

# 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.

## 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.

## 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 - 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 3:00 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:** 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

**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 - 705-718-1853

**Retrouaille:** (for troubled marriages) - 416-281-6007

**Rosary Apostolate** - Anné Gariépy - 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, April 26	10:00 a.m.	Intentions of Living and Deceased Catholic Women's League Members
Tuesday, April 27	10:00 p.m.	† Bill Bolger
Wednesday, April 28	10:00 a.m.	† Antonio Tolfo
Thursday, April 29	10:00 a.m.	† Heather Cronin
Friday, April 30	10:00 a.m.	† Al and Mary Bethune
Saturday, May 1	10:00 a.m.	Intentions of Shannon Barks



Please pray for those who are sick including:

**Judy Turnbull, Tom Walsh, Jeff Beairsto, Esther Drobot, Ernie Allard, Ruth Johnson, Greg Keevaney, Sandra Hickey, Denise LaPorte, Joanne Leroux, Kathleen O'Donnell, Geraldine Lynch and Jerry Elias.**



*In Loving Remembrance*

Please remember those who have died including:  
**Paul Mizzi and Celinda Canas.**

### CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

CWL is asking fellow parishioners to contribute to our drive for the **Women's and Children's Shelter of Barrie on Mothers' Day weekend, May 8 and 9.** Due to the Covid-19 restrictions, the shelter had to build two additional washrooms to accommodate all of their clientele. As can be expected with the stress people are undergoing due to the pandemic, the shelter is full at this time and would be most grateful for your donations of cash or cheques. *(Please make cheques payable to: The Women and Children's Shelter of Barrie).*

Please enclose your donation in an envelope clearly marked **CWL WOMEN AND CHILDREN'S SHELTER DRIVE.** You may leave cash or a **cheque at the parish office drop box or mail your donation to St. Mary's Church, ATTENTION CWL, 65 Amelia Street, Barrie, ON L4M 1M7.** Please add **your name and address** so that the shelter can issue you a tax receipt. **Thank you for any support you can give to this most important drive.**

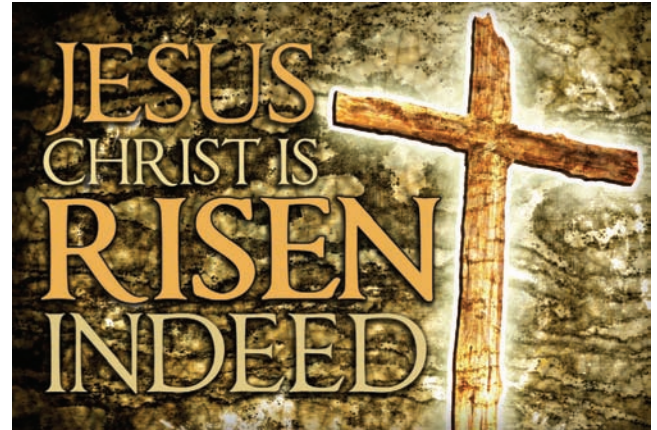
### DID YOU KNOW?

Our local Red Cross office are able to provide seniors with free transportation to their vaccine appointment. You may call 705 721 3313 to arrange

transportation. For a minimal fee the Red Cross are able to provide transportation to medical appointments. You are encouraged to book early.



### CHRIST IS RISEN! ALLELUIA!



As we continue to celebrate the season of Easter you are asked to pray in an intentional way for families preparing for Baptism, for our young people waiting to be confirmed and for all families preparing their children to begin to share in Holy Communion.

**Gracious God,  
I pray for the families preparing to celebrate  
a sacrament during the Easter Season.  
I ask for your blessing upon them.  
Jesus, Mary and Joseph  
pray for our families.**

### An Easter Prayer

*God, source of life,  
Pour in our hearts the joy of  
Easter, and grant us to live  
the new life  
that Christ has gained for us  
through his resurrection,  
for he reigns with you, in the  
unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God for ever and ever.  
Amen.*

*(adapted from Blessings  
and Prayers for Home and  
Family, © Concacan Inc.,  
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**You are Invited to Join Us for Faith Nourishment**  
**Tuesday, May 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m.**  
**Topic: The Holy Spirit**

The Church calls all people to continue to grow in understanding and knowledge of our faith. To assist all members of the parish we are offering a monthly session of prayer, catechesis (teaching) and discussion. During the time of lock down we shall meet on line. Our next session will be held on Tuesday, May 4<sup>th</sup> and the topic is the Holy Spirit. Please email Catherine ([cecker@archtoronto.org](mailto:cecker@archtoronto.org)) to get the link. All are welcome to join Father Larry and Catherine for a time of faith nourishment!

**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 April we shall pray with you and share in your joy during our livestream Mass TODAY, **Sunday, April 25<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.** Please join us in thanking God for the gift of the married couples in our midst.



**PREPARING FOR CONFIRMATION OR FIRST**  
**SHARING IN HOLY COMMUNION**

All preparation meetings and celebrations have been suspended. Please check your emails regularly for updates and consult the parish website and bulletin. All questions about preparation and celebration of the sacraments may be directed to Catherine Ecker at [cecker@archtoronto.org](mailto:cecker@archtoronto.org).



**CHURCH SCHEDULE**  
**DURING STAY AT HOME ORDER**

Mass is livestreamed each day at 10:00 a.m. Cardinal Collins has suspended public Masses until further notice. The church is OPEN for personal prayer Monday through Saturday from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. We are limited to 8 people. A priest is available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Wednesday and Saturday from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

**MINISTRY WITH MATURING ADULTS**



**Christian Meditation** meets weekly, online. The next session is on **Tuesday, April 27<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m.** Christian Meditation is one form of prayer and is a discipline that requires practice, concentration and commitment. This ancient form of Christian contemplative prayer invites us into a time of sacred silence. 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 [cecker@archtoronto.org](mailto:cecker@archtoronto.org)

The **Next Chapter Network** is a faith-based support network for women who are widowed. The network encourages and empowers widows to move forward into a positive future. *This group is not a bereavement support group and is not intended to replace the Bereavement Support Group at St. Mary's Church.* The next meeting will be online on **Monday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> from 7:30 – 8:30 p.m.** To get the link or more information please contact Catherine Ecker at [cecker@archtoronto.org](mailto:cecker@archtoronto.org).

**Free Webinar!** - The Office of Formation for Discipleship is offering a webinar on **Saturday, June 5** from **10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.** with Sr. Janet Schaeffler, OP, on, "*Prescription for COVID: A Daily Dose of Faith, Hope and Love.*"

These unprecedented times have been upsetting, unfair and challenging for maturing adults. We need our daily dose of faith, hope and love to fight off the fear, gloom and dread. As we reflect on what helped us through this past year, we discover that it was – and continues to be – the strength of the Gospel, which provides us with answers to the trauma and fears of the pandemic.

All men and women in the second half of life (50+), including volunteers, parish leaders, parish staff and priests are welcome to join this webinar.

To register, please visit: <http://bit.ly/MAW-RegisterJune2021>. If you have any questions, please contact Ella Okonkwo at: 416-934-3400 ext. 523 or [formation@archtoronto.org](mailto:formation@archtoronto.org)

**YOUTH MINISTRY**

**YOUTH RETREAT – Save the REVISED Date!** We



are excited to announce that prolific Catholic speaker, Paul J. Kim who currently resides in Texas, is joining virtually on **Saturday, May 15<sup>th</sup>** for a retreat for our young people. It will run from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. For

further details or to register for the retreat, please email [stmarysyouthministrybarrie@gmail.com](mailto:stmarysyouthministrybarrie@gmail.com) or call (705) 229-7426.

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