

# St. Mary's Church

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## prepare the way...



# ADVENT

## Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, December 19	12:10 p.m.	† Gabriella Ruso
Tuesday, December 20	10:30 a.m.	Simcoe Terrace, 44 Donald Street, Barrie
	10:45 a.m.	Msgr. Clair School at the school
	12:10 p.m.	† Ross and Marie Saunders
Wednesday, December 21	7:00 p.m.	† Mike Marcelli
Thursday, December 22	12:10 p.m.	† Members of the Gray Family
Friday, December 23	12:10 p.m.	† Colleen and Lisa Longlade
Saturday, December 24	SEE BELOW	CHRISTMAS EVE



## Christmas Mass Schedule

### Christmas Eve – Saturday, December 24

*Masses: 5:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m., 9:00 p.m. & 12:00 a.m.*  
(No Mass at 9:00 a.m. or Confession)

### Christmas Day – Sunday, December 25

*10:00 a.m. & 12:00 p.m.*  
(No Mass at 8:00 a.m. or 4:00 p.m.)

### Boxing Day – Monday, December 26

*9:00 a.m.*  
(No Mass at 12:10 p.m.)

### New Year's Eve

*Vigil of the Feast of Mary, Mother of God*  
Saturday, December 31

*5:00 p.m.*  
(No Mass at 9:00 a.m. or Confession)

### New Year's Day

*Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God*  
Sunday, January 1  
*8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.*  
(No Mass at 4:00 p.m.)

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION CHAPEL



During the 2016 Christmas Season, the Eucharistic Adoration Chapel hours will be:  
**Monday, December 19 through to Thursday, December 22 – OPEN** for usual hours  
**Friday, December 23, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and Monday, December 26 (Boxing Day) – CLOSED**  
**Tuesday, December 27 through to Friday, December 30 – OPEN** for usual hours.  
**New Year's Eve, Saturday, December 31: OPEN** (only if there are enough people interested from after the 5:00 p.m. Mass until 12:00 a.m. (midnight). To commit to the extended time please see the sign-up sheet posted outside of the chapel or contact Mary Bond at 726-6641.  
**New Year's Day, Sunday, January 1 – CLOSED**  
**Monday, January 2 – OPEN** for usual hours.  
*Come and thank the Lord for the blessings of 2016 and ask for continued blessings in 2017.*



Please remember to pray for those who are sick especially **Mike Fountain, Jo-Anne Haight,**

**Robert McNaughton, Gwen Gleeson, Joanne Thompson, Pat Taurasi and Paula Strasser.**

### STAY 'N PLAY -Christmas Celebration

**Wednesday, December 21<sup>st</sup>,**  
mom's, dad's, grandparents, caregivers to babies and preschoolers are invited to honour the birth of Jesus through stories, caroling, games and prayer. Bring your favourite Christmas treat to share. Join us in room 3 from 10-11:30 a.m. Hope you can be with us for this very special morning.



Please remember to pray for those who have died especially **Brunina Galle.**

## MEMORIAL LAMP & SPECIAL INTENTIONS

**December 17 to December 24**

*Our sanctuary lamp is lit –*

*In loving memory of our beloved son,  
and loving father:*

† **André Gratton**

*Requested by: Mr. and Mrs. Gratton and Marc*



## ARCHDIOCESE OF TORONTO CELEBRATES 175<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY



December 17 marks the 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Archdiocese of Toronto, kicking off a year-long celebration of this historic milestone. Originally part of the Diocese of Kingston, on December 17, 1841, Pope Gregory XVI formally created the Diocese of Toronto and named Michael Power its first bishop.

The Archdiocese of Toronto is planning numerous historical and spiritual activities to commemorate the 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary, including a large-scale celebration at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica on May 30, 2017. In acknowledging this significant anniversary, Cardinal Thomas Collins remarked: *"It is a tremendous blessing to commemorate the 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Archdiocese of Toronto. It is always a joy to express my gratitude to those, past and present, who have made incredible contributions to our city, province and country, inspired by their faith. Over the next year, we will honour the past, energize our present faith community and look forward to an exciting future."*

More information on the Archdiocese of Toronto 175<sup>th</sup> celebrations can be accessed by visiting: [www.archtoronto.org](http://www.archtoronto.org).

## OFFERTORY ENVELOPES 2017



**2017 Offertory envelopes** are available for pick up in the foyer, side door of the church or from the parish office. Once you take them home, please ensure your name is written on the envelopes for the first couple of weeks in January to ensure you receive proper credit.

For those who prefer to switch to preauthorized giving at this time, forms are available at the back of the church, in our parish office and from our website at <https://stmarysba.archtoronto.org/About-Us/downloadable-forms>. New Pre-Authorized Giving (PAG) supporters will become active in January with monthly withdrawals taken on the 20 of the month. **Thank you for your support.**

## DECORATING OUR CHURCH

Under the direction of Coordinator and Volunteer, Yvonne Hargreaves, you are invited to come out this **Thursday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> at 1:00 p.m.** to assist with the decoration of our church for Christmas. Many thanks for helping with this special work.

Hanging Of



The Greens

## ABSOLUTE DEADLINE TOMORROW MONDAY, DECEMBER 19

**C**hristmas Cheer needs donations of canned and packaged foods (*no glass containers*), new unwrapped toys and books. **Most needed; boys & girls aged 8-10 yrs old, toddler sized diapers, pull-ups and baby items.** Cash donations and Canadian Tire money can be left at the parish office. You may drop off your donation directly, at the Flags Unlimited building on St. Vincent Street at the back doors. **Thank you!**



## CHILDREN'S DECORATIONS

We invite children to make their own decorations and bring them in for the Christmas tree in the church. You can come by on **Thurs. Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup>, Fri. Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup> or the morning of Sat. Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>** to include your decoration on the tree.



## MINISTRY WITH MATURING ADULTS

**Lunch & Learn** is an ongoing life-long learning series of DVD lectures held Mondays following the 12:10 pm Mass in room 3. *The Great World Religions* series is ongoing. The next gathering tomorrow, **Monday, December 19**. Bring your lunch and coffee is provided.

**Christian Meditation: Thursday, December 22** in room 1, at 2:00 p.m. for more information please contact Mary Perry White, Ministry with Maturing Adults at 705-728-2985 ext. 104.

## CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR GIFT TO YOU

Consider picking up a copy of Fr. Joseph Lazar's new book, **"Growth in the New Testament."** \$25/copy and available in the parish office.

## CHRISTMAS TREES

The Knights of Columbus are selling Christmas Trees with all proceeds to charity. **Two locations open 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.: K of C Hall, 93 Berczy St., and Wal-Mart North.**



**OPEN UNTIL NOON**  
**Friday, Dec. 23**  
**Wednesday, Dec. 28**  
**Thursday, Dec. 29**  
**Friday, Dec. 30**

**CLOSED**  
**Monday, Dec. 26**  
**Tuesday, Dec. 27**  
**Monday, Jan. 2**



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