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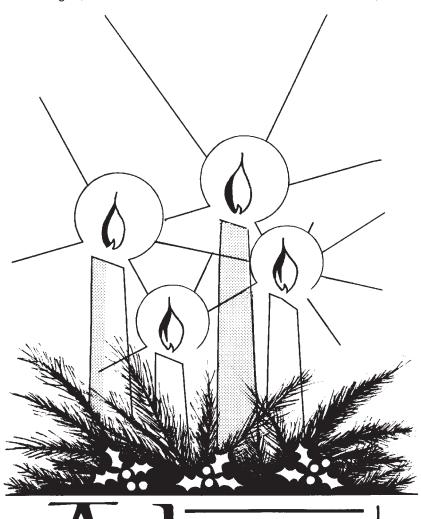
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PARISH STAFF:

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Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, December 21 12:10 p.m. † Deacon Ed Seedhouse

Tuesday, December 22 12:10 p.m. † Manuel DaSilva and John Miranda Wednesday, December 23 7:00 p.m. † Margaret McGrath

Thursday, December 24 Christmas Eve Please see schedule below

Friday, December 25 Christmas Day " " "

Saturday, December 26 Feast of the Holy Family "



Christmas Mass Schedule

<u>Christmas Eve – Thursday, December 24</u>
(No 12:10 p.m. Mass)
3:00 p.m., * 5:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m.,
* 9:00 p.m., and 12:00 Midnight

<u>Christmas Day – Friday, December 25</u> * 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.

Saturday, December 26 (No 9:00 a.m. Mass or confessions) <u>Feast of the Holy Family</u> 5:00 p.m. <u>Feast of the Holy Family - Sunday, December 27</u> 8:00 a.m., * 10:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m.

New Year's Eve – Thursday, December 31 <u>Vigil of the Feast of Mary, Mother of God</u> (No 12:10 p.m. Mass)

5:00 p.m. Mass

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





During the 2020 Christmas Season, the Eucharistic Adoration Chapel hours will be: Monday, Dec. 21 and Tuesday, Dec. 22, – OPEN after noon mass until 3:00 p.m. Christmas Eve, Thursday, Dec. 24 and Christmas Day, Friday, Dec. 25 - CLOSED Monday, Dec. 28 and Tuesday, Dec. 29 – OPEN after noon Mass until 3:00 p.m. New Year's Eve, Thursday, December 31 – OPEN after 5:00 p.m. Mass until 12:00 a.m. Praise and Worship from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Silent Adoration from 7:00 p.m. until Midnight.

Come and thank the Lord for the blessings of 2020 and ask for continued blessings in 2021.



Please remember to pray for those who are sick including *Joe Hargreaves*, *Margaret Baker*,

David Samuel, Carol Beatty, George Driscoll, Beryl Fairchild, Ron English, Joan Fenton, Judy Turnbull, Jeff Beairsto, Peter Grasman.



Please remember to pray those who have died recently
Remembrance including Edward Gelfand.

CHRISTMAS OFFICE HOURS

Closed: Fri. Dec. 25, Mon. Dec. 28, Fri. Jan. 1 **Open 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.:** Thurs. Dec. 24,

Thurs. Dec. 31

Advent: A Season of Joyful Expectation! PRAYER FOR THE FOURTH 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 four candles before you pray.

Leader: God of all hope, you have chosen us to be a witness to your love. Help us and guide us in all that we do in your name.

May we rejoice in the coming of your Son.
All: Amen.



My Fellow Parishioners,

What a year this has been! As we approach the feast of Christmas I am reminded of the welcome you gave me last year, and how many things have changed in the past nine months. With Christmas we celebrate **Emmanuel** - the reality that God comes

to us! God <u>has</u> come to us in History – 2020 years ago in Bethlehem, God <u>will</u> come to us again – in Majesty and Glory, and God <u>Does Choose</u> to come to us here and now – in Mystery! In the midst of all that has and is happening in our world, in the midst of masks and physical distancing, arrows on the floor and sanitizer at the entrance, God is very close to us. This is the good news that we can share with others, even if we cannot share a table at Christmas with those people we always have called family. May the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, and may the Glory of God shine around you, and the hope of the Spirit encourage you in these times. You are in our pastoral team's prayers these days.

CHRISTMAS EVE

Thursday, December 24 on Christmas Eve, the wreath can be renewed with new ribbon and the candles replaced with new white votives for use during the Christmas season.

Leader: Lord Jesus, we approach that holy moment when Your coming as man is renewed in our hearts.

Give us peace and allow us to celebrate Your presence with joy,

that we may some day share Your glory.
We ask this of You, who live and reign with the
Father and the Holy Spirit,
as one God, now and forever.
All: Amen.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES LIVING AND CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE



The expression a wedding lasts a day a marriage lasts a lifetime highlights the importance of celebrating and living marriage vows day after day. The married couples in our parish are a sign to us of God's faithfulness and through their witness

we are strengthened. If you celebrated a wedding anniversary in December we shall pray with you and share in your joy at all Sunday (Saturday evening) Masses on **December 26**th and **27**th. Please join us in thanking God for the gift of the married couples in our midst.

YOUTH MINISTRY



Please note that Youth
Ministry with continue to
run for the time being. Please contact
the Youth Ministry email

<u>stmarysyouthministrybarrie@gmail.com</u> for further information.

THE CHRISTMAS SEASON

From Christmas Day until the Baptism of the Lord on January 10, 2021, the following prayer can be used before your family meal.



Leader: Father in heaven, you so loved us that You sent Your Son, among us as Savior and Lord. Fill us with Your blessing, that we may grow in love and continue to live our Christian faith. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen

MINISTRY WITH MATURING ADULTS

Christian Meditation is an ancient form of contemplative prayer rooted in the Christian tradition. The group will meet on line on Tuesday December 22nd 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 for the link.

<u>VON SMART</u> (Seniors Maintaining Active Roles Together) Exercise Program will not meet on December 22nd and 29th. The program will resume in January 2021. For enquiries please call 705-737-5044 ext. 221.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES 2021

Offertory envelopes are available for pick up in the adoration chapel with surnames from A-N and in the hall



from O-Z. Once you take them home, please take a minute to write your name on the envelopes for the first couple of weeks in January. *Thank you for your support!*

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