

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. 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

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

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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 28	12:10 p.m.	† Manuel DaSilva
Tuesday, March 29	12:10 p.m.	† Amelia Whalen
Wednesday, March 30	12:10 p.m.	† Manuel Pontes and Joanne Contois
	7:00 p.m.	† David Siggins
Thursday, March 31	12:10 p.m.	† Duilio Antonioni
Friday, April 1	12:10 p.m.	Intentions of Theresa DaSilva and Family
	7:00 p.m.	Intentions of the People of Ukraine
Saturday, April 2	9:00 a.m.	† Giuseppe Perri
		† Lou and Vera Burke



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 prayer those who have died recently including:

Michael Westover, David Siggins, Kevin Cross and Patricia Kainu.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES LIVING AND CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE



The expression a wedding lasts a day a marriage lasts a lifetime highlights the importance of celebrating and living marriage vows day after day. The married couples in our parish are a sign to us of God's faithfulness and through their witness we are strengthened. If you celebrated a wedding anniversary in March we shall pray with you and share in your joy at all Sunday (Saturday evening) Masses on **March 26th and March 27th**. Please join us in thanking God for the gift of the married couples in our midst.

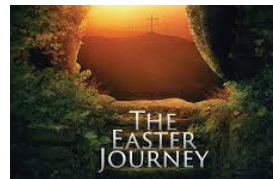


"Mother of God and our Mother, to your Immaculate Heart we solemnly entrust and consecrate ourselves, the Church and all humanity, especially Russia and Ukraine. Accept this act that we carry out with confidence

and love. Grant that war may end and peace spread throughout the world."

JOURNEY TO EASTER!

A Time of Purification and Enlightenment Thursday, 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 the Thursday morning sessions. We will hear and reflect on the Gospels that will be proclaimed on Sunday. 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.

LAETARE SUNDAY IS MARKED ON THE 4TH SUNDAY IN LENT

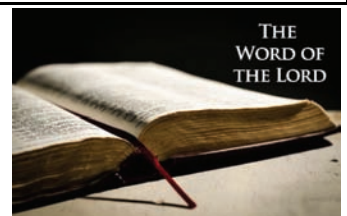
We have entered the second half of the Lenten season. The word **Laetare** means to rejoice! It is customary for the presider to wear rose coloured vestments. We continue our journey to Easter with joy.



THE WORD OF GOD ON THE 5TH SUNDAY IN LENT!

On April 3rd at all Sunday (Saturday evening) Masses the readings for the Liturgy of the Word will be from Year A.

For those who prepare for Sunday Mass by reading the Scripture before Mass the *Living with Christ* missal includes the readings from Year A.



4TH SUNDAY IN LENT: CELEBRATING A SCRUTINY

Today in Catholic parishes throughout the world the Church will celebrate a scrutiny with the elect. A scrutiny is a prayer for purification and strength. The scrutiny is a preparatory rite for the sacrament of baptism when the elect will reject sin and declare their belief in God.



The Church prays with and for those chosen for Baptism. At St. Mary's Parish we have two elect

who will celebrate Baptism, Confirmation and First Communion at the Easter Vigil. We pray for our elect **Brooklynne and Kiara**. At Easter we will renew our baptismal promises rejecting sin and declaring our belief in God as creator. As we gather to celebrate the 4th Sunday in Lent you are invited to reflect on where in your life you are blind to the presence of God. We ask the Holy Spirit to open our eyes so we may see as Christ sees.

MINISTRY WITH MATURING ADULTS



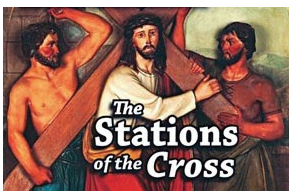
VON SMART (*Seniors Maintaining Active Roles Together*) **Exercise Program** is held on Tuesday mornings. For details regarding the program and registration please

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 29th 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)

STATIONS OF THE CROSS



We will pray communal Stations of the Cross on the following Friday's at 7:00 p.m.:

April 1st (after the 7:00 pm Mass) we will pray

the Way of the Cross for Residential Schools. **Good Friday, April 15th** – All are welcome to participate.

**PREPARING FOR
CONFIRMATION:
Important Reminder
Catechetical Meeting # 2:
Candidate & Sponsor
Meeting!**



All candidates are to attend this meeting with their sponsor. **IF**, the sponsor cannot attend the parent is to attend. The final opportunity to attend this essential meeting is

Monday March 28th at 7:30 p.m.

TODAY IS SHARELIFE SUNDAY!

"Vulnerable members of our community are relying on you and me to ensure ongoing access to the care they so desperately need. This is why it's crucial we meet our parish campaign goal of \$13.8 million. Our goal can be met, but only if we each do our part." – Cardinal Thomas Collins



Our parish goal is \$110,000.

The next ShareLife Sunday's are:

May 1 and June 5

Please give generously or at

www.sharelife.org

VIRTUAL RETREAT

"Hey Church, Deal Me In!" (April 4-9)

The doors of the Church are now wide open to all! But we may be debating about returning. So, how would you like Fr. Robert Foliot, SJ, and especially the Holy Spirit, to help you make a 6-day virtual Retreat on your relationship with Church.

For more information, and to register, visit <https://martyrs-shrine.com/>

Just click the black border at the very, very top of the website.

YOUTH MINISTRY



LIFETEEN – for high school teens to explore their faith through talks, prayer and friendship

meeting monthly on Sunday nights. Our next gathering **TODAY - Sunday, March 27th** after the 4:00 p.m. Mass. Dinner provided.

For information on our Youth Ministry please email stmarysyouthministrybarrie@gmail.com or call Shannon Barks at 705-229-7426.

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