

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.)

The Church opens at 11:00 a.m. and closes at 3:00 p.m.

except Wednesday's when we open at 4:00 p.m. and close
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 Silva, Associate Pastor

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

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: Parish Office - 705-728-2985

Religious Articles Store: Pat Dunn - 705-718-1853

Retrouaille: (for troubled marriages) - 416-281-6007

Rosary Apostolate - Anné Garipey - 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, September 5	9:00 a.m.	† Deacon Ron MacLellan
Tuesday, September 6	12:10 p.m.	† Deacon Ron MacLellan
Wednesday, September 7	7:00 p.m.	† Omer Lespérance
Thursday, September 8	12:10 p.m.	† Ivan Ansley
Friday, September 9	12:10 p.m.	† Manuel Pereira
Saturday, September 10	9:00 a.m.	† Cidaliza Paiva
		† Mauro Sanvito
		† Melita Polar



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: **Henry Wozniak and Patrick Collins Jr.**

DO YOU WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT PALLIATIVE CARE?

We invite you to participate in a learning session on **Horizons of Hope: A Toolkit for Catholic Parishes on Palliative Care.**



Our faith in Jesus Christ has much to teach us about living well until the end of life. The program will help parishioners, caregivers, and family members facing a terminal illness to learn more about palliative care. The four sessions address issues such as: *understanding the dying process, discernment and decision-making at the end of life, accompaniment and the importance of building Compassionate Communities.*

The program will be offered at St. Mary's on four Wednesday evenings from 7:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. beginning September 28th and concluding October 19th. Participation in all 4 sessions is expected. To register please email your name and phone number to Dianne Hunter at dihun04@gmail.com or call the parish office at 705-728-2985.

FALL BEREAVEMENT PROGRAM

Our parish offers a support group for those grieving the loss of a loved one. Our Fall Bereavement Program begins on **Wednesday, September 7 and runs every Wednesday until**



October 26. We are offering an afternoon and evening session. Please call the parish office indicating your interest and a member of the bereavement committee will call you.

September 1 to October 4 SEASON OF CREATION: LISTEN TO THE VOICE OF CREATION

In 2015, Pope Francis established Sept. 1 as the [World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation](#). Pope Francis encourages Catholics around the world to pray for our common home. The World Day of Prayer marks the beginning of the Season of Creation. The season of creation concludes on October 4th which is the feast of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron of ecology and animals. Each year an ecumenical steering committee selects a theme, and this year inspiration is taken from Psalm 19:1-4 that proclaims, *"Listen to the Voice of Creation."* A short video to introduce this season may be watched via this link, <https://youtu.be/WyjUTvGmIil>



"If we learn how to listen, we can hear in the voice of creation a kind of dissonance. On the one hand, we can hear a sweet song in praise of our beloved Creator; on the other, an anguished plea, lamenting our mistreatment of this our common home".

Pope Francis

OKTOBERFEST

The Knights of Columbus, Council 1626 are presenting an early Oktoberfest celebration with Die Hofgassler, a 15-member German band playing on **Saturday, September 10th in our parish hall from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.** There will be a German sausage/ bun for lunch and cash bar. Tickets are \$15/pp and available to purchase at all Masses this weekend. Net proceeds support the Coats for Kids program.

BAPTISM FOR CHILDREN OVER THE AGE OF 7

The preparation for baptism of children over the age of seven is distinctly different than the process for infants and young children. If you are seeking baptism for your child who is seven years of age or older, please contact Catherine Ecker (cecker@archtoronto.org) for details on the preparation process.

**MINISTRY WITH MATURING ADULTS:
For All Adults 55+**



All are welcome to attend the various session offered for those in the second half of life. If you have questions about any of the programs listed below, please contact Catherine Ecker at 705 728 2985 ext. 115 or email (cecker@archtoronto.org).

Wednesday, September 21st at 12:30 p.m.

Join us for lunch in the parish hall with food provided by the Mandarin. The cost is \$20.00. Purchase your ticket beginning September 6 from Catherine. Deadline for ticket sales is September 19. Join us for conversation, fellowship, good food and a 50 /50 draw! Proceeds will go to St. Vincent de Paul Society.

Hold the Dates: October 26th, November 23rd, November 30th and December 14th. Stay tuned for more details!

Thursday Afternoons



Sept. 15th at 2:00 p.m. Join us for a Classic Movie and simple refreshments.

Sept. 22nd from 2:00 – 3:30 p.m. Join us for cards, Cribbage, Scrabble, Qwirkle, or bring your favourite board game. Simple refreshments will be provided. Please register in advance by calling Catherine Ecker.



VON SMART (*Seniors Maintaining Active Roles Together*) **Exercise Program** is held on Tuesday mornings. The program continues through the summer months.

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. Our next

sessions will be on **Tuesday, September 6th at 10:30 a.m. on Zoom.**

The Alumni Writing Group: will meet in St. Joseph's Room on **Thursday, September 8th at 2:00 p.m.** All graduates of the Life Story Writing Group are welcome to attend.

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 **Tuesday, September 27 at 2:00 p.m.** in St. Joseph's Room.

**PREPARING FOR CONFIRMATION
IN EASTERTIME 2023: An Information Meeting
for Parents and Young People**

There will be an information meeting for parents and young people who are currently in grade 7 or older, baptized in the Roman Catholic Church and would like to prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Participation in an information meeting is essential. Details regarding the preparation process, registration and the celebration of Confirmation will be shared at the meeting. The meeting will be at the church.



You may attend on either Tuesday, September 27th or Thursday, October 6th.

The meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. and will conclude at 8:30 p.m.

**PREPARING YOUNG PEOPLE FOR
FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:
An Information Meeting for Parents**



There will be an information meeting for parents of children who are currently in grade 2 or older, baptized in the Roman Catholic Church and would like to prepare their child to begin to share in Holy Communion. The meeting will in the church. You are asked to arrange for childcare so you may participate fully.

You may attend on either Thursday, September 29th or Tuesday, October 4th. The meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. and will conclude at 8:30 p.m.

Questions regarding the preparation process for Confirmation or first sharing in Holy Communion please contact the parish catechist: Catherine at 705 728 2985 ext. 115 or Email:

cecker@archtoronto.org

**ARE YOU INTERESTED
IN BECOMING A CATHOLIC?**

The journey towards becoming a full member of the Catholic Church includes time for prayer, catechesis (teaching) and conversation. The initiation



process is for those who are not baptized and for those baptized in another Christian tradition and seek to be full members of the Catholic Church. If you would like more information about becoming a member of the Catholic Church please contact Catherine Ecker at 705 728 2985 ext. 115 or email: cecker@archtoronto.org.

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