

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, 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.

BAPTISM INFORMATION: Contact a priest after Mass on Sunday.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: Contact the Parish Office

R.C.I.A. - For adults wishing to become Catholic, and for the baptism of older children (aged 7-14)

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

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.

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. Jeremias Inoc, Associate Pastor - ext. 107

Deacon Ron MacLellan - ext. 110

Deacon Del Allan - ext. 125

Susan Scarff, Administrative Assistant - ext. 101

Catherine Ecker, Coordinator of Ministry with Maturing Adults and Parish Catechist - ext.115

Shannon Barks, Music/Youth Minister - ext. 116 or 705-229-7426

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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

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION IN OUR ADORATION CHAPEL

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

All welcome.

Adoration Chapel: Mary Bond - 705-726-6641

Altar Servers: Parish Office - 705-728-2985

Bereavement Committee: Parish Office - 705-728-2985

Catholic Family Services: 705-726-2503

Catholic Women's League: Dianne Hunter - 705-725-9007

Cenacle: Audrey Belcourt - 705-792-0489

Children's Liturgy: Alba Aray - 705-719-0429

Development & Peace: Becky Johnson - 705-327-9609

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

Knights of Columbus: Dean Beaudry - 728-1641 (Hall)

Simcoe Sojourners: Jacinta Kewin - 705-720-2492

Lectors: Parish Office - 705-728-2985

Library: Arlene LeBlanc - 705-728-0736

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

Marriage Preparation Registration: 705-728-2985

Maturing Adults: Catherine Ecker - 705-728-2985

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

New Beginnings: Mary Golds - 705-737-0368

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 - 705-305-0911

Social Life: Parish Office - 705-728-2985

Stay 'n Play: Parish Office - 705-728-2985

St. Mary's Cemetery: Larry Meyer 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 2	9:30 a.m.	The Good Shepherd School at the school
	12:10 p.m.	† Deceased Members of the Larin Family
Tuesday, December 3	12:10 p.m.	† Joe Aikins
Wednesday, December 4	10:30 a.m.	Grove Park Home, 234 Cook Street
	7:00 p.m.	† Gizela Jadwiga Witt
Thursday, December 5	12:10 p.m.	† Steven Tracey
Friday, December 6	9:30 a.m.	Sister Catherine Donnelly at the school
	12:10 p.m.	† Carmelo Galle
	7:00 p.m.	† Joseph Henry Laverdiere
Saturday, December 7	9:00 a.m.	† Antonio Fialho † David Bethune
		† Kenneth Kay † Jamie Laguna
		Intentions of Karine Gaudreault
		Intentions of Maria Adamski



Please remember to pray for those who are sick especially **Tibor Toth, Penny Obnowleny, Pauline McLagan, May Flynn, Greg Ronan, Larry Gallaso, Rosita Bearisto, Mike Carbone, Mike Prior, Louise Cudmore, Elizabeth O'Neill and Russ Cadeau.**



Please remember to pray for those who have died especially **Aurora Daley.**

ADVENT A SEASON OF JOYFUL EXPECTATION!



This new season is marked by a change in liturgical colour from green to violet. The Church reminds us that **“Advent has a twofold character, for it is a time of preparation for the Solemnities of Christmas, in which the first coming of the Son of God to humanity is remembered, and likewise a time when, by remembrance of this, minds and hearts are led to look forward to Christ’s Second Coming at the end of time. For these two reasons Advent is a period of devout and expectant delight.”** *Universal Norms on the Liturgical Year and the General Roman Calendar, par. 39.* During Advent, we are reminded that we are to be ready to welcome Christ in our brothers and sisters and to prepare to celebrate the mystery of the Incarnation: God with us.

MEMORIAL LAMP & SPECIAL INTENTIONS



November 30th to December 7th
Our sanctuary lamp is lit –

In loving memory of a precious friend
† Edith Driscoll
Who is forever in our hearts and prayers.
Requested by: Mary Kominek

THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL



Once again, the St. Vincent de Paul Society wishes to thank everyone for their donations during the year and especially to those who used their green envelopes in September. Because we changed from December to September we would like to remind you that the Green envelopes can still be used. We thank you for your generous support for those in need in our community.

CELEBRATING ADVENT



Join us for **Advent Lessons and Carols** on **Wednesday, December 11th at 2:00 p.m.** A social time will follow in the parish hall. Bring a favourite treat to share with others. We will begin at 2:00 p.m. in the Church. All are welcome!

PRAYER FOR THE FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT



Before your family meal, light the first candle on your Advent wreath. If you do not have an Advent wreath you may light a taper before you pray.

O God, as we light this candle, remind us of the need to bring the light of hope into the world.

Help us to stay awake to the needs of others by seeing with our eyes and hearts. Give us courage to reach out in hope to the lonely in our schools, parishes and communities. Amen

**RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION:
A Sign of our Communion with God
and Union with Others**



Beginning the first Sunday of Advent at every liturgy, we shall be invited to share both the Body and Blood of Christ. It is always good for those of us who come to the table each week to pause and recall the proper way to receive Holy Communion.

At the time of Holy Communion, when the person in front of you has received Holy Communion and you are in the front of the procession you will bow your head, the Minister of the Body of Christ will say, "The Body of Christ", you will reply, "Amen". It is important to note that the only appropriate response is **Amen**. The Church expects that **Amen** is said in a voice that can be heard by the Minister of Holy Communion.

After saying **Amen** you will consume the host immediately and if receiving the Precious Blood you will move to the Minister of the Chalice who will say, "The Blood of Christ", you will reply, "Amen" and take a sip from the chalice. You will not bow a second time for the act of receiving the Body and Blood of Christ is one ritual gesture. (GIRM, paragraph 160) The Canadian Bishops have instructed that our common sign of reverence be a bow of the head. As a sign of our unity and respect for the Body of Christ we join in singing the Communion hymn. After everyone has shared in Holy Communion there will be a time of silence for prayer.

**PARENT CATECHETICAL MEETING # 1
A Reminder to All Parents Who Have Registered
their Child for first sharing in Holy Communion**



All parents are to attend a meeting to assist their child to prepare for and celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time. At the

meeting parents will participate in a time of catechesis and receive a copy of the family book which must be completed at home. To foster full participation, we ask that **only parents** attend. **The final opportunity to attend this essential meeting is today, Sunday December 1st at 1:30 p.m.** No additional meetings will not be offered.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Mark your calendars! The parish is hosting an annual Christmas Concert on **Friday, December 13th at 7:00 p.m.** featuring sacred music. There will be a free-will offering taken up for the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

The Ministry with Maturing Adults

seeks to support the lifelong faith development of women and men throughout all phases of the pre-retirement and retirement years. The various programs are open to all members of St. Mary's who are in the second half of life.



Neighbourhood Circle: The parish-based group of maturing adults will meet on **Thursday, December 5th at 2:00 p.m.** in the multipurpose room (main floor) of St. Mary's Residence for refreshments and conversation. All are welcome.

Christian Meditation is an ancient form of contemplative prayer rooted in the Christian tradition. The group meets twice a month. The next session is on **Tuesday, December 10th at 10:30 a.m. in meeting room 3.** All are welcome. No prior experience is needed.

Writing Circle Alumni Group: this is a gathering for those who have already completed the Life Story Writing program. Meeting will be held on **Thursday, December 12th at 1:00 p.m.** in room 3.

For further information on the **Ministry with Maturing Adults** please contact Catherine the coordinator at 705 728 2985 ext. 115 or by email: caecker@archtoronto.org.

**PREPARING FOR CONFIRMATION
Catechetical Meeting # 1 December 4th or
December 11th: Parent, Candidate & Sponsor**



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. You are to attend one meeting. The candidates are grouped alphabetically. Please consult the list posted in the parish hall for the assigned date. **If there is a serious reason, such as illness, you may attend a different meeting. You do not need to notify the parish office.**

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY**

Next Sunday, December 8th in our parish hall from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. There will be crafts, music, food and a visit from Santa!



Children of all ages from the parish are invited to attend. **Everything is provided at no cost and open to all children of the parish.** (No reservations required). **Teen Volunteers Needed:** Help us set up, clean up, prepare and serve food or *help Santa, demonstrate crafts or try your hand at face painting?* For information contact Richard Lalonde at r.lalonde@rogers.com.

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