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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.

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



MON, JAN 30 9:15 am	
TUES, JAN 31 7:00 pm	
WED, FEB 1 9:15 am	
THUR, FEB 2 7:00 pm	Joseph & Maria Pham †
FRI, FEB 3 9:15 am	Victoria & Angelica Lucero †; Bob McDonald †
7:00 pm	Anita D'Souza †
SAT, FEB 5 9:15 am	Rosemol Joseph †; Sosamma Job †
5:00 pm	Gilbert Lamb †; Rosa Cirillo †; James, Theresa & Jay Williams †
SUN, FEB 6 9:00 am	Alfredo Minetto †
10:30 am	For the People of the Parish
12:30 pm	Juanito & John Elmer Go †; Mahesvary Sivagnanam †; In thanksgiving for the birthday of Gloria Bumidang
8:00 pm	



You can still register for
our Parish Youth Program Edge (Gr 5-8)
Sign up after Mass and drop off the registra-
tion and payment at the parish office.

**NEXT Edge night -
Friday, February 10th**

Cost: \$50 (includes t-shirt and snacks)

If you are interested in volunteering or
would like more information
email Margaret at
dyouvilleyouth@gmail.com

O Lord Jesus Christ, the true Light that enlightens every man who comes into this world: pour forth Your blessing + upon these candles and sanctify + them with the light of Your grace, and mercifully grant, that as these lights, enkindled with visible fire, dispel the darkness of night, so our hearts, being illumined by invisible fire, that is, by the radiance of the Holy Spirit, may be delivered from the blindness of all vice; that, the eye of our mind being cleansed, we may be able to discern those things that are pleasing to You and profitable to our salvation so that after the perilous darkness of this world we may deserve to attain to never-failing light: Through You, Christ Jesus, Saviour of the world, Who in perfect Trinity, live and reign, God, world without end. Amen.

- Blessing of Candles, Feast of the Presentation, Roman Rite, 1959

One can not be blamed, at this point of the winter season, if longing for spring time unavoidably wells up from deep within. Apart from being the Feast of the Presentation, February 2nd is has also become synonymous with the subpar cultural observation of Ground Hog Day. As custom holds, if the plumpy rodent does not see his shadow because of rainy and cloudy conditions, winter's end is imminent. From the secular to the sacred, the gospel proclaims that Christ Child is "a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel." (Lk 2.32) Consequently, an important contrast unfolds of competing focus for our hope...whether in the signs of light or shadow. In fact, there is strong suggestion that Ground Hog day was originated in mock contempt to the traditional celebration of the Presentation – a solemn public procession of the faithful with candles lit and blessed before the "Candlemas." What was once a major liturgical feast has been significantly diminished; our contemporary cultural context is unfamiliar with and unskilled at such purposeful manifestations of faith and devotion. Rightfully then, in "the perilous darkness of this world" we pray God's assistance to guard resolutely the flickering flame of fire-tried hearts.

CC Ponder

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

This weekend Jesus as the son of God goes to the mountain top. There he preaches God's message of salvation in the form of the Beatitudes. The Beatitudes mark the fulfillment of God's covenant promise to Abraham—that through his descendants all the nations of the world would receive God's blessings.

Jesus is the son of Abraham. And through the wisdom He speaks today, He bestows the Father's blessings upon "the poor in spirit." God has chosen to bless the weak and lowly, those foolish and despised in the eyes of the world, Paul says in today's Epistle. The poor in spirit are those who know that nothing they do can merit God's mercy and grace. These are the humble remnant in today's First Reading, taught to seek refuge in the name of the Lord.

The Beatitudes reveal the divine path and purpose for our lives. All our striving should be for these virtues—to be poor in spirit; meek and clean of heart; merciful and makers of peace; seekers of the righteousness that comes from living by the law of Kingdom.

The path the Lord sets before us today is one of trials and persecution. But He promises comfort in our mourning and a great reward. The Kingdom we have inherited is no earthly territory but the promised land of heaven. It is Zion where the Lord reigns forever. And, as we sing in today's Psalm, its blessings are for those whose hope is in the Lord. God Bless



Fr. Roger



FAREWELL TO FR. TOBIN

There will be a get-together on Friday February 10, from 6 pm-9 pm in the parish hall to say goodbye to Fr. Tobin who will be returning to his home in Ireland. If you want to show your appreciation & love for all that he has done for us, he has requested donations to Bethell Hospice Foundation in Caledon (you can donate online & he will receive an email about your donation), or cash if you prefer. Coffee, soft drinks & water will be provided thanks to the Knights of Columbus & finger foods would be greatly appreciated. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Fern at fmaletta@gmail.com.

2023 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

2023 Envelopes are in the Narthex ready for pickup. Any envelopes not picked up by January 30th will be reassigned.

REMINDER: DO NOT USE ENVELOPES FROM PREVIOUS YEARS!



FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION



First Friday Adoration, is a Eucharistic adoration held the first Friday of every month in the church. It begins with 9:15 AM Mass and is followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament for the remainder of the day. Adoration concludes at 7:00pm followed by Mass. **WHAT FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION PARTICIPANTS DO:** Come any time during the adoration hours (approximately 10:00 AM to 6:30 PM) to spend some quiet, prayerful time with Jesus.

Adoration participants commit to specific time. These "Guardians of the Eucharist" ensure that the Blessed Sacrament is never left alone.

FIRST FRIDAY - HOLY HOUR

Please join us in this holy hour of prayers during the Eucharistic adoration on First Fridays of every month. We start with the 3 O'clock Prayer and the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3:00pm. Then, we continue with Prayers of Adoration, Thanksgiving, Reparation, and Intercession. We also pray the Eucharistic Rosary and the Litany of the Blessed Sacrament. We end the hour with a hymn of praise and adoration at 4:00pm. All are welcome.

SERRA'S VOCATION SEEDS



"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." Are you willing to proclaim the coming of the kingdom as a priest, deacon, brother or sister? 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

LIFT JESUS HIGHER RALLY

is back and will be held on **Saturday, 4th March, 2023 at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre, Toronto.** With the theme for 2023 being **"EMPOWERED TO STAND"** – *keep alert, stand firm in your faith, be courageous, be strong*. (1Corinthians 16:13), despite the effects of the pandemic over the past two years, we expect a full house. The LJHR Team would like to invite you to attend the Rally, listen to the speakers, uplifting music and join us for a light lunch. His Eminence, Thomas Cardinal Collins, Archbishop of Toronto, will be the celebrant of the Mass that afternoon. For tickets go to: [Tickets - 2020 Lift Jesus Higher Rally \(ljhr.ca\)](http://Tickets - 2020 Lift Jesus Higher Rally (ljhr.ca))



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CHURCH/OFFICE HOURS

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 - 3:00pm & 4:00 pm - 8:00pm, Fridays and Sundays from 9:00am - 3:00pm.

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 15, 22, 29 & May 6th, 2023 from 12:00pm - 4pm. \$250.00 per couple. To sign up, please contact the parish office.



THE 55+ CLUB

The 55+ group meets weekly on Tuesdays from 1:00 pm - 4:00pm. We will resume in the New year on January 10th. For more information contact Sandy at 905-791-7315 or email: sandyrobin22@gmail.com

STITCHES FROM THE HEART

Will resume on Monday January 9th and 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*

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.

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"*

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