

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.

Mass is livestreamed on Sundays at 10:00 a.m.

and Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.

The Church opens at 8:00 a.m. and closes at 5:00 p.m.

except Wednesdays when we 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 Assistant

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 4:00 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 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, December 5	12:10 p.m.	† Carmelo Galle
Tuesday, December 6	12:10 p.m.	† Annunziata Perri
Wednesday, December 7	7:00 p.m.	† Shirley Moreau
Thursday, December 8	12:10 p.m.	† Sam Arrigo
Friday, December 9	12:10 p.m.	† Roland Tessier
Saturday, December 10	9:00 a.m.	† Art Van Laarhoven
		† Katharine Meechan
		† Anna De Rangel



2022 CHRISTMAS MARKET SUCCESS!

A big thank you to all of those who participated and supported this year's Christmas Market. The vendors, patrons, Catholic Women's League and The Knights of Columbus, Council 1626 who provided a complimentary hotdog and drink, all came together as a community and showed the love of Christ to all who

came. Thank you to all who contributed to The Saint Vincent De Paul Society. *Thank you for starting this Advent season together in community, bringing the light of life to all who attended.*

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 † **Gary Donovan and all of our deceased family and friends.**

YOUTH MINISTRY

LIFETEEN – for high school teens to explore their faith through talks, prayer and friendship meeting monthly on Sunday nights. Our next gathering is **Sunday, December 11th** 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.



SHARELIFE

SL *Your year-end gift will double in value! From now until the end of 2022, your contribution to our parish's ShareLife campaign will be matched by an anonymous donor up to a total of \$1 million.* Our parishioners' support of ShareLife is making a difference in the lives of those in need. Last year, ShareLife supporters like you enabled 21,000 people to receive affordable mental health care through family service agencies across the Archdiocese of Toronto, including our community. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.

CELEBRATING ADVENT: A SEASON OF JOYFUL EXPECTATION Prayer for the Second Week of Advent



Before your family meal, light two candles on your Advent wreath. If you do not have an Advent wreath you may light a taper before you pray.

O God, as we light this candle, remind us of the need to bring the light of hope into the world. Help us to stay awake to the needs of others by seeing with our eyes and hearts. Give us courage to reach out in hope to the lonely in our schools, parishes and communities. Amen

SNOW SHOVELLING PROGRAM

An online tool is available in Barrie that will help connect volunteers with those needing snow removal assistance. *Snow Angels Canada* is an online platform where residents who require assistance with snow shoveling can post a request for service and volunteers in their area. Although the City does not own or operate the online platform, City staff have worked with Snow Angels Canada to customize it for Barrie residents. The City encourages residents to sign up as volunteers at snowangelscanada.ca. To register your snow clearing request or as a volunteer to help your neighbours in need, please visit <https://snowangelscanada.ca/>.

Family Christmas Dance

You're invited to join us this **Friday, December 9th** at 6:00 p.m. for a **Family Dance** in our parish hall. DJ, snacks and prizes for the whole family! Tickets are \$20/family and available at the parish office.



Being Lifted Up! **Wednesday, December 14th** **An Advent Reflection** **1:00 – 3:30 p.m.**

As we move closer to the feast of Christmas, give yourself a gift and gather for a time of prayer, reflection, and conversation. The facilitator will be Laurie van den Hurk. Laurie has spent more than 30 years in community outreach, spiritual development and group facilitation with people of all ages and widely diverse circumstances, including 10 years in Tanzania. Laurie is a trained Spiritual director. All are welcome to attend this session. Simple refreshments will be provided. Cost: free will offering.

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.

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. Our next sessions will be on **Tuesday,**

December 6th at 10:30 a.m. on Zoom. If you are interested in learning more about this form of prayer or have questions please contact Catherine Ecker. (cecker@archtoronto.org or 705 728 2985 ext. 115). All are welcome.

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 December 8th** at 2:00 p.m. in St. Joseph's Room.

Taizé Prayer Service, Friday, December 9th at 7:45 p.m. at **Holy Spirit Parish,** 650 Essa Road, Barrie. We invite you into reflection and meditation through prayer, song, Scripture and silence. This service is hosted by The Barrie Taizé Community—A partnership of Christian Churches. For more information, please email Susan Stott-Hood at sstothood@gmail.com.

PREPARING FOR CONFIRMATION! **Catechetical Meeting # 1:** **Parent, Candidate & Sponsor**



All families who have registered in the preparation process for Confirmation are reminded to attend the parent candidate sponsor meeting. The meeting will begin with Mass at 7:00 p.m. and conclude by 9:00 p.m. It is understood that the candidate, sponsor and parent will attend the meeting. The candidates are grouped alphabetically. If you **cannot** attend the assigned meeting date, please attend the other meeting. You **do not** need to notify the parish office that you are attending a different meeting.

Wed. Dec. 7th

7:00 – 9:00 p.m. Surnames A to G

Wed. Dec. 14th

7:00 – 9:00 p.m. Surnames H to Z

PREPARING FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AND FIRST RECONCILIATION



All families who have formally registered their child in the preparation process are reminded to participate in the Enrolment ceremony at one of the Sunday (Saturday evening) Masses this weekend, **December 3 /4 or December 10 /11.** Please remember to bring the 'lamb' with you to enrolment. Please continue to check your emails for updates and reminders. If you any questions / concerns regarding preparation for the sacraments please contact Catherine Ecker at cecker@archtoronto.org or call 705 728 2985 ext. 115.

SCHOOL FUNDRAISER

St. Monica's Catholic school is selling chocolates after all Masses this weekend and next (Dec. 3 /4 and Dec.10/11) to help raise funds for a playground. Laura Secord Chocolates or World's Finest Chocolate Covered Almonds will be available. Flavors include: Milk Chocolate, French Mint, Caramel & Sea Salt, Creamy Maple, Crispy Rice or Almonds for \$3/bar. Any questions please feel free to call Jenny LeCollier (705) 796-8307 or jl.lecollier@gmail.com. *Thanks for your support to St. Monica's playground!*

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