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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**

Fr. Clair Tipping, 25 Mountainberry Rd.	905-789-1741
Good Shepherd, 28 Red River Dr.	905-791-1039
Our Lady of Providence, 35 Black Oak Dr.	905-458-7080
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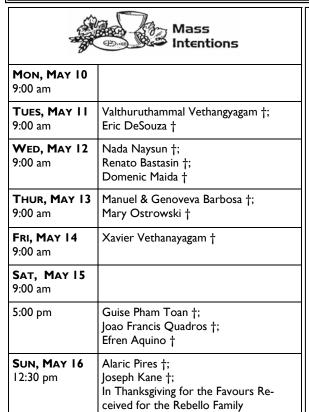


"Providence is wonderful, it has means we cannot understand to relieve those who put their trust in it, it provides for everything, in it is my trust."

#### 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 prayer and out through 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.

#### 6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER



## MONTH OF MAY AT SMDY

#### HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

Good and Gentle God,

we pray in gratitude for our mothers and for all the women of theory who have joined with you in the wonder of bringing forth new life. You who became human through a woman, grant to all mothers the courage they need to face the uncertain future that life with children always brings. Give them the strength to live and to be loved in return, not perfectly, but humanly.

Give them the faithful support of husband, family and friends as they care for the physical and spiritual growth of their children.

Give them joy and delight in their children to sustain them through the trials of motherhood. Most of all, give them the wisdom to turn to you for help when they need it most.

- Author Unknown

**Thursday, May 13 -** Our Lady of Fatima & the Ascension of the Lord. Additional live stream Mass at 7:00pm.

**Friday, May 14th -** we begin a Novena to the Holy Spirit in preparation for Pentecost on May 23. Novena will be live streamed daily at 7:00 pm.

Monday, May 24th - Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church

#### **OUR LADY OF FATIMA**

As for the new things which we can find in this message today, there is also the fact that attacks on the Pope and the Church come not only from without, but the sufferings of the Church come precisely from within the Church, from the sin existing within the Church. This too is something that we have always known, but today we are seeing it in a really terrifying way: that the greatest persecution of the Church comes not from her enemies without, but arises from sin within the Church, and that the Church thus has a deep need to relearn penance, to accept purification, to learn forgiveness... This is our response, we are realists in expecting that evil always attacks, attacks from within and without, yet that the forces of good are also ever present and that, in the end, the Lord is more powerful than evil and Our Lady is for us the visible, motherly guarantee of God's goodness, which is always the last word in history.

#### Pope Benedict XVI,

Interview with journalists on route to Portugal, May 11, 2010

The fascination with the series of Fatima apparitions, (from May 13 to Oct 13, 1917) should never cease to fascinate nor be cause of study and prayer. With the signs of the times seeming to fulfill clearly the Marian warning the communist, atheist Russia would spread her errors the world over, the month of May is an opportune time to renew our praying of the Rosary for the battle the Church finds herself in: if you do not pray the Rosary, you are not taking up the armed defense prescribed by Our Lady.

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#### FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

#### Abide in God's love

What an invitation this weekend in John 15. Jesus invites us to "Abide in him." The Greek word for abide in is "Meno", and it is used some forty times by John in his gospel. It is the inner dynamic of the spiritual life. An active participation in the very being of God.



It refers essentially to the indwelling and sharing of life, in this case God's life. Jesus shares this inner life with the Father "I and the Father are one." And wants us to share in that life. Dwelling in that life is not primarily for the purpose of getting anything, we don't pray just to get things from God. It is more a matter of abiding with God for its own sake. The inner spiritual life has a dynamic of its own.

Even though we sometimes have a love/hate relationship with God, we get close to him then run away, St Augustine says that our hearts are restless until they rest in God. So we long for that loving union. One of the ways of doing this is by nourishing ourselves with God's word. Going back to the scriptures over and over again. But also by receiving the sacraments as often as we can. So this weekend, open your hearts and abide in God's love.

Fr. Roger

### SUNDAY, MAY 9TH, 2021

#### RESTRICTIONS FOR ALL PARISHES IN THE ARCHDIOCESE OF TORONTO AS OF MONDAY, APRIL 19, 2021

Parishes must restrict attendance inside the church to 10 people, including priests hearing confessions or a staff member/volunteer required to monitor capacity restrictions. Due to these measures, public Masses must be temporarily cancelled.



Weddings, funerals and baptisms are restricted to 10 persons, including those who are involved in ministry (priest, cantor, etc.). First Holy Communion, First Reconciliation and Confirmations are postponed at this

#### LIVE STREAM MASS



Weekday Mass will be lived streamed on our YouTube Channel daily Monday to Saturday at 9:00am. Weekend Mass will be live streamed on Saturdays at 5:00pm and Sundays at 12:30pm. Please note that all intentions previously booked for the Sunday 9:00am; 10:30am & 5:00pm Masses will be included at the

12:30pm Mass. To access our YouTube channel simply go to our website and click on the live stream link.

#### **SMDY KIDS CORNER**

Our new Children's Liturgy program is designed for all children and teaches the Liturgy of the Word in terms children can understand. During this time of COVID restrictions it has been hard for us to continue with the program and so we will be offering an online option to communicate with the parish's children. We have produced instructive videos for the children to view to help them on



their Christian journey and can be accessed by clicking on the SMDY Kids Corner image on our website.

#### **COMMUNION & CONFESSION**

During the current restrictions we will be offering Communion service on Saturdays from 5:45pm - 7:00pm and Sundays from 9:00am - 11:30am. Please call the office to book and appointment for Confessions on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

#### SUPPORT VOCATIONS THROUGH SHARELIFE



"Our goal can be met, but only with your help. I invite you to join today's generation of heroes by making a sacrificial gift to ShareLife. As you contemplate the blessings God has entrusted to you, please join me in giving to ShareLife to the best of your ability." – Cardinal ShareLife Thomas Collins

Our parish goal is: \$90,900 To date, we have raised: \$7,300

#### 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.



#### **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: Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9am-8pm and Sundays from 9am-

#### MASS INTENTIONS

Mass Intentions are booked through the parish office, if you are not able to physically come into the office during office hours please call the office and speak to someone to ensure your intention is processed accordingly. Payments can be made at the office or by placing your donation in the collection basket in a clearly marked envelope "Mass Intention" with the name and date of the intention. Thank you.

#### **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 during office hours.

#### 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.

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