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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
St. Isaac Jogues, 300 Great Lakes Dr.	905-799-2558
St. John Bosco, 1025 North Park Dr.	905-792-0890
Ven. Michael J. McGivney, 450 Fernforest Dr.	905-792-0630
St. Marguerite d'Youville Secondary School	905-789-5560



*"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.

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD



Mass Intentions

MON, MAY 17 9:00 am	In thanksgiving to Fr. Bernard Alphonsus in his 50 years as a Priest and 6 years as the Spiritual Director for the Catholic Women's league of our Parish For graces and blessings on him through his retirement.
TUES, MAY 18 9:00 am	Anthony Rodricks †
WED, MAY 19 9:00 am	Domenic Maida †
THUR, MAY 20 9:00 am	
FRI, MAY 21 9:00 am	Mary & Paul Correia †; Morris & Sheila Pinto †; Sylvester D'Costa †; Mary Coelho †
SAT, MAY 22 9:00 am	
5:00 pm	Armando Dematos †; Terry Andrade †
SUN, MAY 23 12:30 pm	Jane Ahwai † Valthuruth Vethanayagam †; Santa Ragone †

Prayer in Time of COVID

Gracious God, you who are the author of all life, and who desire the well-being of all people, during these dark days of COVID-19, increase in us, respect and reverence for all human life.

Grant restored health to the sick,
comfort and hope to the dying,
eternal peace for those who have died,
strength to family members, relatives, clergy,
friends and volunteers,
renewed energy to hospital workers,
PSWs, nurses and doctors,
and perseverance to all
in the health care professions.

Grant wisdom to scientists for the development of effective and moral vaccines, discernment and right judgment for legislators, aid to the discouraged, poor and vulnerable, courage and justice for front-line workers and all who risk their lives for the benefit of others, and keep always in our minds the vision of the true common good of all the world.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.



GREAT COMMISSION VS. GREAT RESET

Later he appeared to the eleven themselves as they were sitting at the table; and he upbraided them for their lack of faith and stubbornness, because they had not believed those who saw him after he had risen. (Mk 16.14)

Ascension Sunday

The cited verse is what precedes the Gospel passage for this Sunday's description of the Ascension. It is jarring in its boldness. Just as Jesus strengthens those he is sending out into the world by insisting that salvation or condemnation is based on receptivity to their word, the cited verse offers similar consolation to those who are hesitant to witness to this essential truth. It is helpful to contrast this upper room encounter with the Risen Lord to the more familiar account as told in John's Gospel. In the Second Sunday of Easter, we hear of how Jesus is patiently providing ample means for Thomas to come to faith. In Mark's account, the intensity of Jesus' confrontation with the disbelieving disciples is hair-raising. Consequently, we are to persevere in our commission of trying to make disciples even of those who are defiant; Jesus shall deal with the obstinate.

As we read the signs of the times of a devious agenda rapidly scheming to set about a New World Order according to an Economic Forum's mandate of restructuring/depriving God-given personal and collective freedoms for a new and "build better world," we caution those who are trying to construct a future that is void of God; it has proven to be a foolish failed historical experiment. Jesus' upbraiding of darkened consciences is not to be taken lightly.

CC Ponder

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Feast of the Ascension

Forty days after his resurrection and in full sight of his disciples Jesus ascended to his Father in heaven. The disciples felt lost and alone, but Jesus promises to send them an advocate, the Holy Spirit, who will be their consoler and guide.

The readings from Acts 1 and John 17 reveal a two way movement - vertical and horizontal. As Jesus goes up the church goes out to spread the good news. Both movements are connected. The outpouring of the Holy Spirit and the evangelical work of the church are a direct result of Jesus' work of salvation.

But Jesus entrusts a specific task to the church as he leaves the apostles, and that is to be a witness to God's plan of salvation. A witness is someone who testifies. We are to share what we have received. Put simply, we are to give witness to the love and power of God in our lives.

We do this most powerfully by the quality of our lives. To quote the words of St. Francis "Preach the gospel, use words if necessary." It is how you live in your daily intercourse with people that will inform them of God's love. Your willingness to forgive, to care, to share and serve.

Happy Ascension everyone.



Fr. Roger

SUNDAY, MAY 16TH, 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 time.

LIVE STREAM MASS



Weekday Mass will be live 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 Online 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.



HUMANITARIAN RELIEF - INDIA COVID OUTBREAK



In response to numerous inquiries from parishioners and clergy, we are providing information for those who may wish to contribute to relief efforts to assist the people of India. The Archdiocese of Toronto will send donations through Development and Peace to Caritas Internationalis. **Those wishing to help may do so in the following ways:**

- Online through the Archdiocese of Toronto website: www.archtoronto.org
- By phone through the Development Office – 416-934-3411
- Through the parish, making cheques payable to: St. Marguerite d'Youville – India's COVID-19 Outbreak – Disaster Relief

Please continue to pray for the people of India and all those who are suffering from COVID-19 worldwide. Thank you for your continued assistance.

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.

VOLUNTEER



NOVENA TO THE HOLY SPIRIT



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.

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-3pm.

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.

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 an appointment for Confessions on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

MISSALS

The 2021 Saint Joseph Sunday Missals are now available for sale in the Office for \$5.00 during office hours.

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 Thomas Collins

Our parish goal is: **\$90,900**

To date, we have raised: **\$7,300**

THEOLOGY OF THE BODY

Join us for a **free** webinar on the **Theology of the Body** on **Thursday, May 20** from **7 to 8:30 p.m.** with **Jason Evert**. Jason is an internationally-known Catholic speaker and author who will lead a discussion beyond feelings to help us embrace an integrated understanding of the truth of our identity. Leading us in praise and worship is Chico Nuguid, worship leader in the Archdiocese of Toronto.

Please register for this event at: www.archtoronto.org/reclaiminglove

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