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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.

MASSSES:

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 7	12:10 p.m.	† Steven Tracey
	6:30 p.m.	Sister Catherine Donnelly School at the church
Tuesday, December 8	12:10 p.m.	† Eugenio Tolfo
	7:00 p.m.	The Good Shepherd School at the church
Wednesday, December 9	10:00 a.m.	Grove Park, 234 Cook Street
	7:00 p.m.	† Amelia Poremba
Thursday, December 10	8:15 a.m.	St. Joseph's High School at the school
	9:45 a.m.	Monsignor Clair School at the school
	12:10 p.m.	† Ross and Marie Saunders
Friday, December 11	12:10 p.m.	† Jake Calvert
Saturday, December 12	9:00 a.m.	† Members of the Venchiarutti Family
		† Frederic and Anna Mathers
		† Esperance and Daniel Kayan



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

Boudrea, Gilbert Moreau and Bernice Taylor.



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

Gemakas and Joseph Martin.

MEMORIAL LAMP & SPECIAL INTENTIONS

December 5 to December 12

Our sanctuary lamp is lit –

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

† **Joseph LaVerdiere**

Requested by: Yvonne Sawyers



Christmas Mass 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)

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:

Sunday, Dec. 6: 2-4 P.M., Rm. 1- Join us for our **COOKIE BOSS Contest** and **Advent calendar creating** as we learn more about the liturgical season of Advent!

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 this event with their child).

ADORATION CHAPEL

Now is the time to commit to spending an hour with Our Lord in the Eucharistic Adoration Chapel. We need help with the following hours: **Tuesday 4-5:00p.m., Wednesday 3-4:00 p.m. or 5-6:00 p.m. and Friday 7-8:00 p.m.** Please call the parish office at 705-728-2985 or Mary Bond at 705-726-6641.

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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OFFERTORY ENVELOPES 2016

The **2016 Offertory envelopes** will be available for pick up in the foyer or at the side door on **December 12th and 13th (next weekend)**. If you have a **printed address label**, please use these on your first couple of envelopes to ensure your name and address is easily read. We suggest that if you regularly contribute using a yellow pew envelope, please pick up a box of collection envelopes to ensure your 2016 donations are accurately credited to you.

For those Pre-Authorized Giving participants, the 2016 Special Collection Envelopes have been mailed directly to your home. **DO NOT** pick-up a regular box of envelopes.

We invite all parishioners to consider PAG as an option of parish support for the coming year. New Pre-Authorized Giving (PAG) supporters will become active in January with the monthly withdrawals taken on the 20th of the month. Forms are available in the foyer or parish office. **Thank you for your continued support.**

CHRISTMAS CHEER

Christmas Cheer needs our help. Donations of canned and packaged foods can be left in the hall; (please no glass containers), new unwrapped toys and new books would be greatly appreciated. Most needed items are for boys aged 8-10 years old, diapers (all sizes) and baby items. If you wish to drop off your donation directly, that can be done by going to the Flags Unlimited building on St. Vincent Street at the bottom of the overpass and make your donation at the back doors. **The deadline here at the parish is December 14th.**

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE



Christmas Social: Tuesday, December 15th. 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).

Knights of Columbus Children's Christmas Party TODAY in our parish hall from 2:30 – 4:00 p.m.
Crafts, food, music and a visit from Santa!
Free to all children of the parish.

ADVENT CONFESSIONS



Advent Reconciliation will be available at St. Mary's on **Wednesday, December 16th from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., 5:00 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.** Confessions at our neighbouring parishes are as follows: *Holy Spirit Parish, Tuesday, December 15th from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.* and at *St. John Vianney Parish, Thursday, December 17th from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.* Resources will be available at the back of the church and by visiting <http://www.archtoronto.org/confession/>.

MINISTRY WITH MATURING ADULTS

Christian Meditation: an ancient form of contemplative prayer will be held on Tuesday, December 8 at 10:00 a.m. in room 1. The introductory program is based on the books by Fr. Laurence Freeman OSB. All are welcome.

Lunch and Learn is held Mondays following the 12:10 Mass in room 3. This is a DVD lecture series on the life of St. Hildegard of Bingen- **Woman of light**. Bring your lunch, if you wish and coffee will be provided.

Writing Circle Alumni: Thursday, December 10 from 1-3 p.m. in room 1. This meeting is for those who have already participated in the Life Story writing program.

Save the date: Wednesday, December 16 **Lessons and Carols** followed by a Christmas Social. More details will be available soon.

NEW BEGINNINGS



A support group for separated, divorced and widowed persons. For the month of December we will meet on **Tuesday, December 8th from 6:30 – 9:00 p.m. in room 1 for a potluck!** Bring your favourite dish! For further info. call Mary Golds at 737-0368. *This is instead of the regularly scheduled meeting on Dec. 22nd.*

HEALING THE FAMILY TREE WORKSHOP

Rev. Terrence McKenna, is presenting a **Healing the Family Tree** workshop on **Sat. Dec. 12** from 9:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m. at St. Joseph's Catholic High School. Door admission \$25/pp or \$35/couple, brown bag lunch. Please see the parish bulletin board for further details.

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