

# St. Marguerite D'Youville Parish

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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.*



<b>MON, OCT 17</b> 9:15 am	Amaro da Graca †; Patrocinio Olindan †; Biju Francis †
<b>TUES, OCT 18</b> 7:00 pm	Felicitas & Nening Gonzaga †
<b>WED, OCT 19</b> 9:15 am	Daniel & Andrew Grima †; In thanksgiving for the birthday of Wilson & Sicily Padavan
<b>THUR, OCT 20</b> 7:00 pm	Remizia Fernandes †
<b>FRI, OCT 21</b> 9:15 am	
<b>SAT, OCT 22</b> 9:15 am	Manuel & Genoveva Barbosa †
5:00 PM	Armando Dematos †; Terry Andrade †; Deceased members of the Dema- tos & Pontes family †; Anton Travalja †
<b>SUN, OCT 23</b> 9:00 am	For the People of the Parish
10:30 am	Jeanine Lucero †
12:30 pm	Juanito Go †; Joel John Elmer Go †; Ramon Zaldivar
8:00 pm	



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*O God, You gave the Virgins consecrated to You under the leadership of Ursula, the courage of their wonderful combat, so that by the victory of martyrdom they arrived at the glory of the Beatific Vision; grant, we beseech You, that we may be helped by those whom You have enabled on this day to pass from mortal combat to triumph in heaven. Amen.*

*- Opening Prayer for Feast of Sts Ursula and Companions, Oct 21, Roman Missal, 1958*

Research into the life of the 5<sup>th</sup> century Roman-British Ursula surface historical variations that all point to the effort to preserve the memory of her noble and heroic life. Whether captured in exalted legendary tales or notations left on the stone work of a basilica bearing her name in Cologne, Germany the details emerge of a highly cultured and virtuous young woman of aristocratic background who was promised in marriage. Upon the terms of the nuptial agreement, she was to travel to Rome on pilgrimage accompanied by an entourage of similar maidens. From oral accounts, the finely vested young ladies enthralled all those whom they encountered with their stunning beauty; similarly, all were left enchanted by their talent for music, song, poetry, and wisdom. To those who gazed upon them, they felt that they were being blessed by a heavenly vision.

When confronted by a nomadic tribe of invading Huns from central Asia, the brutish vandals demanded that the women concede to being enslaved as concubines. St. Ursula preached Christian truths to the pagan occupiers and they were enraged by her unshakable faith. St. Ursula’s boldness strengthened and inspired her companions by readying them for a nuptial ceremony that would have them enter into paradise. The obstinate Huns refusing to recognize the supremacy of God, gave orders that the valiant women be massacred.

Their valour lived on as a model for young women to imitate. The 12<sup>th</sup> century native German, St. Hildegard of Bingen, composed several poems and hymns in honour of St. Ursula’s memory. The 16<sup>th</sup> century Italian saint, St. Angela Merici was so inspired by the example of St. Ursula, that she started the first religious teaching order of nuns (the Ursulines) dedicated to the education of young disadvantaged women to divert them from falling into the trap of human trafficking. A group of Ursuline nuns, led by St. Marie de l’Incarnation, founded a convent and boarding school that provided education for young girls in the settling days of Quebec; St. Marguerite d’Youville was given three years of formidable and definitive education by this same group of Ursulines. And so, as study and reflection continues to sift between myth and fact, the enduring and cherished influence of a resoundingly noble and heroic woman, like St. Ursula and those who imitated her, continues to captivate eager imaginations looking for examples to help inspire.

*CC Powder*

**FROM THE PASTOR’S DESK**

Trials can make us weary. The constant grind to cope with problems wears us down. This weekend Moses and Joshua are engaged in battle against Amalek, a physical battle that goes back and forth. It represents the struggles we face, whether emotional, mental or social.



How do we cope? Psalm 121 tells us “to lift our eyes to the mountains, that our help will come from Mount Zion and the Temple—the dwelling of the Lord who made heaven and earth.” Moses by his action advises us to lift up our hands in prayer. The gospel suggests that we storm heaven, crying out “night and day” to the Lord.

It all comes down to one thing. Stay close to the Lord, never giving up hope. Keep your eyes firmly fixed on the Lord. He will vindicate you in all your struggles. Like the Israelites and the widow in today’s Gospel, we face opposition and injustice—at times from godless and pitiless adversaries. We, too, must lift our eyes to the mountains—to Calvary and the God who will guard us from all evil.

Paul exhorts in today’s Epistle, we need to remain faithful, to turn to the inspired Scriptures—given by God to train us in righteousness. So don’t give up when trials come. Turn to God in faith.

*Fr. Roger*



**PARISH HEAD COUNT SUNDAY**

The weekends of October 15/16 and October 22/23 Cardinal Collins has requested all parishes in the Archdiocese of Toronto to conduct an attendance count at all weekend Masses. The purpose of the count is to help provide an accurate profile of Mass attendance in the Archdiocese. The count is to be conducted during the homily with the hope of providing minimal distraction. Thank you.

**HEADCOUNT**

**CONFIRMATION**

The deadline to submit Confirmation Registration forms was Friday, October 14th, 2022. For those who have already registered; parents check your email for the list of classes and important dates. If you have not received an email with the class schedule email [mhernandez@archtoronto.org](mailto:mhernandez@archtoronto.org) or call the parish office at 905-792-7497.

**FIRST COMMUNION**

The deadline to submit First Communion Registration forms will be Friday, October 28th, 2022. Forms must be submitted in person at the parish office during office hours.

**55 PLUS CLUB**

The 55+ group meets 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) or Joe Vella 905-794-3931 or email [joevella3@sympatico.ca](mailto:joevella3@sympatico.ca).

**LEGION OF MARY**

The Legion of Mary, a world-wide apostolic organization of Catholics, meets every Tuesday: Adults: 6pm. Our Lady of Fatima statue will visit your home. For more information, please leave message for Lina Go or Annette Fernando at the parish office.

**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 is going back to in person. JOIN US! Training and supplies will be provided. For more information leave a message for Paula at the office.

**STITCHES FROM THE HEART**

Meets every Monday at 10 am, everyone is welcome to join us whether you knit or would like to learn. For further information, please contact Mary Abela at 905-915-8765. *Any donation of yarn would be greatly appreciated.*

**PRAYER INTENTIONS**

We now have a prayer binder in the chapel area where you can write your particular prayer intentions. Our morning prayer devotee's will pray for these intentions. You are welcome to join these prayer warriors Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays at 8:15am. Prayer books to follow along are available for sale for \$30.

*"And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have obtained the requests made of him." 1 John 5:15 "*

**SERRA'S VOCATION SEEDS**

God will answer the prayers of those who cry out. Ask for men and women to respond to the call to service as priests, deacons, religious brothers and sisters. 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](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org) or [www.vocationstoronto.ca](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca)

**RENEW**

Young adults, this is the reunion we've all been waiting for! We invite you to join us for RENEW Toronto on Saturday, November 5, 2022 at Canada Christian College (300 Water St., Whitby). Our annual young adult conference is open to ALL - men, women, single, married, young professionals - within the ages of 19-39. Look forward to a full day of worship, fellowship and a great line-up of keynote and workshop speakers. Renew your heart, renew your call, and renew our community. For more information and to register, visit our website [www.renewtoronto.org](http://www.renewtoronto.org) or contact us at [youngadult@ocytoronto.org](mailto:youngadult@ocytoronto.org).



*"My dear Sisters, be constantly faithful to the duties of the state that you have embraced. Walk always in the path of regularity, obedience, and mortification. But above all, let the most perfect union reign among you."*

*Words of Mother d'Youville,  
14 December 1771*

**LET US ENTRUST OUR INTENTIONS TO**

**ST. MARGUERITE D'YOUVILLE**

O Saint Marguerite d'Youville,  
you who spent your life  
helping people in need,  
please help me  
in my present need.

I know that your prayers are powerful  
before God the Father,  
and I rely on you  
to obtain this petition  
that I am making in complete trust.  
Mother of Universal Charity,  
may your example encourage me  
to seek God before all else  
and to serve Him  
in my brothers and sisters in need.

Amen

**St. Marguerite d'Youville, pray for us!**

*Celebrating our  
30th Anniversary  
St. Marguerite  
d'Youville*



**This is a momentous occasion.  
Be a part of it!**

**FUND RAISER RAFFLE**

Tickets on sale. Awesome prizes to be won !!  
Cost: \$5 for 1 Ticket; \$10 for 3 Tickets; \$20 for 7 Tickets. Draw to be held at the Culture Exchange event on October 29th

**Culture Exchange & Raffle - Saturday October 29**

**Mass at St. John Bosco - Saturday November 19**

**Celebration Masses - Sunday November 27**

**Gala Dinner & Concert  
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