

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, May 9	10:00 a.m.	Intentions of Deacon Ron and Rosemary MacLellan
Tuesday, May 10	10:00 a.m.	† Giovanni and Guiseppina Tolfo
Wednesday, May 11	10:00 a.m.	† Antonio Nicoletta
Thursday, May 12	10:00 a.m.	† Alberto Freire
Friday, May 13	10:00 a.m.	† Fran Cadeau
Saturday, May 14	10:00 a.m.	† Alida Sloodbeck



Please pray for the sick

Please pray for those who are sick including: **Judy Turnbull, Tom Walsh, Jeff Beirsto, Esther Drobot, Ernie Allard, Ruth Johnson, Greg Keevaney, Denise LaPorte, Joanne Leroux, Kathleen O'Donnell, Jerry Elias, Will Dwyer, Wendy Brophy, Rita McCullough and Tony Neil.**



In Loving Remembrance

Please remember those who have died including: **Brian Orioux, Baby Lucy Barks and Robert Gale.**

FEAST OF PENTECOST!



The great 50 days of Easter draws to a close on the Feast of Pentecost. As we prepare to celebrate Pentecost we pray:

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in us the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and we shall be created. And you shall renew the face of the earth.

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 15th** 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 or call (705) 229-7426.

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.

PRAYER FOR FAMILIES WAITING TO CELEBRATE A SACRAMENT

We invite you 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 waiting to celebrate a sacrament. I ask for your blessing upon them. Jesus, Mary and Joseph pray for our families.

CELEBRATING SENIORS DURING THE MONTH OF JUNE!

Ministry with Maturing Adults: 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

Adoration / Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Some have asked whether we could have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament during this time when the church is open from 11 to 1pm for personal prayer.

The document **Holy Communion and Worship of the Eucharist Outside Mass** issued by Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments states:

“The Blessed Sacrament should never be exposed for the purposes of private devotion.”

The exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is a public liturgical rite which is celebrated by the Church community. As such, the times of exposition are typically scheduled when a sufficient number of the faithful can be present to pray before the exposed Eucharist.

This is not possible with the limits of 10 people in the church.

Since it is expected that Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament would flow from, or lead to, the celebration of the Eucharist, and since public Masses have been suspended in the Archdiocese of Toronto at this time, we will not have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

While there is permission presently from Cardinal Collins for a 10 minute communion service to be held in parishes with up to 9 people, I feel that this diminishes the Mystery of the Eucharist. It leads to the malformation of the people of God as getting some “thing” vs celebrating the Eucharist.

The Cardinal has been quite clear in granting pastors complete discretion in this matter so we will not have communion services and the church will not be open on Sundays for personal prayer.

Fr. Larry

Christian Meditation meets weekly, online. The next session is on **Tuesday, May 11th 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.

Writing Circle Alumni Group: this gathering is for those who have already completed the Life Story Writing program. The monthly meeting will be held **Thursday, May 13th online at 2:00 p.m.** To get the link please contact Catherine Ecker at cecker@archtoronto.org.

WE ARE CALLED TO PRAY!

During this stage of the pandemic many people are suffering, our hospitals are over capacity and our front-line workers in the hospital, long term care facilities and nursing homes are exhausted. During the month of May, Monday through Friday you are invited to come together in prayer virtually at 3:00 p.m. to pray the rosary for those affected by Covid and all health care professionals.

You may join us online via Zoom. If you prefer not to use Zoom you are invited to pray at 3:00 p.m. knowing you will be in union with those who are online praying.

For those joining online the Zoom link will open at 2:50 p.m. and no one will be admitted after 3:00 p.m. as the leaders will be praying. For more information or to receive the link please email Catherine Ecker at cecker@archtoronto.org or call 705 728 2985 ext. 115 and leave a message.

PRAYERS FOR THOSE SUFFERING AND FOR ALL HEALTHCARE WORKERS



*God of Mercy,
You never abandon your people.
Your unconditional love is unfailing.*



*Uphold our sisters and brothers
Who are suffering with Covid 19
including the patients in our hospitals,
long term care residences, and nursing homes.*

*During this time when physical separation is necessary,
reassure them, and all of us,
that bonds of faith, family, and friendship stretch beyond any distance or length of time.*

We pray through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Giver of so many gifts,
we thank you for the women and men
who dedicate their lives to providing
healthcare in our communities,
as they battle a virus that knows no distinctions,
help them to care for the sick in safety, and
with determination and compassion.*

God, give them strength.

God, renew their spirits.

God, protect them from harm.

We pray through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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