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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
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Our Lady of Providence, 35 Black Oak Dr.	905-458-7080
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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 ASCENTION OF THE LORD



Mass Intentions

MON, MAY 24 9:00 am	In thanksgiving for the 1st birthday of Lynden Fernandes; In thanksgiving for the wedding anniversary of Amalyn and Aiden Fernandes
TUES, MAY 25 9:00 am	
WED, MAY 26 9:00 am	Domenic Maida †; In thanksgiving for Carmen & Charles
THUR, MAY 27 9:00 am	Filippo LaPenna †
FRI, MAY 28 9:00 am	
SAT, MAY 29 9:00 am	5th Year Death Anniversary of Carmine Buono †
5:00 pm	Margret & Robert Pike & the deceased members of the Pike family †; Roger, Fred, & Mod Pike †
SUN, MAY 30 12:30 pm	Joseph D'Souza †; Ludano Flores Biding †; Elsa Campagna †

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.
Amen.

Bishop Robert Kasun, CSB



How baffling you are, Oh Church, and yet how I love you! How you have made me suffer, and yet how much I owe you! I would like to see you destroyed, and yet I need your presence. You have given me so much scandal and yet how have made me understand what sanctity is. I have seen nothing in the world more devoted to obscurity, more compromised, more false, and yet I have touched nothing more pure, more generous, more beautiful. How often I have wanted to shut the doors of my soul in your face, and how often I have prayed to die in the safety of your arms.

Carlo Carretto, (Italian author, 1910-1988)

On the Solemnity of Pentecost, the words of this Italian writer are of insight and comfort. As we celebrate the birth of the Church, the cited quote has relevance in our own day and resonates with so many. Carlo Carretto was born in northern Italy, at the base of the Alp mountains. His early life had him involved in the robust catechetical formation program of "Azione Cattolica". This "Catholic Action" movement strove to engage lay people in the important mission of political and social life. Locked in the battle of the 20th century's rise of the anti-Catholic forces of fascism and marxism, the young Carlo lived the mystery of the Church in trying to rigorously defend and promote her and at the same time feeling terribly let-down, hurt and betrayed by her. As we read from the Acts of the Apostles, this two-fold sense of scandal and consolation has been present from the Churches' origins and throughout her troubled and inspiring history. It is never easy to confront the reality of sin; the Church, like family life, understands this combined ongoing mystery of sinners and saints. At 44 years of age, he chose to suspend his political aspirations and withdraw to life as a hermit in Algeria, in the Sahara Desert. For 20 years, Carlo felt that the best means to social change was taking up an even more determined and focused life of prayer and intercession. He moved back to Italy and settled around Assisi directing select surrounding monasteries and welcoming seeking pilgrims to the great basilicas of St. Francis and Clare.

As evidenced by the quote above, his writings convey a depth of genuine, hard-earned experience for anyone who commits themselves to the necessary vulnerability/resilience of Christian discipleship and life-long communion with the Church.

CC Powder

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Good day, everyone. A big weekend coming up, Pentecost Sunday, a major feast day on our Catholic calendar. My hope is that we will all be in tune with the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives, a very important aspects of God's communication and God's engagement with us.

But Pentecost Sunday is also about a little birthday celebration. We are celebrating the birthday of the church because the church began with the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the apostles, which is what we read about this weekend. This is where it all started. Jesus delivered on his promise before Pentecost to have the Holy Spirit come upon the Apostles.

Prior to Pentecost, the disciples were just a bunch of individuals, but with the coming of the Holy Spirit they became church and I use church here as a verb and not a noun. Church is not just a static thing, it is a way of being in the world. Church is the antithesis of the curse of the Garden of Eden, church nullifies the Tower of Babel because we are no longer divided. We are brought together in community, young and old, rich and poor. It does not matter. It is church. There is nothing else like it and there is nothing that can replace it

My dear friends, the meaning of Pentecost is church. Nothing can take the place of church in our heart and in our lives. This is why these times are so painful. We cannot come together in fellowship, to pray, praise and place our petitions before our God. But fear not, the church has faced worse challenges in the past. Our hope is in the Lord who made heaven and earth.

Happy Pentecost, Happy Birthday to the church.

Fr. Rager



SUNDAY, MAY 16TH, 2021

RESTRICTIONS FOR ALL PARISHES IN THE ARCHDIOCESE OF TORONTO AS OF MAY 13TH, 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 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 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



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 and 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.

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

To date, we have raised: **\$11,010**

ShareLife Speaker Series: Caring for our Mental Health: Thursday, May 27 – 7 to 8 p.m

A VIRTUAL EVENT HOSTED BY SHARELIFE
Struggles with mental health, anxiety and depression have increased drastically during the pandemic. Elizabeth Pierce from Catholic Family Services of Durham – a ShareLife-funded agency – will present strategies for coping during these difficult times. These tools will be applicable for children, youth and adults. Following the 25-minute presentation, Elizabeth will answer your questions about mental health.

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