

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. (livestreamed),
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.

Mass is livestreamed on Sundays at 10:00 a.m.

and Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.

The Church opens at 8:00 a.m. and closes at 5:00 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 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.

Adoration Chapel:

Mary Bond - 705-726-6641

Altar Servers:

Parish Office

Bereavement Committee:

Parish Office

Catholic Family Services:

705-726-2503

Catholic Women's League:

Dorothy Cepas-705-627-0026

Liturgy of the Word with Children:

Parish Office

Development & Peace:

Becky Johnson - 705-327-9609

Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Communion:

705-728-2985

Interfaith Refugee Committee:

Sheila Lewis-Watts

705-737-1880

Knights of Columbus:

Bob Tinkess - 705-220-9103 Cell

Lectors:

Parish Office

Library:

Arlene LeBlanc - 705-728-0736

PARISH STAFF:

Rev. Larry Léger, Pastor – ext. 104

Rev. Neyomal Silva, Associate Pastor

Rev. Scott Young – In Residence (Health Leave)

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

David Murdoch, Pastoral Assistant

Pat Borho, Finance – ext. 102

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

Dennis Cormier, Building Manager

PARISH 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 THE CHURCH PROPER

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday

After the 12:10 p.m. Mass to 4:00 p.m. All welcome

Marriage Encounter:

John & Daphne Jeffery-705-721-1694

Marriage Preparation:

Parish Office

Maturing Adults:

Catherine Ecker - ext. 115

Ministry Affirmation: (Screening):

Parish Office - 705-728-2985

New Beginnings:

Parish Office - 705-728-2985

Religious Articles Store:

Pat Dunn - 705-718-1853

Retrouaille: (for troubled marriages) -

416-281-6007

Rosary Apostolate -

Anné Gariepy - 705-305-0911

Sacramental Preparation:

Catherine Ecker - ext. 115

Simcoe Sojourners:

Jacinta Kewin - 705-720-2492

Social Life:

Parish Office

St. Mary's Cemetery:

Larry Meyer 705-726-3931

St. Vincent de Paul:

705-722-0753

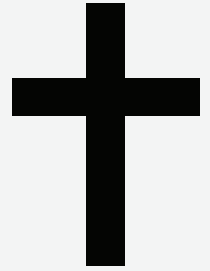
Youth Ministry:

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, January 23	12:10 p.m.	† Giuse Bich and Maria Hien
Tuesday, January 24	12:10 p.m.	† Maria Teresa Cuu and Vincente Tap
Wednesday, January 25	7:00 p.m.	† Giuse Xieu and Maria Loan
Thursday, January 26	12:10 p.m.	Intentions Dollie Moulden
Friday, January 27	12:10 p.m.	† Easton Carpino
Saturday, January 28	9:00 a.m.	† Mary Ellen Tanner
		† Brother Knights Who Passed During Covid



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 **Joan Smith, Gilles Gratton and Beryl Fairchild.**

The Sunday of the Word of God January 22, 2023

In September 2019, Pope Francis issued an Apostolic Letter instituting the Sunday of the Word of God. *"The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time is to be devoted to the celebration, study and dissemination of the word of God."*

In the General Instruction to the Roman Missal (GIRM) we read: *"The Church invites us to listen reverently to the Word of God as it is proclaimed. (par. 29) and "In the readings the table of God's Word is spread before the faithful, and the treasures of the bible are opened to them." (par.57)* Before coming to Mass (Sunday and weekday) we are encouraged to read the Scripture at home so we are ready to listen as the Word of God is proclaimed.

"The celebration of the Sunday of the Word of God has ecumenical value, since the Scriptures point out, for those who listen, the path to authentic and firm unity." (Apostolic Letter, Instituting Sunday of the Word of God, par.3).

Father Neyomal



We wish Father Neyomal a safe trip home to Sri Lanka over the next 4 weeks.

We keep him in our prayers, as he is able to spend time with his mother, father and brother's family.

Ministry with Maturing Adults: For All Adults 55+



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 is an ancient form of contemplative prayer rooted in the Christian tradition. We will meet at 10:30 a.m. on **Tuesday, January 24th** on Zoom. If you are interested in learning more about this form of prayer please contact Catherine Ecker. (cecker@archtoronto.org or 705 728 2985 ext. 115).

The Story of Ruth: Twelve Moments in Every Woman's Life

Joan Chittister is a Benedictine Sister of Erie, Pennsylvania. For over 50 years she has passionately advocated on behalf of peace, human rights, women's issues, and monastic and church renewal. She has written over 60 books. You are invited to a guided discussion of the book *The Story of Ruth*. Sessions will be held on Thursday mornings in St. Joseph's Room from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. beginning **February 16th and concluding March 23rd**. All participants will need a copy of the book. To register and order a copy of the book please contact Catherine Ecker at 705 728 2985 ext. 115 or email cecker@archtoronto.org

Life Jesus Higher Rally

Saturday, March 4th, 2023 – St. Mary's Church will be taking a bus for our young people and any adults interested in attending the Life Jesus Higher Rally in Toronto at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre. Tickets are \$50/pp. Please contact Shannon Barks at 705-229-7426.

Enrolment for Confirmation: Reminder to Candidates!



All young people who have formally registered in the preparation process for Confirmation will bring their letter to Father Larry to the Enrolment.

The letter will be presented during at one of the Saturday evening or Sunday morning Masses. If you did not participate in the enrolment on January 14 /15 then you are to participate on January 21/22, 2023.

On the day of Enrolment, as a tangible sign of our membership in the Body of Christ and commitment to living as disciples each candidate is asked to bring new socks, mitts or gloves. The items will be shared with those who experience homelessness.

Preparing for First Holy Communion and First Reconciliation Parent Child Meeting # 1



All families who have formally registered in the preparation process will participate in a family catechetical meeting. If you did not attend on Saturday please attend the session on **Tuesday January 24th from 7:00 – 8:15 p.m.**

Parents and young people are reminded to continue to read, discuss and complete the activities in the book *We Prepare for Reconciliation*. The book is to be completed by February 19, 2023.

Confirmation Preparation for Adults

If you are an adult, baptized in the Catholic Church and wish to be confirmed please contact Catherine Ecker (cecker@archtoronto.org or 705 728 2985 ext. 115) for a registration form and details on the preparation process.

New Beginnings

New Beginnings offers both women and men to share discussions with others in a safe, welcoming and non-judgmental online forum. The program ministers to those who have suffered a loss through separation, divorce or bereavement.

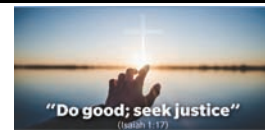
The next online *drop-in* support session is on **January 26th at 7:00 p.m.**

Please register at: <https://nbsdd01.eventbrite.ca>.

For more information please contact Arcangelo Limanni, MRE at 647-215-3978 or email alimanni@cfstoronto.com

Annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Prayer Service January 2023

This year's message of Isaiah 1:17, "Do good; seek justice" inspires all of us to pray and work together for the unity willed by Christ for the Church.



The downtown ministerial association continues to advocate and pray for Christian unity.

Join us on **Tuesday, January 31st at 2:00 p.m.** at St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, 47 Owen Street, Barrie for an ecumenical service.

Catholic Women's League



St. Mary's Catholic Women's League will be holding the Mary Matthews Public Speaking Contest in our parish hall on **Saturday, February 11** at 10:00 a.m.

Grades 7 & 8 students who have won or are runner - up from all schools in the St. Mary's catchment area will be invited by their school to compete.

The winner from this competition will be invited to compete in the CWL Regional Contest on February 25th at 10:00 a.m. at St. John Vianney Church in Barrie. For further inquiries contact Karen Boyle 705-321-0898 or kboyle@bell.net.

YOUTH MINISTRY

M.E.R.C.Y. (Ministry to Educate Roman Catholic Youth) is for youth grades J.K.-4 and



gathers once a month on Friday nights from 6:00-7:30 p.m. where we explore our faith in a dynamic way through activities, games, crafts and music.

Our next gathering is Friday, February 10th from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.



EDGE is a youth ministry program for youth grades 5-8 to come together once a month

on a Friday from 6:00-7:30 p.m. EDGE is a safe, fun place for youth to find solid Catholic community, to get answers to their questions about faith and most importantly, to experience Jesus in a profound and personal way. **Our next gathering is this Friday, February 24th.**



LIFE TEEN – for high school teens to explore their faith through talks, prayer and friendship meeting monthly

on Sunday nights. Our next gathering is this **Sunday, January 22nd at the 4:00 p.m.** For information on our Youth Ministry please email stmarysyouthministrybarrie@gmail.com or call Shannon Barks at 705-229-7426.

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