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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.

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



MON, MAR 7 9:15 am	Antonio Frias †
7:00 pm	
TUES, MAR 8 7:00 pm	
WED, MAR 9 9:15 am	Patricia Chinoye Okorie †; Patricia Muscat †
7:00 pm	
THUR, MAR 10 7:00 pm	
FRI, MAR 11 9:15 am	Suzy da Silva †
7:30 pm	
SAT, MAR 12 9:15 am	Monica & Nimal Perera † Joao Marques †
5:00 pm	Vito Oliveri †; Nada Naysun †; Girolamo Gandolfo †; Angela Muscat †; Maria Antoniette Lobo †
SUN, MAR 13 9:00 am	For the People of the Parish
10:30 am	Manuel & Genoveva Barbosa †
12:30 pm	Juanito Go †
8:00 pm	

OFFICE HOURS

The Church and office will be open: Tuesdays to Thursdays from 9:00am-8:00pm, Fridays and Sundays from 9:00am-3:00pm.

TAX RECEIPTS

Tax Receipts have been mailed out. If there is a discrepancy please call the parish office and speak to Maura Tuesday - Friday from 9am-3pm.

PARISH ENVELOPES

PLEASE DO NOT USE ENVELOPES FROM PREVIOUS YEARS as all numbers have been re-assigned. 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.

MARRIAGE PREP COURSE

The Spring Session dates for the Marriage Preparation Course have now been set. The Course will be held for four consecutive Saturday's April 23, 30, May 7, 14, 2022 from 1230pm—5pm. \$250.00 per couple. To sign up, please contact the parish office.

A man who lies to himself, and believes his own lies becomes unable to recognize truth, either in himself or in anyone else, and he ends up losing respect for himself and for others. When he has no respect for anyone, he can no longer love, and, in order to divert himself, having no love in him, he yields to his impulses, indulges in the lowest forms of pleasure, and behaves in the end like an animal. And it all comes from lying - lying to others and to yourself.

- Fyodor Dostoevsky (1821-1881), Russian novelist and author of Brothers Karamazov and Crime and Punishment

At the start of the Lenten season, the deeply talented and troubled mind and heart of Dostoevsky can help shape this penitential time. The Moscow born Fyodor benefitted from a modest, religious Christian upbringing; he received an education as a military engineer but longed to be a writer. As if gifted with a foreknowledge of the Russian revolution to come, his early works brought him both early success and infamy as he was suspected of insurrection. He, along with others similarly charged, were tied to a stake and presented before a firing squad. At the last possible moment, they were granted pardon. The mock-execution was intended to terrify. One of his fellow prisoners never recovered his sanity from the agonizing ordeal. Subsequently, he was sentenced to Siberia for 4 years of forced labour. The traumatizing experience fueled his writings to plummet the depth of the human psyche. He was eventually exonerated but continued on a turbulent path. Epilepsy and a gambling habit triggered a writing frenzy that would see him race to meet deadlines. The characters of his novels are renown for exposing the raging storm of a tortured conscience grappling with guilt, cruelty, despair, neurosis, humiliation, vengeance. His descent into the darkness, while producing masterpieces in literature, did much to advance interest in psychology and mental illness. Of his own testimony, his faith in Christ gave him the foundational ground on which to stand all the madness and evil that he saw.

CC Ponder

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



UNPACKING THE CREED

"For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven,"

This simple statement is loaded with meaning. It states in the first part that the primary purpose for the coming of Christ was to save us. Beyond his wonderful teachings, his miraculous works, his exalted position, he is the Christ of Mark's gospel. A powerful figure who "even the wind and sea obey" Mark 4:41. He has power to liberate us from oppression but more importantly to forgive sin. There is a tendency today to reduce Jesus and his teachings to secular humanism and to ignore his salvific purpose which this part of the creed emphasizes. Finally, the statement also implies that man cannot save himself.

The second part of the statement affirms a great truth. That God has left his exalted position and reached down to us. He has come to us, lived like us and taken on our human existence. More significantly God has taken on our weakness and vulnerability. St. Paul puts it plainly in Romans when he says. "Since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, they are justified by his grace as a gift" (Rom 3:23) I kind of like the economic analogy someone made when they mentioned that man is like a failed economy. What he needs is not economic advice but a massive bailout. This is why he "came down from heaven, for our salvation."

Fr. Roger

WORSHIPS SAFE PROTOCOLS

March 1st, 2022 - Latest Covid-19 Updates

We are pleased to share news that as of Tuesday, March 1, 2022, places of worship, that wish to do so, will be in a position to offer 100% seating capacity with no physical distancing restrictions. Please note that masks will still be required.

CONFIRMATION SPONSOR WEEKEND

Candidates, their sponsors, and their families are invited to celebrate the Sunday Eucharist at **ONE** of our weekend Masses On Saturday, March 12th at 5pm or Sunday, March 13th at 9am, 10:30am, 12:30pm or 8pm. During this weekend, sponsors will strengthen their relationship with their Candidates. Sponsor forms have been emailed to the candidates please bring in the completed forms on the sponsor weekend.



THAT MAN IS YOU: IMPORTANT UPDATE

THAT MAN IS YOU is an interactive men's program focused on the development of male leadership in the modern world. **The Fight of Faith** equips and enables men to engage in a spiritual battle raging in their daily lives. **Starting this coming Saturday morning, March 12th our parish welcomes the men of our parish to participate in our IN-**

PERSON meeting in the Church Hall at 7:15 am for coffee. The public health restriction of wearing a mask is still required! We will also offer participation in a simultaneous virtual meeting on the **ZOOM** platform every Saturday morning at 7:30 am. If you are interested in participating simply contact our email address: smdy.tmiy@gmail.com and provide your email address. A link will be sent to you on Friday evening through your email account. Each session consists of a 25-30 minute video presentation and a follow up small group discussion of 40 minutes. The session will be completed by 9:00 am. The theme for this coming **Saturday, March 12th** will be **"The Wounding of the Heart"** presented by **Steve Bollman** who will lead us on our **Lenten Journey**. **This is an opportunity to reflect on the experience of Jesus as He expressed, "The sorrow in my heart is so great that it almost crushes me" and as men who are wounded in our relationships.**



55 PLUS CLUB

The 55+ group will begin meeting again as of Tuesday March 22nd and meets weekly on Tuesdays from 1:00 pm - 4:00pm. For more information contact Sandy at 905-791-7315 or email: sandyrob-in22@gmail.com or Joe Vella 905-794-3931 or email joevella3@sympatico.ca.



SERRA'S 'VOCATION SEEDS

Jesus was led by the Holy Spirit into the desert for forty days of prayer and fasting. Are you open to being led by the Holy Spirit into the life-commitment God has prepared for you? If God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997 Email: vocations@archtoronto.org or www.vocationstoronto.ca



COME & SEE - DAY RETREAT

The Office of Vocations will be hosting a Come & See - Day Retreat for men 18 years and older, at St. Augustine's Seminary on Saturday, March 19 (9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.) This Day Retreat offers a way for men to discern a possible call to priesthood at our seminary. We encourage you to promote this in your parishes and during your live-stream masses. Thank you in advance for your generosity as we work together to build a culture of vocations. Please see attached pulpit/bulletin announcements.



Registration must be done online at www.vocationstoronto.ca/comeandsee. For more information, please email vocations@archtoronto.org or view the poster at <https://bit.ly/ComeandSeeMarch2022>



Mass Every Weekday Evening (Monday - Friday) at 7:00 pm.

Weekday Morning Mass (Monday, Wednesday, Friday & Saturday) Remains at 9:15 am.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

will be held each Friday; honouring the Lenten tradition of meditating on our Lord's Passion, the Stations of the Cross will begin at 7:00 pm. Upon their prayerful completion, Mass will begin.

NOVENA TO ST. JOSEPH

Thursday, March 10th - 18th at 6pm
Saturday, March 19th - 8:15am
Devotions & Mass

PARISH MISSION

THE EPISTLES OF ST. JOHN
Tuesday, April 5th at 7pm
Wednesday, April 6th at 7pm
Thursday, April 7 at 7pm

CONFESSIONS

Monday, April 4th 9:45am-12 & 5-7pm
Tuesday, April 5th at 5-7pm
Thursday, April 7 at 5-7pm

Our Lenten Prayer

O Lord Jesus Christ, you fasted and prayed to the point of exhaustion and famine; in the mystery of this spiritual practice, you were able to resist the devil's temptation through your obedience and trust in your Father. We who are engaged in so many battles at this time, want to imitate this heroic defiance against all evil. While we are conditioned by so many comforts and conveniences, help us in our self-denial. May you teach us in a gentle yet decisive manner to see in our penance a growth in self-control. May this discipline overflow into abundant charity towards others, especially those in suffering want. We unite these acts of prayer and penance, together with all Christians throughout the world, for the needs of the Church and for an end to the violent attack against all innocent life and the assault on truth so prevalent around us. We make this prayer in your name. Amen.



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