

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: 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

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, February 27	12:10 p.m.	† Leo Arrigo
Tuesday, February 28	12:10 p.m.	Intentions of Father Keith Wallace
Wednesday, March 1	12:10 p.m.	† Beryl Fairchild
	7:00 p.m.	† Patricia Greene
Thursday, March 2	12:10 p.m.	† David Raizenne
Friday, March 3	12:10 p.m.	† Rosina, Raffaele and Domenico Pace
	7:00 p.m.	† Dean Edgar
Saturday, March 4	9:00 a.m.	† Carl Wachowiak
		† Lino Odorico



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: **Gerald Marleau, Pat Cable and Moya Johnson.**



The Season of Lent: The Church reminds us that Lent has two major purposes: It recalls or prepares for baptism and emphasizes a spirit of penance. The emphasis on a spirit of penance assists us in preparing to

renew our baptismal promises. Throughout the season of Lent we are called to listen more attentively to the Word of God and to set aside additional time for prayer. The traditional Lenten practices of prayer, fasting and works of charity (almsgiving) are to assist us as we prepare to renew our baptismal promises.

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. 27th
March 7th

Surnames A to G
Surnames H to Z

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

FASTING AND FEASTING

Lent is more than a season of fasting, it can also be a joyous season of feasting.



Fast from judging others; Feast on the Christ dwelling in them.

Fast from emphasis on differences; Feast on the unity of life.

Fast from apparent darkness; Feast on the reality of light.

Fast from thoughts of illness; Feast on the healing power of God.

Fast from words that pollute; Feast on phrases that purify.

Fast from discontent; Feast on gratitude.

Fast from anger; Feast on patience.

Fast from pessimism; Feast on optimism.

Fast from worry; Feast on divine order.

Fast from complaining; Feast on appreciation.

Fast from negatives; Feast on affirmatives.

Fast from unrelenting pressures; Feast on unceasing prayer.

Fast from hostility; Feast on non-resistance.

Fast from bitterness; Feast on forgiveness.

Fast from self-concern; Feast on compassion for others.

Fast from personal anxiety; Feast on eternal truth.

Fast from discouragements; Feast on hope.

Fast from facts that depress; Feast on acts that uplift.

Fast from lethargy; Feast on enthusiasm.

Fast from thoughts that weaken; Feast on promises that inspire.

Fast from shadows of sorrow; Feast on the sunlight of serenity.

Fast from idle gossip; Feast on purposeful silence.

Fast from problems that overwhelm; Feast on prayer that [strengthens].

—William Arthur Ward (American author, teacher and pastor, 1921-1994.)

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 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in-person at St. Margaret Church, 161 Hanmer St W,

Barrie, ON. Designed by Sister Kathleen Lichti of the Sisters of Saint Joseph in London, Ontario, these sessions will include a film and a talking circle for participants led by Indigenous Knowledge Keepers Tracey Whiteye, Tina Stevens, Gloria Thomson, and Mary -Anne Kechege.

Session 1: *Stolen Lands, Strong Hearts*

Session 2, 3, 4: *They Came for the Children*, a documentary series produced by filmmaker Kevin Moynihan.

- From Assimilation to “We are all Treaty People”
- The Residential Schools
- “the Churches, the Apologies and Indigenous spirituality” and “the 94 Calls to Action and Signs of Hope”

To register contact Elaine or Catherine at kairos.simcoecounty@gmail.com by Feb. 24.

Registration fee of \$20. Registration is limited to 25 participants on a “first come, first served” basis.

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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.



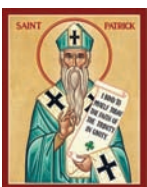
Christian Meditation is an ancient form of contemplative prayer rooted in the Christian tradition. We will meet at 10:30 a.m. on **Tuesday, February 28th on Zoom**. If you are interested in learning more about this form of prayer please contact Catherine Ecker. (cecker@archtoronto.org or 705 728 2985 ext. 115).



Thursday March 2nd at 1:00 p.m. Bid Euchre, Cards and Games

All are welcome to an afternoon at of cards and games. Bring your favourite game, invite a friend and enjoy some

simple refreshments. All are welcome.



March 15th from 2:00 – 3:30 p.m. Celebrating the Saints: Patrick, Joseph and Francis

You are invited to an afternoon of music, games, conversation and food! All are welcome.

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 10th** 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, March 24th.**



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 12th.**

For information on our Youth Ministry please call Shannon Barks at 705-229-7426 or email stmarysyouthministrybarrie@gmail.com

EDGE Catholic Adventure Camp

A 5-day Catholic adventure camp with sports and activities, catechesis, Mass, praise and worship and fellowship!

Who: Students currently in grade 5-8 who attend EDGE.

When: August 27th to August 31st, 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

THANK YOU!

A huge thank you to Sister Catherine Donnelly for hosting Hospitality Sunday on February 12th at the 8:00 and 10:00 am Masses!



BIBLE CAMP 2023



Our parish bible camp this summer will be held the week of July 4th to 7th. Registration is will be open March 1st. Watch the bulletin for further information!

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