

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.

(All daily Masses are livestreamed.)

CHURCH HOURS - OPENING/CLOSING

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

WEEKDAY - Open 10:00 a.m. - closed at 5:00 p.m. except Wednesday's - open at 4:00 p.m. and 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.

R.C.I.A. - For adults wishing to become Catholic, and for the baptism of older children (aged 7-14). Contact Catherine Ecker.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: for school aged-children attending public/private alternate schools. Contact parish office.

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

David Murdoch, Pastoral Worker, 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

Bereavement Committee: Parish Office

Catholic Family Services: 705-726-2503

Catholic Women's League: Dianne Hunter - 705-725-9007

Liturgy of the Word with Children: Parish Office

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: Bob Tinkess - 705-220-9103 Cell

Lectors: Parish Office

Library: Arlene LeBlanc - 705-728-073

Marriage Encounter: John & Daphne Jeffery-705-721-1694

Marriage Preparation: Parish Office

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

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

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, November 29	12:10 p.m.	† Raymond and David Fenech and Joseph Agius
Tuesday, November 30	12:10 p.m.	† Shirley Charbonneau
Wednesday, December 1	7:00 p.m.	† Nelia Scheeres
Thursday, December 2	12:10 p.m.	† John Brennan
Friday, December 3	12:10 p.m.	† Al and Mary Bethune
	7:00 p.m.	† Cidaliza Paiva
Saturday, December 4	9:00 a.m.	† Carmelo Galle † Rosina Stabl † Harley Kelly † Tina and Brady Espey † Joanne Lesley



A recent release from Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit has required places of worship to implement contact tracing and Covid-19 symptoms screening. You can speed up this process by writing on a piece of paper, your name, phone number, date and time of mass attending and the number of people attending. Please feel free to cut out the form below. Blank copies of the form below will be available in the foyer. Thank you for your cooperation.

✂ CONTACT TRACING FORM ✂

Name:	
# in family attending	
Phone #	
Mass (Mark one)	5:00 PM 8:00 AM 10:00 AM
	12:00 PM 4:00 PM
Date	
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✂ PRAYING FOR THE SICK ✂

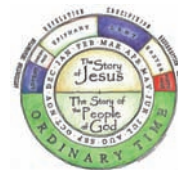
If you or a family member is sick please let us know and we shall add their name to our prayer list which is posted in the gathering space of the church.



We remember in pray those who have died recently including **Joyce Dube, Alvina Hargreaves, Alphaeus Young and Elmore Cudanin.**

THANK YOU! On behalf of the Knights of Columbus Council 1626, we would like to thank the parish for their kind donations towards the Coats for Kids program. It was a great success which allowed the Knights to provide new coats to Woman & Children's Shelter of Barrie, Simcoe Muskoka Family Connexions and Candlelighters Simcoe Parents of Children with Cancer. Through the help of our own church refugee committee, we even provided coats for a Toronto Refugee Family. This is truly God's work in action.

A NEW LITURGICAL YEAR: YEAR C



The Church follows a three-year cycle and on the first Sunday of Advent, November 28, 2021 we embark on a new liturgical year. On Sundays during Year C the Gospel reading will most often be from the gospel of St. Luke. The new Sunday Missal includes a brief introduction to St. Luke's gospel.

CELEBRATING ADVENT:

**** NEW DATE! ****



LESSONS and CAROLS

Join us for Advent Lessons and Carols on **Wednesday, December 15th at 2:00 p.m.**

In the midst of Advent, you are invited to pause from preparations for Christmas to hear God's Word. Following this time of prayer and reflection there will be time for fellowship and simple refreshments. *All are welcome.*

PRAYER FOR THE FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT



Before your family meal, light the first candle on your Advent wreath. If you do not have an Advent wreath you may light a taper before you pray.

O God, as we light this candle, remind us of the need to bring the light of hope into the world.
Help us to stay awake to the needs of others by seeing with our eyes and hearts.
Give us courage to reach out in hope to the lonely in our schools, parishes and communities. Amen

**PREPARING FOR CONFIRMATION
CATECHETICAL MEETING # 1: PARENT,
CANDIDATE & SPONSOR**



All families who have registered in the preparation process for Confirmation are reminded to attend the parent candidate sponsor meeting. The meeting will begin with Mass at 7:00 p.m. and conclude by 9:00 p.m. It is understood that the candidate, sponsor and parent will attend the meeting. The candidates are grouped alphabetically. If you cannot attend the assigned meeting date, please attend one of the other meetings. You do not need to notify the parish office that you are attending a different meeting.

**Wednesday, December 8th 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.
Surnames A to M**

**Wednesday, December 15th 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.
Surnames N to Z**

**PREPARING FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION
PARENT CATECHETICAL MEETING # 1**



All families who have registered in the preparation process for first Holy Communion are reminded to attend one of the two parent catechetical meetings. Parents will receive a family book and catechesis focused on preparing to celebrate reconciliation (confession). We ask that only parents attend. It is fine for one parent to attend. The parent meetings will be held in the church and are on the following dates:

**Saturday December 4th 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.
OR**

Tuesday December 7th 7:30 – 8:30 p.m.

You may attend either date.

**ADVENT: A SEASON OF JOYFUL
EXPECTATION!**

“Advent has a twofold character, for it is a time of preparation for the Solemnities of Christmas, in which the first coming of the Son of God to humanity is remembered, and likewise a time when, by remembrance of this, minds and hearts are led to look forward to Christ’s Second Coming at the end of time. For these two reasons Advent is a period of devout and expectant delight.” Universal Norms on the Liturgical Year and the General Roman Calendar, par. 39. During Advent, we are reminded that we are to be ready to welcome Christ in our brothers and sisters and to prepare to celebrate the mystery of the Incarnation: God with us.



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 everyone.

VON SMART (*Seniors Maintaining Active Roles Together*) Exercise Program is held on Tuesday mornings. For details regarding beginning dates and registration please call: VON at 705 737 5044 ext. 221.

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, November 29th from 7:30 – 8:45 p.m.** To get the link or more information please contact Catherine Ecker at cecker@archtoronto.org. This group takes a break for the winter months so November is the last meeting until Spring 2022.

Christian Meditation meets on Tuesday mornings at 10:30 a.m. The next session on **Tuesday, November 30th** on Zoom. If you are interested in learning more about this form of prayer please contact Catherine Ecker. (cecker@archtoronto.org or 705 728 2985 ext. 115).

Neighbourhood Circle: *For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.* Mt. 18:20. Building relationships is part of our lives at every stage. As we age we can choose to reach out and build new connections. Before the pandemic, residents from St. Mary’s Residence would meet monthly for conversation and refreshments. Neighbourhood Circle is expanding to include people at St. Mary’s Residence and the larger community. As a sign of its faith base a simple form of prayer is part of these gatherings. If you would like to join others for a time of conversation please come to St. Mary’s Parish on **Thursday, December 2nd at 2:00 p.m.** We will meet in St. Joseph’s Room for an hour. All are welcome. For information please contact Catherine at 705 728 2985 ext. 115.

**CHURCH HOURS – OPEN/CLOSED
** REVISED ****

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