

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 11:00 a.m. - closed at 3:00 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

Retrouaille: (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, January 9	12:10 p.m.	† Alvina Hargreaves
Tuesday, January 10	12:10 p.m.	† Patrick Beatty
Wednesday, January 11	7:00 p.m.	† Greg Marshall
Thursday, January 12	12:10 p.m.	† Maria Wojtowicz
Friday, January 13	12:10 p.m.	† Maria Teresa, Cristoforo and Antonio Fumo
Saturday, January 14	9:00 a.m.	† Eugenia and Saverio Cerra † Art Van Laarhoven † Maria Gibillini † Sister Marie Tremblay, CWJ



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:
Ann Ivits, Dean Edgar, John Debney, Terry DeLorenzo, Clair Dubroy, Joe Galle, Michael Kennedy, Ruth Johnson, Nick Dal Bello, Father Paul Cusack C.P. and Isabel Whyte.

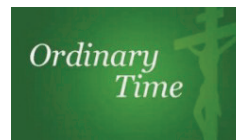
FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD: REMEMBERING OUR BAPTISM



On Sunday, January 9th we celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord marking the end of the Christmas season. This feast is a wonderful time for us to recall our own baptism. At your family meal you may consider taking a few moments before you begin to light a candle and to pray a prayer of thanksgiving for all those who handed on the gift of faith to you. Remember to thank God for the gift of godparents, the priest or deacon who baptized and the parish where the baptism was celebrated. The time of thanksgiving could conclude with this prayer:

*Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation.
Today we give you thanks
for the gift of baptism.
Give us grace to live in your love
and help our family to draw closer to you by faith,
prayer and example.
All glory is yours through Jesus your Son
in the communion of the Holy Spirit,
now and for ever. Amen.*

ORDINARY TIME



On Monday, January 10th, 2022 we enter the season of Ordinary Time. The white or gold vestments of Christmas are put aside and we embrace green vestments. Green reminds us of life. During the Winter span of Ordinary Time, except on the 2nd Sunday when we hear the gospel of St. John, the gospel on Sundays will be from the gospel of St. Luke. This span of Ordinary Time extends to Sunday February 27th.

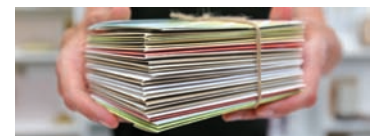
This year Easter Sunday is April 17th and Ash Wednesday is March 2nd marking the beginning of the season of Lent.

Each Sunday (Saturday evening) when we gather to give praise to God we are nourished from the table of God's Word and the table of the Eucharist. The nourishment we receive strengthens us to live as the Body of Christ for the life of the world.

A Prayer for Ordinary Time
*God of wisdom and love, source of all good, send
your Spirit to teach us your truth
and guide our actions in your way of peace.
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ,
your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
God for ever and ever.
Amen*

RECYCLING CHRISTMAS CARDS!

The Knights of Columbus, council 1626 are asking for you to donate the fronts of used Christmas Cards. If you have cards to donate please drop them off in the box in the foyer. Thank you!





**YOU ARE INVITED
TO JOIN US FOR FAITH
NOURISHMENT**
Tuesday, January 11, 2022
The Role of the Baptized!

The Church calls all people to continue to grow in understanding and knowledge of our faith. Join us on January 11th as we reflect on our role as the baptized.

This session will be online at 7:30 p.m.

All are welcome to join Father Larry and Catherine Ecker for a time of faith nourishment! Please email cecker@archtoronto.org to get the link.

MINISTRY WITH MATURING ADULTS



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

Christian Meditation is an ancient form of contemplative prayer rooted in the Christian tradition. This group meets on Tuesday mornings at 10:30 a.m. The next session will be on **Tuesday, January 11th** 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).

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 on **Thursday, January 13th at 2:00 p.m.** online. Current members will be sent a link to the meeting.

**ENROLMENT FOR CONFIRMATION:
REMINDER TO CANDIDATES!**



All young people who have formally registered in the preparation process for Confirmation will bring their letter to Father Larry to the Enrolment.

The letter will be presented during at one of the Saturday evening or Sunday morning Masses on January 15 /16 or January 22 /23, 2022. On the day of Enrolment, as a tangible sign of our membership in the Body of Christ and commitment to living as disciples each candidate is asked to bring three new unused toiletry items (tooth brush/ toothpaste, shower gel, shampoo, no mouthwash or razors) or sport socks. The items will be shared with those who experience homelessness.

**PREPARING FOR
FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AND
FIRST RECONCILIATION**

All families who have formally registered their child in the preparation process to begin sharing in Holy Communion are reminded to set aside time to complete the book, *"We Prepare for Reconciliation."* Please continue to check your emails for updates and reminders.

ST. MARY'S YOUTH MINISTRY

Please note: All youth programs are currently cancelled until further notice. Please email: stmarysyouthministrybarrie@gmail.com for further questions.

CALLING ALL CATHOLIC MEN

Exodus 90 is a spiritual program for you: a challenging 90-day period of prayer and self-discipline, supported by a fraternity of like-minded males. The goal is to renew the Church by renewing its men. Exodus 90 kicks off on January 17th, so it includes Lent and ends on Easter Sunday. Learn more at exodus90.com - if you would like to join a fraternity here at St. Mary's, go to <https://app.exodus90.com/j/MYXPAJM>. There is an Exodus app, and participation costs around \$10 a month (first week is free).

A PRAYER AS I PUT ON MY MASK

This prayer was composed by The Right Reverend Richard Bott, Moderator of the United Church of Canada.

*Creator,
As I prepare to go into the world,
Help me to see the sacrament
In the wearing of this cloth –
Let it be "an outward sign of an inward grace" –
A tangible and visible way of living
Love for my neighbours,
As I love myself.
Christ, Since my lips will be covered,
Uncover my heart,
That people would see my smile
In the crinkles around my eyes.
Since my voice may be muffled,
Help me to speak clearly,
Not only with my words,
But with my actions.
Holy Spirit, As the elastic touches my ears,
Remind me to listen carefully –
And full of care –
To all those I meet.
May this simple piece of cloth be
Shield and banner,
And each breath that it holds,
Be filled with your love.
In the name of love, I pray.*

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