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WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 5:00 pm
Sunday 9:00 am, 10:30 am, 12:30 pm & 8:00 pm

WEEKDAY MASS

Monday, Wednesday, Friday & Saturday 9:15 am
Tuesday & Thursday 7:00 pm

Liturgy of the Hours/Divine Mercy: 1 hour before Masses

Our Mother of Perpetual Help Devotion: Wednesdays at 9:15 am

First Friday of the Month: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
9:15 am Mass till 7:30 pm; Devotions at 6:30 pm; evening prayer
with Benediction 7:00 pm, Mass at 7:30 pm

Reconciliation: Tuesday & Thursday 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Saturday 4:00 - 4:45 pm and by appointment.

PARISH SCHOOLS

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*"Providence is wonderful, it has means
we cannot understand to relieve
those who put their trust in it,
it provides for everything, in it is my trust."*

PARISH MISSION

Marguerite d'Youville's belief in the guidance and loving involvement of God in her life has enabled her to become God's helping hands in the lives of others. In this same spirit, the parishioners of St. Marguerite d'Youville, nourished by the Word and Sacrament are called by God to foster a community of welcome and service. In union with Christ, we reach out through prayer and active participation within our parish, our schools, our community and beyond. We offer our gifts and talents to everyone in need and respond in faith to the challenges of our ever-changing world.

3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER



Mass Intentions

MON, APR 19 9:15 am	Valthuruth Vethanayagam †; Angelo Venier †; Daniel & Tony Grima †
TUES, APR 20 7:00 pm	Michael Nguyen †; Deceased members of the Theuma & Velasco family †; In Thanksgiving - Mathias Family
WED, APR 21 9:15 am	Domenic Maida †; For the Intentions of Fr. Robert Mignella; In Thanksgiving for the birthday of Albert Sajeba
THUR, APR 22 7:00 pm	Florinda J. Lesaca †; In Thanksgiving - Walter & Evelyn Lobo
FRI, APR 23 9:15 am	Joseph Manuelpillai †
SAT, APR 24 9:15 am	
5:00 pm	Armando Dematos †; Terry Andrade †; Deceased members of the Dematos Family †
SUN, APR 25 9:00 am	Antony Puriottu †; Singarayer Antony Pillai †
10:30 am	Teresa D'Lima †; For the Intentions of Jules Henrey & Raie Jayne Aguilar
12:30 pm	Victor DiPaolo †
5:00 pm	For the People of the Parish

Prayer to St. Joseph

St. Joseph, the Church turns to you most especially during this year dedicated to your honour. Scripture and tradition reveal you to be a man just and good, silent in speech, providing for and protecting of Mary and Jesus entrusted to your care. Help us to love and serve them as you did.

St. Joseph, we have also come to know you as one naturally challenged to understand the mystery of God's plan for you. Your manly desires for spousal love and family life were completely transformed in that what God asked of you.

You were faithfully receptive in allowing His grace to sustain you in your supernatural responsibilities. Your dreams guided you to discern and confirm the path you ought to take.

We your sons and daughters, struggle in all the sinfulness and weakness of our common humanity. Help all men to live out their masculinity as heroically and attractively as you did your own.

Help all women to flourish in their femininity in the courageous and beautiful manner you allowed your spouse to live out her own.

Help all children to thrive in discovering their abilities and giftedness as you mentored your own son.

In this country of ours, the city of Montreal gives witness to an Oratory that fosters special devotion to you. This Oratory speaks of a glorious heritage and yet, a faith that has grown cold.

Renew and strengthen us in our seeking your intercession, that we may all realize the Providential design of Pope Francis' inspiration in drawing our attention to seeing you as a man for the difficult times in which we live. You who are patron of the universal Church and terror of demons, plead for us that we may advance the cause of God's family in the midst of the evils and dangers we face that we may be never lacking in confidence. We ask this in your name,

together with the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, to obtain these favours through the goodness of your Son. Amen.



"Thus it is written" - Lk. 24: 46

Christians are more than aware of the significance of this time of the year but forces within the community and outside continue with their attempts to make the Eastertide another commodity. While there is no harm in a little bit of indulgence with all that the world has to offer, as we ourselves are creatures of this earth, St. John's Letter reminds us that the truth is amiss in those who do not obey His commandments despite saying "I have come to know him". The disciples witnessed Christ's time on earth but they, like us who have not seen Him in the flesh, were initially hesitant to accept that this was indeed the Risen One amongst them. None of us find it comforting to be compared to the frightened and doubtful disciples as when Jesus appeared in their midst. However, years of Christian history are representative of the reality that we do take our time to accept the truth of all that was written about the Messiah. Today's gospel itself speaks of this multi-layered ambivalence; as He appears to them in the upper room, we hear of how the disciples are "startled and terrified...in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering." How can we ourselves not identify with these seemingly competing sentiments?! It seems that more of His essential work is necessary that He "open [our] minds to understand" all that was written about Him.

And while we have accepted and believe Christ's passion, death and resurrection, yet how is it that we manage to remain an outsider with all this knowledge? As the lyrics of Matt Maher's song *Leave A Light On* suggests, "we worship and we doubt". The sacraments bridge the gap between the Father and His children; reception of the Eucharist is a literal way of being one with the Father as the Host dissolves and breaks down to nourish the whole of our being. Years of liturgical practices continue to exist today in one form or another as we humans are able to recognize the omnipotent God in our mundane activities. Christ Himself connected the narratives that began with Moses and the other Prophets to remind us that His presence on earth has always been foretold. We do realize His presence around and within us, but we tend to be passive in our engagement. In a world that has forgotten to understand the fruits of one's suffering for Christ, I pray that we may each find the graces necessary to make Him known to others and ourselves so that all may share in His risen glory.

Ann Sairah Mathew

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



This weekend, I find the 2nd reading taken from 1st John chapter 2 particularly apt in this Easter season. The writer hits on two themes, first the issue of persistent sin and secondly that of obedience to Christ.

How can we claim to be followers of Jesus, men and women of the resurrection and still indulge in sinful habits? The writer's position is that we live in this dualistic universe. A place where good and evil co-exist. We must commit on a daily basis to the things of the spirit. And we must do this in an uncompromising manner.

In 1st John there is no room for wavering. He avoids the laboured semantics of Paul's letters which try to convince us by engaging in logic and reasoned arguments. This letter takes a more exalted path. Christ calls us to unwavering obedience and union with him, a union that is not so much intellectual as mystical. He wants us to go back to the Jesus of Galilee and walk with him because, as he says, "...the love of God has reached perfection, (in him)".

The invitation is to join ourselves in a mystical union with Christ so that "...we may be sure that we are in him." what a wonderful vision for us in this Easter season.

God bless

Fr. Roger

WE ARE OPEN

The announcement **does not** change current restrictions for places of worship. All regions of the Archdiocese of Toronto should continue with the following guidelines:

- Attendance is limited to 15% capacity of the worship space (including those assisting – priest, cantor, etc.) for sacramental celebrations, with the exception of funerals (see below). Physical distancing must be observed at all times.
- Funerals are limited to 50 people (including those assisting but not including funeral home staff) per direction from the Bereavement Authority of Ontario (BAO). Parishes should liaise with funeral homes prior to making arrangements with families for additional clarity.

MASS REGISTRATION



**Register
for Mass**

As of March 15th the regulations for places of Worship in the Gray Zone were changed to allow 15% capacity attendance at in person services (Masses). Given this information we have decided to do Online Registration ONLY for Weekend Masses with the capacity of 100

persons. Weekday Masses will be on a first come first serve basis. The link for the following Sunday Masses will be posted but not active until Saturdays at 12 midnight; the link will be available until Fridays at 12 noon as we need to prepare lists for the weekend.

THIS WEEKEND IS SHARELIFE SUNDAY!

“Vulnerable members of our community are relying on you and me to ensure ongoing access to the care they so desperately need. This is why it’s crucial we meet our parish campaign goal of \$13.8 million. Our goal can be met, but only if we each do our part.”
– Cardinal Thomas Collins



Today is ShareLife Sunday. Please give generously.

SMDY - EXTRAORDINARY LABOUR FORCE

Our church building and property are aging. We have to repair the roof, lawn irrigation system and many other repairs and then, we will maintain it properly. We also plan to introduce some very special features to the church property. A meditation/reflection/prayer garden is one. To achieve this, a new ministry has been created. It is the St. Marguerite D’Youville Extraordinary Labour Force, ELF for short. ELF will keep the church property in good condition and also will allow parishioners opportunities to contribute their labour to our church. ELF will be a very special and unique ministry. The Chief ELF is Francis Sim P.Eng, 905-451-1492, fsim@fpsim-eng.com. Please contact Francis for information and to sign up to join ELF. Join us to contribute your labour. It will be good if you have special skills to contribute. But if you just want to help, we will also teach you the skills you need. Come just to help and enjoy and learn. When the church re-opens again, ELF will be presented at a weekend’s masses. We need volunteers !!! Come be an ELF.

ARCHDIOCESAN WEEK OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS
MONDAY, APRIL 19 – SATURDAY, APRIL 24, 2021



During this week, Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director, Office of Vocations, has asked that we all take some time, as a community, to pray for vocations to the priesthood, religious and consecrated life. At this time, we also ask that you pray for our 6 soon-to-be priests along with all those who are discerning and who are currently in formation. For more information, please contact your parish office, or email the Office of Vocations at

vocations@archtoronto.org

OFFICE HOURS

We will be working modified hours and the church will be open for private prayer only during hours that the office is open. The times are: Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays 9am-1pm. Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9am-8pm and Sundays from 9am-3pm.

CHANGE OF MASS TIME

Please note that the weekend Sunday 8:00pm Mass has been changed to 5:00pm.

PARISH ENVELOPES

We are re-assigning 2021 Parishioner Donation Envelope numbers this year. If you are interested in a box please come to the office.

Please DO NOT use envelopes from previous years as all numbers have been reassigned. Once you receive your new box make sure you write all your information (Name, Address and phone number) for the first couple of weeks. Thank you.

MISSALS

The 2021 Saint Joseph Sunday Missals are now available for sale in the Office for \$5.00 or after Mass on Sundays.

A First Communion Prayer

*I clasp my hands, then kneel and pray
On this, my First Communion Day.*

*I ask you, Jesus, to watch me grow,
And teach me all that I need to know.*

*Protect me, daily, from all things bad,
And fill my heart with all things glad.*

And if I ever lose my way,

Please guide me back when I kneel and pray.

Amen.



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