St. Mary's Church

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Email: stmarysba@archtoronto.org Website: www.stmarysba.archtoronto.org 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.

CHURCH HOURS - OPENING/CLOSING

WEEKEND - Open 20 minutes prior to each Mass and closed directly after each Mass.

WEEKDAY - Open at 11:00 a.m. - Closed at 3:00 p.m. Wednesday's - Open at 4:00 p.m. - Closed 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.

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.

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: Parish Office - 705-728-2985

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: Dean Beaudry - 728-1641 (Hall)

Lectors: Parish Office - 705-728-2985 **Library:** Arlene LeBlanc - 705-728-0736

PARISH STAFF:

Rev. Larry Léger, Pastor - ext. 104

Rev. Neyomal Liyanage Silva, Associate Pastor - ext. 107

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

Clint Tyler, MSW Counsellor - ext. 101

Pat Borho, Finance - ext. 102

Cathy O'Connor-Horgan, Custodian of Records - ext113

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

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION IN THE CHURCH PROPER

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday
After the 12:10 p.m. Mass to 3:00 p.m. All welcome

Marriage Encounter: John & Daphne Jeffery-705-721-1694
Marriage Preparation Registration: 705-728-2985

Maturing Adults: Catherine Ecker - ext. 115

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

New Beginnings: Mary Golds - 705-737-0368
Religious Articles Store: Pat Dunn - 705-720-2483
Retrouvaille: (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 - 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 7 12:10 p.m. Tuesday, December 8 12:10 p.m. 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, December 9 Thursday, December 10 12:10 p.m. Friday, December 11 12:10 p.m. Saturday, December 12 9:00 a.m.



† Susan Payette

† Ken Vaillancourt

† Savaryn Family Members and Friends

† Adamski Family Members and Friends

† Poor Souls in Purgatory



Please remember to pray for those who are sick including David Samuel, Joe Hargreaves,

Carol Beatty, Vic White, Dean Edgar, Margaret Baker, Mel Fullerton, Beryl Fairchild, George Driscoll, Joan Fenton and Judy Turnbull.



Please remember to pray for those who have died including David Clark, Jack Jones, Anthony Hutson, Nino

Melchiorre, Louise Cudmore and Marie Miller.

KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS CAR AND FRIDGE MAGNETS



The Knights of Columbus Barrie Council #1626 will be selling "Keep Christ in Christmas" fridge and car magnets today at the entrance of the church to silently evangelize about the real

meaning of the Christmas season. Magnets are \$5.00 each and all proceeds go to help the less fortunate in our community. Place one on your car or fridge to remind ourselves and everyone that sees them that Christ is the reason for the season.

CARING FOR OUR SENIORS

SENIORS WISH - This year the local Senior Wish Association is not able to accept gifts for our seniors who are isolated. If you are able to support this group as they brighten the Christmas season for our

seniors please visit www.aseniorwish.com

BE A SANTA TO A SENIOR - if you prefer to purchase a virtual gift for a senior please visit

https://www.beasantatoasenior.com/



Advent: A Season of Joyful Expectation! PRAYER FOR THE SECOND WEEK OF ADVENT



Before your family meal, light two purple candles on your Advent wreath. If you do not have an Advent wreath you may light one or two candles before you pray.

Leader: Father in heaven, set our hearts ablaze to follow in the steps

of John the Baptist. May we bring light and love to all we meet, that the darkness of sin and fear may be overcome. In Christ's name we ask this. All: Amen.

SINCERE THANKS

The Society of St Vincent de Paul would like to thank all our parishioners for your continued generosity and support to our ministry. Your donations provide funds to help us serve those most in need from our Community. During this pandemic we are fortunate to work in partnership with Giant Tiger



Wishing you and your families a very Blessed Christmas and Happy New Year.

CELEBRATING ADVENT

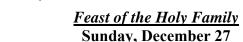


Join us for Advent Lessons and Carols on Wednesday, December 9th at 2:00 p.m. in the church proper. You are invited to join us for a time

of reflection and prayer as we embrace the season of Advent. This celebration will be live streamed on our Facebook.



Christmas Mass Schedule



8:00 a.m., * 10:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.r

Christmas Day - Friday, December 25 * 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.

3:00 p.m., * 5:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m., * 9:00 p.m., and 12:00 Midnight

Saturday, December 26 (No 9:00 a.m. or confessions) Feast of the Holy Family 5:00 p.m.

New Year's Eve - Thursday, December 31 Vigil of the Feast of Mary, Mother of God

> (No 12:10 p.m. Mass) 5:00 p.m.

New Year's Day - Friday, January 1 Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God * 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. (No 7:00 p.m. Mass)

* Masses will be livestreamed on our parish Facebook page at https://www.facebook.com/st.marysbarrie.live

MINISTRY WITH MATURING ADULTS

Christian Meditation is an ancient form of contemplative prayer rooted in the Christian tradition. The group will meet in person on Tuesday, December 8th at 10:30 a.m. No

prior experience is needed, all are welcome. If you wish to attend please email Catherine Ecker at caecker@archtoronto.org or call 705 728 2985 ext.

The Alumni Writing Group will meet on Thursday, December 10th in St. Joseph's Room from 1:00 -2:30 p.m. You are reminded to bring your mask with you. Refreshments will not be served.

REGISTRATION FOR CONFIRMATION OR FIRST SHARING IN HOLY COMMUNION

Families who participated in the parent information meeting for Confirmation or first sharing in Holy

material.

Communion received a package of

The completed registration form including a legible photocopy of the

young person's baptismal certificate, the Parish

Registration Form and the Sacramental Preparation envelope will be accepted AFTER Mass has ended on December 5 /6 and December 12 /13.

Please note: Registration forms are only accepted after Sunday (Saturday) Mass.

If you have questions about the form, choosing the dates or other concerns please email Catherine Ecker, parish catechist at caecker@archtoronto.org

A PRAYER FOR 2020

This prayer is appropriate for our time and circumstances.

My Lord God, I have no idea where I am going. I do not see the road ahead of me. I cannot know for certain where it will end. Nor do I really know myself, and the fact that I think I am following your will does not mean that I am actually doing so. But I believe that the desire to please you does in fact please you. And I hope I have that desire in all that I am doing. I hope that I will never do anything apart from that desire. And I know that if I do this you will lead me by the right road. though I may know nothing about it. Therefore I will trust you always though I may seem to be lost and in the shadow of death. I will not fear, for you are ever with me, and you will never leave me to face my perils alone.

-- Thomas Merton in Thoughts in Solitude

COUNSELLING OPPORTUNITY

Clint Tyler, MSW, is on staff in the parish to provide individual and couple counseling each Thursday. To make an appointment please call Susan in the parish office at ext. 101.

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