

# St. Marguerite D'Youville Parish

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## PASTORAL STAFF

Fr. Roger Pascall, Pastor  
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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.*

## 24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



### Mass Intentions

<b>MON, SEP 13</b> 9:15 am	
<b>TUES, SEP 14</b> 7:00 pm	Roberto LaCapruccia †
<b>WED, SEP 15</b> 9:15 am	Anthony & Philomene Thomas †; Ursula & Joaquim Furtado †; In Thanksgiving for a successful surgery - Liston Thomas
<b>THUR, SEP 16</b> 7:00 pm	Selicitas Gonzaga †; For the Intentions of Guido Abbey Velasco
<b>FRI, SEP 17</b> 9:15 am	
<b>SAT, SEP 18</b> 9:15 am	For the Intentions of Michelle Fonseca
5:00 pm	Giuse Pham Hoa †; Francisco Pires DaSilva †
<b>SUN, SEP 19</b> 9:00 am	Maria Salazar Perez †; Daniel Grima †
10:30 am	
12:30 pm	
8:00 pm	

*I, Constantine Augustus, as well as Licinius Augustus, fortunately met near Milan and were considering everything that pertained to the public welfare and security, we thought – among other things which we saw would be for the good of many, those regulations pertaining to the reverence of the Divinity ought certainly to be made first, so that we might grant to the Christians and others full authority to observe that religion which each preferred; whence any Divinity whatsoever in the seat of the heavens may be propitious and kindly disposed to us and all who are placed under our rule. And thus by this wholesome counsel and most upright provision we thought to arrange that no one whatsoever should be denied the opportunity to give his heart to the observance of the Christian religion, or of that religion which he should think best for himself, so that the Supreme Deity, to whose worship we freely yield our hearts, may show in all things His usual favor and benevolence. Therefore, your Worship should know that it has pleased us to remove all conditions whatsoever, which were in the rescripts formerly given to you officially, concerning the Christian religion may do so freely and openly, without molestation.*

#### **- Emperor Constantine, The Edict of Milan (313 A.D.)**

In the year 312, on the outskirts of Rome by the Tiber River, the military battle of Milvian Bridge proved definitive for Constantine to consolidate power and obtain the exalted role of Emperor. Prior to the battle, legend describes Constantine's vision of a fiery cross emblazoned against a noon day sky with the accompanying prophecy "in hoc signo vinces." Accordingly then, Constantine had the sign of the cross inscribed on the shields of his soldiers; the underdog troupe led by Constantine routed their opponents despite a numeric disadvantage of personnel, artillery, and fortified location. The significance of what unfolded was not lost on the victor.

Subsequently, Constantine granted protection and favours to the Church. As evidenced by the cited proclamation, it is not that he made Christianity the official religion of the Empire, but rather, he ensured that the Catholic Church would be able to carry out her mission without state persecution and harassment. This protection and recognition of fundamental rights proved foundational for the flourishing of Western Civilization. In the often quoted axiom of a need for a "separation of Church and State," the Edict of Milan pinpointed the correct role of government – to allow freedom of worship and not restrict the conscience of its citizens. The cited Edict holds confidence that God would then "show in all things His usual favour and benevolence." How critical it is for civil leaders and citizens to discern truthfully, acknowledge and then materially support the accompanying signs of where and how and to whom Providence is revealing this heavenly favour and goodness. As we head into our federal election vote, the Church has always encouraged weighing the policies of each party that best act consistently with this principle. How tragic when this capacity of discernment is lost.

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## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

### God's Agenda

This week we had the coincidence of two feast days and our perpetual help devotions on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup>. Next week Wednesday we celebrate the feast of the exaltation of the cross and Our Lady of Sorrows.

These feast days coming one after the other tell us that God has a plan. This plan is best exemplified in his saints, those who responded positively to his call.

Discovering God's plan for our lives is a long and often tortuous road with lots of twists and turns. It often involves going against our natural instincts and making choices that may not seem obvious. Where does God want for me at this point in my life?

Sometimes he calls us to a slower pace of life, to step away from our busy schedule. Or he may call us into a totally different way of serving him. Whatever it might be, our God is a dynamic being constantly renewing us and our ministry to him.

The saints excelled at discerning God's will and following it. Sometimes it led them to great hardship and even to their death. Mary stands above everyone else in this regard.

I pray today that you may discover God's will for your life and follow that path diligently. It will be the source of perfect peace and contentment.



Fr. Roger

### REVISED WORSHIPSAFE PROTOCOLS

In stage 3 of the reopening stage we are not limited to an in person percentage capacity. However please note the following:

- Regarding spiritual services and activities held on church property, physical distancing of two metres (six feet) remains at this time unless members are from the same household. (We are limited to 70 designated spots within the sanctuary)
- By-laws remain in place requiring the use of a face mask in public spaces indoors and hand sanitising upon entering.
- If you are sick and/or experiencing any of the following symptoms: fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, recent loss of taste or smell, soar throat, congestion, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea; please do not attend to church and contact your health care provider.

#### **Before you go to a business or public place**

Answer a few questions to help keep your community safe from COVID-19.



### CARDINAL THOMAS COLLINS' PASTORAL LETTER ON STEWARDSHIP THE MEANING OF STEWARDSHIP



Cardinal Thomas Collins' Pastoral Letter on Stewardship is organized into four sections, with the first being The Meaning of Stewardship in the Christian Life. This section explores the reality that we are invited by God to be good stewards of His gifts. "If we truly have the spirit of stewardship, we will not let God's gifts go to waste, and we will not selfishly cling to them, but use them graciously to serve others, and in doing so give glory to God." To read the full pastoral letter, download resources, and learn more about deep stewardship, please [www.archtoronto.org/stewardship](http://www.archtoronto.org/stewardship).

### 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.



### LIFE CHAIN

On Sunday October 3rd, 2-3pm Respect Life Sunday, come out to LIFE CHAIN. Show our community that EVERY life is sacred and that moms and their babes deserve better than abortion. Witness to the Truth and Pray for an end to this inhumane practice which snuffs over 100 000 innocent lives annually in Canada. We will be outside on the streets of Torbram and Sandalwood, please dress for the weather.



### CHURCH BULLETIN ADVERTISING

Liturgical Publications will be setting up the advertisements for our parish bulletin which helps support the bulletin service. Please support the bulletin and advertise your product or service. Call Liturgical Publications at 905-624-4422 for more information.

### SHARELIFE

Thanks to generous donors like you, ShareLife agencies helped 150,000 people locally last year. They include 1,900 young pregnant and parenting women and their babies. These women take parenting classes, receive diapers and healthy food, and get one-on-one support as they complete their high school education. We encourage you to support this work by making a gift to ShareLife via the [parish website](http://parish website) or at [sharelife.org](http://sharelife.org).

Our parish goal is: **\$90,900**  
To date, we have raised: **\$18,684**  
**October 3 is the next ShareLife Sunday.**  
**Please give generously.**



### NEEDS OF THE CANADIAN CHURCH

There will be a second collection on the weekend of September 25/26 for the Needs of the Church in Canada. Your gifts are used by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops to represent Canadian Catholics in national and international pastoral activity. Thank you for your support of this important work.

### OFFICE HOURS

As of September 7th we will be open more days and evenings; the church will be open for private prayer during the hours that the office is open. The times are: Tuesdays to Thursdays from 9:00am - 8:00pm, Fridays and Sundays from 9:00am - 3:00pm.



### RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR

#### ADULTS (RCIA):

Are you or someone you know interested in becoming Catholic? Are you an adult in need of completing the Sacraments of Initiation (Confirmation and Eucharist)? If so, please leave your information at the parish office as soon as possible to begin the registration process. Sessions will begin in October.



### 55 PLUS CLUB

The 55+ group meets weekly on Tuesdays from 1:00 pm - 4:00pm. For more information contact Sandy at 905-791-7315 or email: [sandyrobin22@gmail.com](mailto:sandyrobin22@gmail.com)

### STICHES FROM THE HEART

Parish Knitting & Crocheting Group will resume on Monday September 13th and continue every Monday at 10:00 am in the church hall. Everyone is welcome to join us whether you knit or would like to learn. Hope to see you there. For more info contact Mary 905-915-8765.

### ROSARY APOSTOLATE

Would you like to pray, Mother Mary's most favourable prayer, the Holy Rosary with the children at our schools? The Rosary Apostolate has gone virtual: JOIN US! Training and supplies will be provided. For more information leave a message for Paula at the office.



### CONFESSION

We return to our regular schedule of Confessions on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:00 - 6:45pm, Saturdays from 4:00pm - 4:45pm and by appointment. Please call the office to book an appointment.















### MISSALS

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

### QUICK ACCESS TO OUR PARISH LINKS

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- ♦ [YouTube Channel](#)
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