

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: Susan Murley - 705-252-1918

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

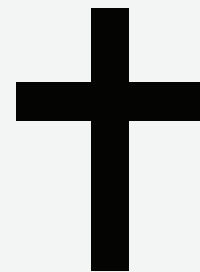
Youth Ministry: Shannon Barks - 705-229-7426

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 31	12:10 p.m.	† Alvina Hargreaves
Tuesday, February 1	12:10 p.m.	† Maria Stocco
Wednesday, February 2	7:00 p.m.	The Curran Family
Thursday, February 3	12:10 p.m.	Intentions of Bob & Cathie Gauthier
Friday, February 4	12:10 p.m.	† Walter Hayward
Friday February 4	7:00 p.m.	The Simon Family
Saturday, February 5	9:00 a.m.	† John Murdock
		† Jack Arthur Crozier



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.



In Loving Remembrance

We remember in prayer those who have died recently including: Ellen White, John Drummond and Antoine Karakatsanis

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 2, 2022



There are two feasts that we celebrate outside the Christmas cycle that are closely connected to Christmas, the Presentation of the Lord

on February 2nd is one and the Annunciation of the Lord on March 25th is the other.

The Presentation of the Lord is celebrated 40 days after Christmas, an old English title for this feast is Candlemas. In the gospel we hear the prayer of an old man Simeon who was promised by the Holy Spirit that he would not die until he had seen Christ the Lord. As Simeon held the infant Jesus in his arms he recognized Christ as the light for the world. The words that Simeon says are part of our Gospel Cantic for Night Prayer. Candles may be lit on this feast day as a sign that we are to follow the light of Christ.

This feast dates back to the middle of the 4th century. There is a report that a candlelight procession was connected with this 40th day after Christmas. Interestingly there was an ancient pagan procession that took place around the beginning of February, so like other celebrations the Christians brought new meaning to a known practice.

The candles that were carried in the Christian procession are a reminder that on this day Simeon called Jesus “a light for revelation to the gentiles”. On the day of our baptism we receive a lit candle and are directed to keep the flame of faith burning brightly.

You are invited to bring your own candles to Mass today, they will be blessed and you may take them home. We will have extra candles available.

The fourth Joyful Mystery of the Rosary is the *Presentation in the Temple*. As you mark this feast you are invited to light a candle and pray the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary.

MINISTRY TO THE HOSPITALIZED



Hospital Ministry

If you or a family member are hospitalized please contact the parish so you or they may receive a pastoral visit.

MINISTRY WITH MATURING ADULTS

The Ministry with Maturing Adults seeks to support the lifelong faith development of women and men throughout 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. The classes will resume on **Tuesday February 1, 2022**. For details regarding the program and registration please call: 705 737 5044 ext. 221.

Christian Meditation is an ancient form of contemplative prayer rooted in the Christian tradition. The next session will be on **Tuesday, January 25th at 10:30 a.m. on Zoom**. If you are interested in learning more about this form of prayer, have questions or would like to join please contact Catherine Ecker cecker@archtoronto.org or call 705 728 2985 ext. 115.

CONTESTS FOR YOUTH



This year the Catholic Women's League is holding two contests: for young people. The **Mary Dobell Pro-Life Essay and Poetry**

Contest for Gr. 7-12 and the **Jean McCann Service Award for Catholic Youth** from 15-18 years of age.

Information regarding these contests has been sent to the Catholic schools in our parish. The due date for both contests is **February 15, 2022**. Please contact your school for more information. We look forward to receiving your entries.

CONFIRMATION FOR ADULTS



If you are a baptized adult Catholic and would like to prepare for Confirmation please contact Catherine Ecker cecker@archtoronto.org or phone

705 728 2985 ext. 115.

UNIVERSITY /COLLEGE STUDENTS COFFEE HOURS SHARING THE GIFT OF MEDITATION

University / College students are invited to attend four free weekly online meetings starting **Thursday February 3, 2022 at 9:00PM EST**.

The ancient practice of Meditation contributes to:

- being grounded amidst turmoil
- making clearer decisions
- enhanced sleep
- kindness, goodness, peace and more.

The meditation practice we share is from the Christian tradition as taught by Fr. John Main (1926-1982) and www.WCCM.org.

These meetings are open to and appropriate for students. The format of the Coffee Hours is less a course and more a dialogue about authentic issues from a contemplative lens with guided meditation practice.

Each 1-hour meeting will include guidance, practice and a moderated dialogue on a theme of interest to attendees. Newcomers to meditation especially welcome!

Pre-registration on Canada Helps is required [Winter 2022 Coffee Hour - Intro to Meditation - CanadaHelps](https://www.canadahelps.org/en/programs/winter-2022-coffee-hour-intro-to-meditation/) .

Questions may be directed to:

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