

# 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.

**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:** Dorothy Cepas-705-627-0026

**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 - 705-728-0736

## 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

**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

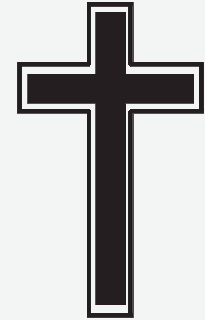
## PARISH REGISTRATION

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, January 30	12:10 p.m.	† Anna Vavala
Tuesday, January 31	12:10 p.m.	† Celestin Bidan
Wednesday, February 1	7:00 p.m.	† Cologero Spano
Thursday, February 2	12:10 p.m.	† Earl and June Johnson
Friday, February 3	12:10 p.m.	Intentions of Julie Barnes
	7:00 p.m.	† Roy Arbour
Saturday, February 4	9:00 a.m.	Intentions of Jen Low
		Intentions of Sherry Houle
		† Paulette Jollineau
		† Beryl Fairchild



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

Please remember those who have died including:

**Annette Potter, Maria Ormonde, Beryl Fairchild and Veronica Herra**

### Annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Prayer Service January 2023



This year's message of Isaiah 1:17, "Do good; seek justice" inspires all of us to pray and work together for the unity willed by Christ for the

Church. The downtown ministerial association continues to advocate and pray for Christian unity.

Join us this coming **Tuesday, January 31<sup>st</sup> at 2:00 p.m.** at St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, 47 Owen Street, Barrie for an ecumenical service.

### Wedding Anniversaries: Celebrating the Sacrament of Marriage



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 January we shall pray with you and share in your

joy at all Sunday (Saturday evening) Masses this weekend, on January 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>. Please join us in thanking God for the gift of the married couples in our midst.

### 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 registration please call: VON at 705 737 5044 ext. 221.



**Christian Meditation** is an ancient form of contemplative prayer rooted in the Christian tradition. We will meet at 10:30 a.m. on **Tuesday, January 31<sup>st</sup> on Zoom**. If you are interested in learning more about this form

of prayer please contact Catherine Ecker. ([cecker@archtoronto.org](mailto:cecker@archtoronto.org) or 705 728 2985 ext. 115)

### Thursday February 2<sup>nd</sup> Bid Euchre, Cards and Games!



**1:00 – 3:00 p.m.** All are welcome to attend. Simple refreshments will be provided. This group will now meet on the 1 and 3 Thursday of the month.

### The Story of Ruth: Twelve Moments in Every Woman's Life

You are invited to a guided discussion of the book *The Story of Ruth*. Sessions will be held on Thursday mornings in St. Joseph's Room from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. beginning **February 16<sup>th</sup> and concluding March 23<sup>rd</sup>**. All participants will need a copy of the book. To register and order a copy of the book please contact Catherine Ecker at 705 728 2985 ext. 115 or email [cecker@archtoronto.org](mailto:cecker@archtoronto.org)

**Preparing for First Holy Communion:  
Parent Meeting # 2  
Preparing for Full Participation in the  
Celebration of Mass!**



To assist all parents in preparing their children for first sharing in Holy Communion each parent is to attend one of the following **parent meetings**. You will receive the second family book at this meeting. We ask that **only parents** attend the meeting on:  
**Tuesday February 7<sup>th</sup> from 7:30 – 8:30 p.m.**

OR

**Thursday February 16<sup>th</sup> from 7:30 – 8:30 p.m.**  
You attend only one of the meetings.

**Confirmation Preparation for Adults**



If you are an adult, baptized in the Catholic Church and wish to be confirmed please contact Catherine Ecker ([cecker@archtoronto.org](mailto:cecker@archtoronto.org) or 705 728 2985 ext. 115) for a registration form and details on the preparation process.

**Catholic Women's League**



St. Mary's Catholic Women's League will be holding the Mary Matthews Public Speaking Contest in our parish hall on **Saturday, February 11** at 10:00 a.m. Grades 7 & 8 students who have won or are runner - up from all schools in the St. Mary's catchment area will be invited by their school to compete. The winner from this competition will be invited to compete in the CWL Regional Contest on February 25th at 10:00 a.m. at St. John Vianney Church in Barrie. For further inquiries contact Karen Boyle 705-321-0898 or [kboyle@bell.net](mailto:kboyle@bell.net).

**Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord:  
February 2<sup>nd</sup>**

This day is also known as Candlemas. The feast is celebrated 40 days after the birth of Jesus. In the gospel we hear the prayer of Simeon, an old man, who was promised that he would not die until he had seen Christ the Lord. As Simeon held the infant Jesus in his arms he recognized Christ as the light for the world. The words of Simeon are part of our Gospel Canticle for Night Prayer. Simeon, announced that the Messiah has come for all people. Since the 7<sup>th</sup> century candles have been blessed at this Mass and used throughout the year. As the baptized we are to walk as children of the light bearing witness to our Lord.

**YOUTH MINISTRY**



**M.E.R.C.Y. (Ministry to Educate Roman Catholic Youth)** is for youth grades J.K.-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, February 10<sup>th</sup>** from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.



**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, February 24<sup>th</sup>.**



**LIFE TEEN** – for high school teens to explore their faith through talks, prayer and friendship meeting monthly on Sunday nights. Our next gathering is this **Sunday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> at the 4:00 p.m.** For information on our Youth Ministry please email [stmarysyouthministrybarrie@gmail.com](mailto:stmarysyouthministrybarrie@gmail.com) or call Shannon Barks at 705-229-7426.

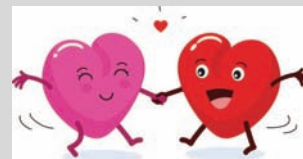


**Saturday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

St. Mary's Church will be taking a bus for our young people and any adults interested in attending the Life Jesus Higher Rally in Toronto at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre. Tickets are \$50/pp. Please contact Shannon Barks at 705-229-7426.

**We the North  
Valentine's Dinner and Dance**

All teens are invited to a We the North Valentines Dance on **Saturday, February 4<sup>th</sup>** here at St. Mary's Church at 6:30 p.m.



All teens are invited to this semiformal dinner and dance. Tickets are \$10.00/each and available at the parish office. For more information please call Shannon Barks at 705-229-7426 or email [stmarysyouthministrybarrie@gmail.com](mailto:stmarysyouthministrybarrie@gmail.com).



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