

# St. Mary's Church

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## 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

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*We saw his star in the East  
and have come to worship Him*

## Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, January 4	10:00 a.m.	† William Charlebois
Tuesday, January 5	10:00 a.m.	† Katharine Meecham
Wednesday, January 6	10:00 a.m.	† Carmel Abdilla
Thursday, January 7	10:00 a.m.	† Margaret Johnston
Friday, January 8	10:00 a.m.	† Deacon George Wilson
Saturday, January 9	10:00 a.m.	† Keith Cherrier



† Andrew Wasilevski  
 † Ed Richardson  
 Intentions of Father Jeremias Inoc  
 Intentions of Bernard and Andrew Adamski  
 Intentions of Faith Ramsaroop

*Thank You*

*As we celebrate the visit of the three wise men to Jesus we reflect with gratitude that we were able to gather physically for Christmas. We have so much to be thankful for in St. Mary's Parish as we look back on the past six months since we were able to reopen in the latter of part of June.*

*To our music ministry who enriched our liturgies and to our lectors and communion ministers who have served over these months, a heartfelt thank you for all you do! To Frank and Nadia DeAmicis who decorated the front entrance planters, to Paul Spicer who installed the "Joy" decoration and Christmas lights, and to Yvonne*



*Hargreaves who decorated the church at Christmas. A special thank you to David Murdoch and to Catherine Ecker for ensuring the safety of our worship space and being an integral part of our covid-19 sanitization procedures.*

*And to all who shared their good cheer with kind words and actions, your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated. Let us look to this New Year with its great promise and hope.*

*Fr. Larry and Fr. Neyomal*

### CELEBRATING CHRISTMAS UNTIL JANUARY 10, 2021

The Christmas season continues until the feast of the Baptism of the Lord celebrated this year on Sunday January 11, 2021. Throughout the liturgical season of Christmas our Church celebrates the many ways that God is made present in our midst and world. We are invited to celebrate the full season of Christmas.

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord. The word Epiphany means manifestation. On this feast the Church celebrates the manifestation of our Lord to the whole world. Christ is revealed as the light of the Gentiles. During the coming week as part of our family time we can talk about how our family is a sign of God's loving presence.

### SINCERE THANKS!

**SHARELIFE:** In this time of pandemic, we are pleased to report that through the generosity of our parishioners, the parish collectively raised \$105,070.00 for our 2020 campaign.

**CHRISTMAS CHEER:** Thank you to those who supported the financial campaign for Christmas Cheer with gift cards and monetary offerings for those in need in our community.

### BULLETIN SUBSCRIPTIONS

*Did you know that you can subscribe to our weekly parish bulletin and have it delivered directly to your email?* Sign up at our website: <https://stmarysba.archtoronto.org/> and click on the red tab "SIGN UP" (which is located directly under Mass times).

# With best wishes for the coming year

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*from our website – About Us/Downloadable Forms)*



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## MINISTRY WITH MATURING ADULTS

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. Programs are open to parishioners in the second half of life.

**VON SMART** (*Seniors Maintaining Active Roles Together*) **Exercise Program** is suspended during the lockdown. For details regarding the program please call: 705 737 5044 ext. 221.

**Writing Circle Alumni Group:** this is a gathering for those who have already completed the Life Story Writing program. The monthly meeting will be held online on **Thursday, January 14<sup>th</sup>** at 1:00 p.m. Current members will be sent the link to the meeting.

**Christian Meditation** is an ancient form of contemplative prayer rooted in the Christian tradition. During the pandemic this group has been meeting weekly. The meeting is held online via Zoom. The next session is on **Tuesday, January 5<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m.** All are welcome. No prior experience is needed. If you have any questions or to receive the link to the meeting please email Catherine Ecker at [caecker@archtoronto.org](mailto:caecker@archtoronto.org)

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](mailto:caecker@archtoronto.org)

### SOME SUGGESTIONS FOR CELEBRATING CHRISTMAS BEYOND DECEMBER 25<sup>TH</sup> ARE:

sing a verse or refrain of a favourite Christmas carol before the evening meal; call or schedule a virtual visit with a family member who lives a distance from your home; pray for peace in our homes, community and world; at meal time talk about the many ways you see God each day; walk through your neighbourhood and enjoy the lights and decorations. From Christmas Day until the Baptism of the Lord, the following prayer can be prayed when your family gathers for a meal. If possible begin by lighting a candle.

***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. Amen.***

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