

# St. Mary's Church

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**He is Risen! Alleluia, Alleluia**

# Mass Intentions for the Week

<b>Monday, April 18</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Intentions of Eoin O’Riordan</b>	
<b>Tuesday, April 19</b>	<b>12:10 p.m.</b>	† <b>Zdzislaw Milewski</b>	
<b>Wednesday, April 20</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	† <b>Patricia Greene</b>	
<b>Thursday, April 21</b>	<b>12:10 p.m.</b>	† <b>Duilio Antonioni</b>	
<b>Friday, April 22</b>	<b>12:10 p.m.</b>	† <b>Jane Rajalingam</b>	
<b>Saturday, April 23</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	† <b>Giuse Bich</b>	
		† <b>Maria Hien</b>	
		† <b>Maria Terese</b>	
		† <b>Gordon Racicot</b>	
		† <b>Members of the Gareau and Smith Families</b>	



### 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: **John Murphy, Peter Magee, Aldon Tribinevicius and Margaret Mills.**

### CHRIST IS RISEN! ALLELUIA!



For 50 days we celebrate the great feast of Easter! In our parish and homes, we continue to praise our God and celebrate Jesus’ victory over death. Alleluia!

### An Easter Prayer

*God, source of life,  
Pour in our hearts the joy of Easter, and grant us to live the new life  
that Christ has gained for us through his resurrection,  
for he reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God for ever and ever.  
Amen. (adapted from Blessings and Prayers for Home and Family, © Concacan Inc., 2004)*

### SPRING BEREAVEMENT PROGRAM



Our next support group for those who are grieving the loss of a loved one begins on Wednesday, April 27<sup>th</sup> and runs every Wednesday until June 15<sup>th</sup>. An afternoon or evening group is available. Pre-registration is required. Please call the parish office indicating your interest and a member of the bereavement committee will call you back with further details.

### CATHOLIC WOMEN’S LEAGUE



Ladies put on your “*Spring Bonnet*” and join us for our in-person meeting **Tuesday, April 18th at 6:30 p.m.**

### SHARELIFE IS MAKING A DIFFERENCE



*“Many aspects of pre-Covid life are returning, such as the gradual reopening of our parishes. But we must remember that, for many people, their suffering continues. ShareLife-funded agencies have been helping thousands of people since the pandemic began. They quickly adapted their programs in light of safety and the changing needs of the people they serve.” – Cardinal Thomas Collins*

**To date our parishioners have contributed \$24,820 toward our parish goal of \$110,000**

**ShareLife Sunday’s are:**

**May 1 and June 5**

**Thank you for supporting ShareLife!**

### 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 April we shall pray with you and share in your joy at all Sunday (Saturday evening) Masses on April 23 /24. Please join us in thanking God for the gift of the married couples in our midst.

### PARISH RELIGIOUS ARTICLE STORE

The Religious Article Store is open every Sunday between the morning Masses. Hours of operation are: **(9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., and 1:00 p.m. to 1:15 p.m.)**

We invite you to visit our parish store. We offer a wide collection of religious articles, gifts, books and greeting cards. Why not think ahead and buy that special gift for the next special occasion? For further information please call Pat Dunn at 705-718-1853. Thank you for your support!

## YOUTH MINISTRY



**M.E.R.C.Y. (Ministry to Educate Roman Catholic Youth)** is for youth grades J.K. to Gr. 4 and gathers once a month on Friday nights from 6:00-7:30 p.m. where we explore our faith in a dynamic way through activities, games, crafts and music. Our next gathering is **Friday, May 13th**. Registration required.



**EDGE** is a youth ministry program for youth grades 5-8 to come together once a month on a

Friday from 6:00-7:30 p.m. EDGE is a safe, fun place for youth to find solid Catholic community, to get answers to their questions about faith and most importantly, to experience Jesus in a profound and personal way. Our next gathering is **Friday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>**.

**EDGE CAMP** – Registration is Open! For those who currently participate in our Edge Program. For more information please contact Shannon.



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

Sunday nights. Our next gathering is **Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup>** after the 4:00 p.m. Mass. Dinner provided. For information on our Youth Ministry please email [smarysyouthministrybarrie@gmail.com](mailto:smarysyouthministrybarrie@gmail.com) or call Shannon Barks at 705-229-7426.

## CELEBRATING INITIATION DURING EASTER



In the Church the Easter season is the normative time for celebrating the Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist.

During the Easter season we will celebrate the sacrament of Confirmation with our young people and children will join us at the table of the Lord as they begin to share in Holy Communion. You are asked to pray for all families who are preparing to celebrate a sacrament and we thank God for their witness of faith.

## IMPORTANT REMINDER FOR FAMILIES PREPARING CHILDREN FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION



In April all parents and children are to attend a parent child meeting. Attendance is absolutely necessary. The parent and child are to attend one of the meetings.

**Tuesday April 26<sup>th</sup>**  
**7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.**

**Saturday April 30<sup>th</sup>**  
**2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

## FINAL MEETING FOR CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES REMINDER TO ALL CANDIDATES PREPARING FOR CONFIRMATION



The final catechetical meeting with candidates and sponsors will be held on **May 3<sup>rd</sup> and May 9<sup>th</sup>**. The meeting begins at **7:30 p.m.** You are to attend one meeting.

It is understood that the candidate and sponsor will attend the meeting together. **IF**, the sponsor cannot attend the parent is to attend.

## 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.

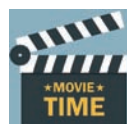
Programs are open to everyone.

**VON SMART (Seniors Maintaining Active Roles Together) Exercise Program** is held on Tuesday mornings. For details regarding 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 weekly. Our next session will be on **Tuesday, April 19<sup>th</sup>** we will meet **in person at 10:30 a.m. in St. Joseph's Room**. If you are interested in learning more about this form of prayer or have questions please contact Catherine Ecker. ([cecker@archtoronto.org](mailto: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, April 21<sup>st</sup>** at 2:00 p.m. Current members are asked to confirm their attendance by email ([cecker@archtoronto.org](mailto:cecker@archtoronto.org)) or by phoning Catherine at 705 728 2985 ext. 115.

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 on **Thursday, April 28<sup>th</sup>** at **7:00 p.m. in St. Joseph's Room**. If you have any questions please contact Catherine Ecker (705 728 2985 ext. 115 or email [cecker@archtoronto.org](mailto:cecker@archtoronto.org))



**Save The Date: Wednesday, April 27<sup>th</sup>!** Join us for an afternoon movie! We will gather at **1:00 p.m.** for a time of conversation and refreshments. The movie will begin at 1:30 p.m. Free Will Offering!

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