

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

Rev. Gomi Fernando – In Residence

Rev. Scott Young – In Residence (Health Leave)

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, March 7	12:10 p.m.	Intentions of Nancy Calvo
Tuesday, March 8	12:10 p.m.	† Jack Pratt
Wednesday, March 9	12:10 p.m.	† Steven Blacklock
	7:00 p.m.	† Joe Galle
Thursday, March 10	12:10 p.m.	Intentions of Seminarians at St. Augustine's Seminary
Friday, March 11	12:10 p.m.	† William Bolger
Saturday, March 12	9:00 a.m.	†Giuse Bich
		† Maria Hien, † Maria Terese



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.

Rest in Peace We remember in prayer those who have died recently including: **Anna Holden, Benjamin Fordham, and Gloria Kodra.**

THE SEASON OF LENT

The Church reminds us that Lent has two major purposes: It recalls or prepares for baptism and emphasizes a spirit of penance. The emphasis on a spirit of penance assists us in preparing to renew our baptismal promises. For those who will be baptized at the Easter Vigil the spirit of penance is to assist them in preparing for their baptism.



Throughout the season of Lent we are called to listen more attentively to the Word of God and to set aside additional time for prayer. The traditional Lenten

practices of prayer, fasting and works of charity (almsgiving) are to assist us as we prepare to renew our baptismal promises.

HUMANITARIAN RELIEF

Ukraine has been plunged into war after the Russian military invaded the country last week, resulting in widespread violence and a looming humanitarian crisis. In response to the request of parishioners, the Archdiocese of Toronto has launched a humanitarian relief effort to help the Ukrainian people at this time. Hundreds of thousands of Ukrainian civilians have already fled their homes and are trying to find shelter in neighbouring countries. The United Nations estimates that there could eventually be up to five million Ukrainian refugees, depending on how the war transpires.

The Archdiocese of Toronto will channel donations to support the *Office for Refugees, Archdiocese of Toronto (ORAT)* and the *Catholic Near East Welfare Association (CNEWA)*. CNEWA is a papal agency with a long history of humanitarian relief; it is currently working in Eastern Europe, providing Ukrainians with food, shelter, medicine and transportation to safe locations. ORAT will use donations to bring Ukrainian refugees to Canada as soon as possible. **Those wishing to help may do so as follows:**

- Online through the Archdiocese of Toronto website: www.archtoronto.org
- By calling the Development Office—416-934-3411
- Through the parish, making cheques payable to: **St. Mary's Church—Ukrainian Relief—Humanitarian Relief**

Please continue to pray for the Ukrainian people and all those who suffer under the human tragedy of war. Thank you for your continued assistance.

**YOU ARE INVITED TO
JOIN US FOR FAITH NOURISHMENT
Tuesday, March 8
The Sacrament of Reconciliation:
A Sacrament of Healing!**



The Church calls all people to continue to grow in understanding and knowledge of our faith. Join us on March 8th as we explore the history of the sacrament of reconciliation and examine the current rite for this sacrament. This session will be in person at 7:30 p.m. Please bring your own water / coffee and your mask. All are welcome to join Father Larry and Catherine Ecker for a time of faith nourishment!

**JOURNEY TO EASTER!
A Time of Purification and Enlightenment
A Lenten Series: March 10, 17, 24
and March 31st.**

The season of Lent is a time to prepare for baptism or to prepare to renew our baptismal promises. You are invited to participate in a four-part series on Thursday mornings. We will hear and reflect on the Gospels that will be proclaimed on the 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th Sundays of Lent. We will meet online from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. All are welcome. For more information and the link please email Catherine Ecker at cecker@archtoronto.org or call 705 728 2985 ext. 115.

THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL



Thank you to everyone who continues to support our ministry. In the month of February we served 107 families-(271 adults and 192 children). We are able to provide gift cards through Giant Tiger on Cundles only through the generosity of our parishioners. If you are able to make a donation to help those less fortunate in our community, you may do so by using the poor boxes in the church, by cheque -**Society of St. Vincent de Paul, St. Mary's Parish or e-transfer to ssvpoffice@gmail.com**. Every donation is greatly appreciated. Please keep us in your prayers.

MINISTRY WITH MATURING ADULTS



**VON SMART (Seniors
Maintaining Active Roles
Together)**

Exercise Program is held on Tuesday mornings. 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. This group meets on Tuesday mornings at 10:30 a.m. The next session will be on **Tuesday, March 8th** on Zoom. If you are interested in learning more about this form of prayer, have questions or would like the link 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 in person on **Thursday, March 10th** at 2:00 p.m. Current members are asked to confirm their attendance by email (cecker@archtoronto.org) or by phoning Catherine at 705 728 2985 ext. 115.

**Parent Catechetical Meeting # 2
Preparing for Full Participation in the
Celebration of Eucharist**

To assist all parents in preparing their children for first sharing in Holy Communion each parent is to attend a parent meeting in March. The second family book will be distributed at this meeting. To allow for your full participation and attention we ask that only parents attend the meeting. The second and final opportunity to attend this meeting is on **Thursday, March 10th at 7:30 p.m.** Participation in the meeting is essential.

YOUTH MINISTRY

M.E.R.C.Y. -Grades J.K. to Gr. 4. Our next gathering is **Friday, March 11th**.

EDGE: Grades 5-8. Our next gathering is **Friday, March 25th**.

LIFETEEN – for high school teens. Our next gathering is **Sunday, March 13th** after the 4:00 p.m. Mass. Dinner provided. For further information on our Youth Ministry email stmarysyouthministrybarrie@gmail.com or call Shannon Barks at 705-229-7426.

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