



# St. Mary's Church

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Parish Office Hours: Monday to Friday 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. & 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Sunday 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

## **MASSES:**

Sat.: 5:00 p.m. Sun.: 8:00, 10:00, 12:00 & 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.

## **RECONCILIATION:**

Wed. 6:15 to 6:45 p.m. or Sat. 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

**BAPTISMS (2ND & 4TH SUNDAYS):** Request a Baptism Package from one of the priests after a Sunday Mass.

**BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS:** 1ST Tuesday of each month from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. Please contact the parish office to register.

**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.

**CONFIRMATION & 1st COMMUNION:** Contact the parish for information.

## **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: Parish Office**

**R.C.I.A.** - For adults wishing to become Catholic.

**R.C.I.C.** - For the baptism of older children(aged 7-14).

**Public/Private School Program** - for school aged children not attending Catholic Schools.

**COUPLES AND INDIVIDUAL COUNSELING:** Call the parish office to make an appointment.

## **EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: ADORATION CHAPEL**

Monday to Friday: 1:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. All welcome.

## **PARISH STAFF:**

Rev. Anthony Werunga, Pastor

Rev. Joseph Lazar, Associate Pastor

Susan Scarff, Parish Secretary

Deacon Ron MacLellan

Deacon Del Allan

Mickie Oakes, Pastoral Associate

Mary Perry White, Maturing Adults Ministry

Clint Tyler, MSW, Registered Social Worker

Shannon Barks, Music Director - 705-229-7426

Sharon LaPlume, Youth Minister

Pat Borho, Finance

Rita Cyr, Sacristan

Cathy O'Connor-Horgan, Custodian of Records

Dennis Cormier, Custodian

## **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

St. Joan of Arc High School - 705-721-0398

Board Office - 705-722-3555

**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.

**PARISH REGISTRATION:** Registration forms are in the church foyer, on our parish website, and in our parish office. Please register before seeking other services.

**Adoration Chapel:** Mary Bond - 705-726-6641

**Altar Servers:** Rita Cyr - 705-721-5151

**Bereavement Committee:** Parish Office - 705-728-2985

**Birthright:** 109 Bayfield Street - 705-737-3550

**Catholic Family Services:** 705-726-2503

**Catholic Women's League:** Anne Marie Martyniuk-728-0109

**Cenacle:** Audrey Belcourt - 705-792-0489

**Children's Liturgy:** Phil Deschenes -705-730-7946

**Development & Peace:** Becky Johnson - 705-325-4614

**Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Communion** - 705-728-2985

**Finance Committee:** Pia Elston - 705-726-3744

**Knights of Columbus:** Paul Gamble - 728-1641 (Hall)

**Simcoe Sojourners:** Frank Kewin - 705-720-2492

**Lectors:** Parish Office - 705-728-2985

**Library:** Leola Chiasson - 705-728-1451

**Marriage Encounter:** John & Daphne Jeffery-705-721-1694

**Marriage Preparation Registration:** 705-728-2985

**Maturing Adults:** Mary Perry White - 705-728-2985

**Ministry Affirmation:** (Screening):Parish Office - 705-728-2985

**Ministers to Shut-Ins:** Parish Office - 705-728-2985

**New Beginnings:** Mary Golds - 705-737-0368

**Out of the Cold:** Carol Forget - 705-726-1036

**Parish Council:** Barry Martyniuk - 705-728-2985

**Property Committee:** Michael Lukachko - 705-487-5005

**Refugee Committee:** Christine Ignas - 705-770-9199

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

**Rosary Apostolate** - Anné Garipey - 705-737-5263

**Share Life Committee:** Tom Bolland 705-321-7803

**Social Life:** Parish Office - 705-728-2985

**Stay 'n Play:** Mickie Oakes - 705-728-2985

**St. Mary's Cemetery:** - 705-726-3931

**St. Vincent de Paul:** - 705-722-0753

## Mass Intentions for the Week

|                                      |            |   |
|--------------------------------------|------------|---|
| Monday, December 14 <sup>th</sup>    | 12:10 p.m. | † Paolo and Claudio Perri                 |
| Tuesday, December 15 <sup>th</sup>   | 10:30 a.m. | Simcoe Terrace, 44 Donald Street, Barrie  |
|                                      | 12:10 p.m. | † Peter Centen                            |
| Wednesday, December 16 <sup>th</sup> | 7:00 p.m.  | † Jean McCann                             |
| Thursday, December 17 <sup>th</sup>  | 10:00 a.m. | St. Monica's School at the church         |
|                                      | 12:10 p.m. | † Evelyn Gervais                          |
| Friday, December 18 <sup>th</sup>    | 12:10 p.m. | † Gabriella Ruso                          |
| Saturday, December 19 <sup>th</sup>  | 9:00 a.m.  | † Angelica Manzone, † Ann Van Boxmeer,    |
|                                      |            | † Rev. Henri Giroux, † Francesco Scutella |
|                                      |            | † Hachey and Gordon Families              |



Please remember to pray for those who are sick especially **Paula Strasser, John and**

**Margaret Duivendoorde, Barbara Cameron, Gilbert Moreau and Bernice Taylor.**



Please remember to pray for those who have died especially **John Bernier, Evelyn**

**Gemakas, Nelly Nelissen, Douglas Roberts and Michael Howard.**

### MEMORIAL LAMP & SPECIAL INTENTIONS

December 12 to December 19

Our sanctuary lamp is lit –

**Anonymous Intentions for the person who lost money**

Requested by: **Nick Argirovski**



### SUPPORTING OUR REFUGEE FAMILY

To all parishioners who have committed to donating items for the family, please keep them until notified via the bulletin. At this time, the family has not heard from the Canadian Embassy in Amman and we are not sure of their arrival date.

**Thank you to everyone in the parish who is supporting this endeavour of Project Hope.**

### CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE



**Christmas Social: Tuesday, December 15<sup>th</sup>.** It is an evening for all ladies of the parish (members and non-members) to gather in prayer, meet new friends and enjoy a social evening filled with laughter. We will acknowledge and thank everyone

for their hard work over the past year and present Years of Service pins. Please join us in the church hall at 7:00 p.m. Call Anne Marie Martyniuk should you need a ride – [705-728-0109](tel:705-728-0109).

## Christmas Schedule



### Christmas Eve – Dec. 24

5:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m., 9:00 p.m. and 12:00 (midnight)  
(No Mass at 12:10 p.m.)

### Christmas Day – Dec. 25

10:00 a.m. & 12:00 noon

### Boxing Day – Dec. 26

9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.  
(No Confessions)

### New Year's Eve

**Vigil of the Feast of Mary -Dec. 31**  
5:00 p.m.

(No Mass at 12:10 p.m.)

### New Year's Day

**Feast of Mary Mother of God-Jan. 1**  
10:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.  
(No Holy Hour or 7:00 p.m. Mass)

### BIBLE LECTURES ON INFANCY NARRATIVES OF JESUS AND THE JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY



By Rev. Dr. A. Joseph Lazar  
(Doctorate in Biblical Theology).  
**Monday, January 4<sup>th</sup> to February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016** for 6 consecutive evenings from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in our parish hall.

All those who **THIRST** for the **WORD OF GOD** are welcome! Registration is available in the foyer or or call 705-728-2985 ext. 116.

**Come and see! Listen and Learn!  
Share and Grow! Go and Live!**

### CHILDREN'S DECORATION

The children of the parish are invited to make their own decorations and bring them in for our Christmas trees in the church. Decorations are welcome at any time.



### **RECONCILIATION**

**Tuesday, December 15<sup>th</sup>**

Holy Spirit Parish  
11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.  
5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

**Wednesday, December 16<sup>th</sup>**

St. Mary's Parish  
10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.,  
5:00 p.m. to 6:45 p.m.  
7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

**Thursday, December 17<sup>th</sup>**

St. John Vianney Parish  
10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.  
6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Resources available at the back of the church and by visiting <http://www.archtoronto.org/confession/>.

### **MINISTRY WITH MATURING ADULTS**

#### **Lessons and Carols:**

**Wednesday December 16<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m.**

***Please join us as we prepare to mark the birth of Jesus.*** The service will

be held in the church with children's choir leading us in song. A social gathering will follow in the hall with refreshments and entertainment. You are invited to contribute to refreshments by bringing a small sample of festive "goodies". Bring your friends! If you wish to help with set-up or clean-up with this event please contact Mary Perry White, at 705-728-2985.



### **BAPTISM PREPARATION**



Please note the following revisions to Baptism Preparation:

- **February class is cancelled.**
- **March class will be held on Tuesday, March 8<sup>th</sup>.**

January class will remain as scheduled, Tuesday, January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2016 @ 7:00 p.m.

### **CHRISTMAS CHEER DEADLINE**

Monday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at the parish or you can drop your donation off directly at the back doors of the Flags Unlimited building on St. Vincent Street.



### **YEAR OF MERCY**



The Holy Father has asked that special indulgences be available for the Faithful throughout the Year of Mercy (December 8, 2015 – November 20, 2016).

#### **How to obtain the Jubilee Indulgence:**

For those able to make a pilgrimage to one of the Jubilee churches in Rome, that is certainly an option. Otherwise, Cardinal Collins has designated seven churches within the Archdiocese of Toronto as Jubilee Churches, each with a Holy Door of Mercy. (*Please see the list of churches on our bulletin board*). Going through one of these Holy Doors is a spiritual journey that shows, as the Holy Father said, "*the deep desire for true conversion.*"

In addition to passing through a Holy Door, each pilgrim is to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation, receive the Holy Eucharist while reflecting on God's great gift of mercy, make a profession of faith (recite either the Apostles' or the Nicene Creed), and pray for the Holy Father and for his intentions (an Our Father and a Hail Mary are recommended).

For those who are elderly, confined and the ill, Pope Francis said that they may obtain the indulgence by "living with faith and joyful hope this moment of trial" and by receiving the Eucharist or by attending Mass and community prayer, "even through the various means of communication" (for instance, a Mass offered on television). For those in prison, they may obtain the indulgence in their prison chapels.

Indulgences may be obtained for the dead by the carrying out of these same acts by the Faithful with the intention of offering the indulgence for someone who is deceased.

### **YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS**



If you're in grades 5 - 8 and love to have fun and learn more about

faith, then EDGE is for you. Here are our upcoming events, from 2-4 PM, followed by Mass at 4:00 p.m. with families: **Tues. Dec. 29: 2-4 P.M.** in our parish hall - **Family Board Game Afternoon** -bring your favourite board games and a snack to share! This event is for the whole family (*note: a parent/guardian is required to attend*).

### **CHRISTMAS TREES**

The Knights of Columbus are again selling Christmas Trees with all proceeds to charity. Three locations open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.: Knights of Columbus Hall, 93 Berczy St., and Wal-Mart North. ***Please help us support our charities!***



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