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Parish Office Hours: Monday to Thursday 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. & 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Friday 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

MASSES:

Sat.: 5:00 p.m. Sun.: 8:00, 10:00, 12:00 & 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.

RECONCILIATION:

Wed. 6:15 to 6:45 p.m. or Sat. 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

BAPTISMS (2ND & 4TH SUNDAYS): Please pick up a Baptism Package from the parish office.

BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS: 1ST Tuesday of each month from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.

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.

CONFIRMATION & 1st COMMUNION: Contact the parish for information.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: Parish Office

R.C.I.A. - For adults wishing to become Catholic.

R.C.I.C. - For the baptism of older children(aged 7-14).

Public/Private School Program - for school aged children not attending Catholic Schools.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: ADORATION CHAPEL

Monday to Friday: 1:00 p.m.- 9:00 p.m. All welcome.

PARISH STAFF:

Rev. Msgr. Marco Laurencic, Pastor - ext. 107

Rev. Jeremias Inoc, Associate Pastor - ext. 116

Rev. Gustave Mombo Mabiala, Assoc. Pastor - ext. 126
(Chaplain to the Barrie French Community)

Susan Scarff, Administrative Assistant - ext. 101

Deacon Ron MacLellan - ext. 115

Deacon Del Allan - ext. 125

Sherry Chapman, Adult Faith Moderator - ext. 111

Mickie Oakes, Pastoral Associate - ext. 110

Mary Perry White, Minister with Maturing Adults - ext.104

Shannon Barks, Music/Youth Minister - 705-229-7426

Pat Borho, Finance - ext. 102

Cathy O'Connor-Horgan, Custodian of Records - ext. 113

Dennis Cormier, Building Manager

SCHOOLS:

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

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

Monsignor Clair School - 705-737-2812

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

The Good Shepherd School - 705-728-2302

Sister Catherine Donnelly - 705-726-1221

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

Board Office - 705-722-3555

MINISTRIES TO THE HOSPITALIZED & SHUT-INS: If people are in the hospital or are unable to come to mass because of age or other limitations, contact the parish so that they may receive communion regularly.

Adoration Chapel: Mary Bond - 705-726-6641

Altar Servers: Parish Office - 705-728-2985

Bereavement Committee: Parish Office - 705-728-2985

Birthright: 109 Bayfield Street - 705-737-3550

Catholic Family Services: 705-726-2503

Catholic Women's League: Anne Marie Martyniuk-728-0109

Cenacle: Audrey Belcourt - 705-792-0489

Children's Liturgy: Alyssa Hendy - 705-562-4423

Development & Peace: Becky Johnson - 705-325-4614

Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Communion - 705-728-2985

Knights of Columbus: Dan Dooley - 728-1641 (Hall)

Simcoe Sojourners: Frank Kewin - 705-720-2492

Lectors: Parish Office - 705-728-2985

Library: Leola Chiasson - 705-728-1451

Marriage Encounter: John & Daphne Jeffery-705-721-1694

Marriage Preparation Registration: 705-728-2985

Maturing Adults: Mary Perry White - 705-728-2985

Ministry Affirmation: (Screening):Parish Office - 705-728-2985

New Beginnings: Mary Golds - 705-737-0368

Out of the Cold: Carol Forget - 705-726-1036

Refugee Committee: Christine Ignas - 705-770-9199

Religious Articles Store: Pat Dunn - 705-720-2483

Retrouaille: (for troubled marriages) - 416-281-6007

Rosary Apostolate - Anné Gariepy - 705-737-5263

Social Life: Parish Office - 705-728-2985

Stay 'n Play: Mickie Oakes - 705-728-2985

St. Mary's Cemetery: - 705-726-3931

St. Vincent de Paul: - 705-722-0753

Youth Ministry: Shannon Barks - 705-229-7426

PARISH REGISTRATION

Please register with the parish before seeking any sacraments or any other services. Registration forms are available in the church foyer, on our parish website, and in our parish office.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, December 18	12:10 p.m.	† Vera LeBlanc
Tuesday, December 19	12:10 p.m.	Intentions and Respect for Life at all Stages
Wednesday, December 20	10:30 a.m.	Waterford Retirement, 132 Edgehill Drive
	7:00 p.m.	† Adrien Gervais
Thursday, December 21	12:10 p.m.	† Ross and Marie Saunders
Friday, December 22	12:10 p.m.	† Frank and Carmela Camilleri, Lucy and Jean
Saturday, December 23	9:00 a.m.	† Noreen Egan; † Rita Foster; † Bruno Aita



Please remember to pray for those who are sick especially **Jackson and Paisley Bauman,**

Carol Fairchild and Annette Surette.



Please remember to pray for those who have died especially **Mary Gervais and Steve**

Horvat.

MEMORIAL LAMP & SPECIAL INTENTIONS

December 16 to December 23

Our sanctuary lamp is lit –

In loving memory of dear husband, father and grandfather

† **Dionisio DeMelo**

Requested by: Wife and Family



FAMILY OF FAITH UPDATE



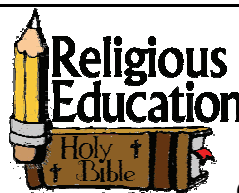
Family of Faith

This summer we completed one phase of our Family of Faith capital project, the public washrooms. This could only have been done with the support of so many of you donating and continuing to donate generously to our parish's Family of Faith campaign. In our case statement we need to provide accessibility for all our parishioners to the main office area. We hope this phase will be completed sometime this spring or early summer. Further the contrast of our labyrinth will also be enhanced.

Thank you for your support and ongoing commitment to our parish.

Msgr. Marco

PUBLIC/PRIVATE SCHOOL RELIGION



One of the tasks of the Catholic parish is to oversee the religious education of the children of the parish. It is presumed, in the situation we find ourselves in Ontario, that this will be realized by most attending a Catholic school. For families who cannot, or choose not to access the schools of the parish, there is a parish based program of religious education.

This year the course will focus on the Sacramental years; grades 2/3 and grades 7/8 for students preparing for their First Communion and/or Confirmation.

Classes begin **Saturday, January 13 and run through to March 31, 2018. **Please note the new time for class is 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.****

Registration forms are available after all weekend Masses in the vestibule pamphlet rack or at the parish office. You may submit your completed registration form at the first class.

For families now needing to access this program we encourage you to call the parish promptly. Contact Mickie Oakes, Pastoral Associate at 705-728-2985 ext. 110.

LIFETEEN THIS FRIDAY!



LIFE TEEN

This **Friday, December 22nd** we are having a Life night in our youth room. Bring your favourite appetizer to share, as we explore what it means to have a **"Heart of**

God"...be ready to get messy!!! For more information, please contact Shannon at stmarysyouthministrybarrie@gmail.com or 705-229-7426.

STAY 'N PLAY - CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

Wednesday, December 20th, mom's, dad's, grandparents, caregivers to babies and preschoolers are invited to honour the birth of Jesus through stories, caroling, games and prayer. Bring your favourite Christmas treat to share. Join us in room 3 from 10-11:30 a.m.





Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve – Sunday, December 24

5:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m.,
9:00 p.m. & Midnight

Christmas Day – Monday, December 25

10:00 a.m. & 12:00 p.m.

Boxing Day – Tuesday, December 26

9:00 a.m.
(No Mass at 12:10 p.m.)

Feast of the Holy Family

Saturday, December 30 - 5:00 p.m.
Sunday, December 31 - 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m.,
and 12:00 p.m.

New Year's Eve – Sunday, December 31 Vigil of the Feast of Mary, Mother of God

4:00 p.m.

New Year's Day - Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Monday, January 1

10:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION CHAPEL



During the 2017 Christmas Season, the Eucharistic Adoration Chapel hours will be:
Monday, December 18 through to Friday, December 22 – OPEN for usual hours
Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and Tuesday, December 26 (Boxing Day) – CLOSED
Wednesday, December 27 through to Friday, December 29 – OPEN for usual hours.
New Year's Eve, Sunday, December 31: OPEN (only if there are enough people interested **after** the 5:00 p.m. Mass until 12:00 a.m. (midnight). To commit to the extended time please see the sign-up sheet posted outside of the chapel or contact Mary Bond at 726-6641.
New Year's Day, Monday, January 1 – CLOSED
Tuesday, January 2 – OPEN for usual hours.

Come and thank the Lord for the blessings of 2017 and ask for continued blessings in 2018.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS TREE DECORATIONS

We invite children to make their own decorations and bring them in for the Christmas trees in the church. You can come by **Fri. Dec. 22nd after 1:00 p.m.** or **after 9:00 a.m. Mass on Sat. Dec. 23rd** to include your decoration on the trees.



CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM OUR DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION

Dear Parishioners,



During this most hopeful and joyous time of year, the Simcoe Muskoka Catholic District School Board joins together with our larger Catholic family in preparation for Christmas. This year, our school communities are focusing on our annual theme *Our Story ~ Our Journey*. There are many natural connections between this theme and the season of Advent. In our schools, our students will learn about the story of salvation through the Jesse Tree. They will follow the journey of Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem, the journey of the shepherds to gaze upon the newborn Christ child and the journey of the wise men who offered their gifts. We will also see our theme come alive throughout this Advent season as we recognize our place as part of a global family - a family called to reach out to brothers and sisters in need. An important part of our Advent tradition is supporting local charities and participating in numerous social justice initiatives.

We continue to be grateful for the relationship we share with our parish community. Together, we celebrate the gift of faith, the joy of hope and the blessing of His love. May the miracle of Christmas fill your hearts.

Yours in Faith,
Brian Beal, Director of Education,
Simcoe Muskoka Catholic District School Board

DECORATING OUR CHURCH

Under the direction of Coordinator and Volunteer, Yvonne Hargreaves, you are invited to come out this **Friday, December 22nd at 1:00 p.m.** to assist with the decoration of our church for Christmas. Many thanks for helping with this special work.

Hangings Of



The Greens



Christmas Office Hours



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Tuesday, Dec. 26

Thursday, Dec. 28

Monday, January 1

Wednesday, Dec. 27

Friday, Dec. 29

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