

# 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 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, February 20    | 9:00 a.m.  | † Patricia Greene             |
| Tuesday, February 21   | 12:10 p.m. | † Patricia and Doug Murdoch   |
| Wednesday, February 22 | 12:10 p.m. | Ash Wednesday                 |
|                        | 7:00 p.m.  | “ “                           |
| Thursday, February 23  | 12:10 p.m. | † Mary Ellen Tanner           |
| Friday, February 24    | 12:10 p.m. | † Anna Vavala                 |
| Saturday, February 25  | 9:00 a.m.  | † Patricia and Hubert Bond    |
|                        |            | † Jean Brown                  |
|                        |            | Intentions of Maureen Odorico |



**ASH WEDNESDAY: February 22<sup>nd</sup>** marks the beginning of Lent. There will be Mass at 12:10 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. Each will include the distribution of ashes. Ash Wednesday is a day of **fast** and **abstinence** when those over fourteen and under sixty are asked to refrain from eating meat and to limit food to one full meal and two smaller snacks.

**ADDITIONAL MASSES DURING LENT: Wednesday's at 12:10 p.m.**

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** Celebrated each Friday evening at 7:00 p.m.

## 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 pray those who have died recently including: Beatrix

Black, David Primosig, Wilfred Guthrie, Gerard Prince.

## Wedding Anniversaries: Celebrating the Sacrament of Marriage



If you celebrated a wedding anniversary in February we shall pray with you and share in your joy at all Sunday (Saturday evening) Masses on February 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>. Please join us in thanking God for the gift of the married couples in our midst.

## LIFT JESUS HIGHER RALLY 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.

## Taizé Prayer Service Friday, February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023

At 7:30 pm, **Westside Evangelical Lutheran Church**, 510 Ferndale Drive N., 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](mailto:sstothood@gmail.com)



# Lent

## Lent Begins on February 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Lent is an Anglo-Saxon word meaning Spring or

Springtime. Understanding that Lent has no meaning apart from Easter is essential. Lent is a season of preparation that begins on Ash Wednesday.

The season of Lent Easter is a 90-day period. For the 40 days of Lent we prepare so we are able to celebrate with unfettered joy the 50 days of Easter. Lent is a time of spiritual preparation for those seeking baptism and for the baptized it is a time of spiritual preparation to be ready to renew our baptismal promises. The season of Lent has a penitential spirit.

The season of Lent is a privileged time of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. These three traditional practices are intended to assist us in preparing to celebrate Easter.

The Church invites us to be deliberate and intentional in our prayer; deliberate and intentional in our fasting and acts of charity or service or almsgiving. We engage in these Lenten practices to prepare us for Easter.

We call upon God's Spirit to assist us in examining our lives, to name what keeps us from living in union with God and then to seek God's care and guidance as we strive to live in a way that we are in closer union with God.

Fasting can be from food, drink, habits or behaviors. We can fast from complaining, being judgmental, wasting time on the internet, gossiping, etc.



You're invited to the Knights of Columbus, Council 1626  
Annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on  
**Tuesday, February 21<sup>st</sup>**  
from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. in the parish hall.  
Good Will Offering



**Ministry with Maturing Adults:  
For All Adults 55+**



All are welcome to attend the various sessions 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 February 21<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 23 at 2:00 p.m. Classic Movies** - This month for Classic Movies, we'll be having a laugh-out-loud, I Love Lucy episode marathon. All are welcome. Simple refreshments are provided.

**Confirmation Preparation: Important Reminder!  
Catechetical Meeting # 2  
Candidates and Sponsors**



The next catechetical meeting for candidates and sponsors is in Lent. IF the sponsor cannot attend it is understood that the parent will be present. You are asked to attend the assigned meeting. If you are unable to attend the assigned meeting you do NOT need to notify the parish, simply attend the other meeting. The meetings are:

**Feb. 27<sup>th</sup>  
March 7<sup>th</sup>**

**Surnames A to G  
Surnames H to Z**

The meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. and will conclude by 8:45 p.m.

**Congratulations**

to Johnny Barks from "Home School", winner of the Mary Matthews public speaking contest and to Anna Tomash from St Monica's School, runner up. The contest was held in our parish on Saturday Feb. 11 2023. The winner will now compete at the Regional level contest at St John Vianney church in Barrie on Feb. 25 at 10am, 13 Baldwin Road

**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, March 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 LIFE TEEN** – Lifeteen is for high school teens to explore their faith

through talks, prayer and friendship meeting monthly on Sunday nights. Our next gathering is **Sunday, March 12<sup>th</sup>**. For info. on our Youth Ministry please call Shannon Barks at 705-229-7426 or email

[stmarysyouthministrybarrie@gmail.com](mailto:stmarysyouthministrybarrie@gmail.com)

**EDGE Catholic Adventure Camp**

A 5-day Catholic adventure camp with sports & activities, catechesis, Mass, praise & worship and fellowship! **Who:** Students currently in grade 5-8 who attend EDGE. **When:** August 27th to August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023 **Where:** Camp White Pine, Haliburton **Cost:** \$475.00 (before April 30 early bird deadline) \$525.00 until from May 1-31 (last day to register) All-Inclusive (Food, Transportation, Accommodations, Camp T-shirt, Water bottle) Space limited to a first come, first register basis. **For questions & to register, contact:** Shannon Barks at 705-229-7426 or [stmarysyouthministrybarrie@gmail.com](mailto:stmarysyouthministrybarrie@gmail.com)

**INDIGENOUS LEARNING & SHARING SERIES**

You are invited to attend four video sessions. on 4 consecutive Tuesdays: (Feb. 28, Mar. 7, 14, & 21) from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. in-person at St. Margaret Church, 161 Hanmer St W, Barrie, ON. To register contact Elaine or Catherine at [kairos.simcoecounty@gmail.com](mailto:kairos.simcoecounty@gmail.com) by Feb. 24. Registration fee of \$20.

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