signs, nativity sets, crafts and more!

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 11th**.



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, December 18th.**



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, December 13th 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, December 8th at 2:00 p.m.** for ***"The Bells of St. Mary's"*** (1946). Classic happy Catholic comedy starring *Ingrid Bergman and Bing Crosby* Snacks and refreshments included. No sign-ups. Free will offering.

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