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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.

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



MON, FEB 20 9:15 am	Florence Aduwari †
TUES, FEB 21 7:00 pm	Mary Chummar †
WED, FEB 22 9:15 am	Patricia Okorie †; Vitalis Chilaka †; Domenic Madia †; Hildegard Villadolid †
12:00 PM	
7:00 PM	
THUR, FEB 23 7:00 pm	
FRI, FEB 24 9:15 am	
7:00 PM	
SAT, FEB 25 9:15 am	Manuel & Genoveva Barbosa †; Delia Carating †
5:00 pm	Sherly Mathew †
SUN, FEB 26 9:00 am	For the People of the Parish
10:30 am	
12:30 pm	Juan Salalila Jr. †; Juanito & John Elmer Go †; Paciencia, Juan & Ludano Biding †; Deceased members of the Flores & Biding families †
8:00 pm	



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

**NEXT Edge night -
Friday, February 24th**

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

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

Hope has two beautiful daughters; their names are Anger and Courage. Anger at the way things are, and Courage to see that they do not remain as they are.

- St Augustine (354-430), Doctor of the Church

The Sermon on the Mount (Matt 5-7) challenges us to the heights of Christian discipleship. Jesus’ demanding teaching highlights just how incongruent his heavenly wisdom is compared to how a sinful, fallen world typically operates. Naturally, one can not help but hear a message of “turn the other cheek” and deduce that one’s role as a Christian is to be treated like the proverbially “door mat” at the hands of aggressive and unconscionable predators. How utterly unpalatable! Consequently, the cited quote from St. Augustine is vital; it is not intended as merely providing some exemption or loop hole from following the exacting requirements of the gospel. Rather, the insight offers a glimpse so as to fulfill the gospel with God’s help. For any injustice and offense suffered, an appropriate response needs to be discerned. The sin of rage and hatred where one desires vengeance and violence upon an enemy is poisonous and denounced by Our Lord. The serenity of heart and charity towards an evil doer requires God’s supernatural grace. As St. Augustine understood Our Lord’s words, the resolved pursuit of correcting wrongs and restoring fair balance is not for the timid of heart. No one was more determined to confront evil and overthrow its chief culprits than Jesus by taking the maniacal hostility upon himself to the point of shedding his blood. Rightfully so, we pray for a power surge of Anger and Courage so that for all the injustices suffered in this life, our hope may not be extinguished by despair. Though odds may always seem overwhelming, having the heroic and triumphant Christ as an ally tips the scales in one’s advantage.

CC Ponder

FROM THE PASTOR’S DESK

We are called to the holiness of God. That is the extraordinary claim made in both the First Reading and the Gospel this Sunday.

Yet how is it possible that we can be perfect as our Father in heaven is perfect?

Jesus explains that we must be imitators of God as His beloved children.

As God does, we must love without limit—with a love that does not distinguish between friend and foe, overcoming evil with good.

Jesus Himself, in His Passion and death, gave us the perfect example of the love that we are called to.

He offered no resistance to the evil—even though He could have commanded twelve legions of angels to fight alongside Him. He offered His face to be struck and spit upon. He allowed His garments to be stripped from Him. He marched as His enemies compelled Him to the Place of the Skull. On the Cross, He prayed for those who persecuted Him.

We have been bought with the price of the blood of God’s only Son. We belong to Christ now, as St. Paul says in this week’s Epistle. By our baptism, we have been made temples of His Holy Spirit.

And we have been saved to share in His holiness and perfection. So let us glorify Him by our lives lived in His service, loving as He loves.



Fr. Roger

ASH WEDNESDAY



Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent for Catholics. The ashes we receive on our forehead in the shape of a cross serve as an outward sign of our sinfulness and need for penance. The ashes also symbolize our mortality, a reminder that one day we will die and our bodies will return to dust. Hence the traditional words, "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return".

The tradition of receiving ashes has its origins in the Old Testament, where sinners performed acts of public penance. It was Pope Urban II who in the 11th century recommended that all Catholics take part in the practice of receiving ashes on Ash Wednesday. In the 12th century it became customary that the ashes used on Ash Wednesday were made by burning the previous year's palm branches. Ash Wednesday is also a day of fasting and abstinence for Catholics.

OUR LADY OF THE CAPE

Queen of Canada is our National Madonna – her miraculous statue remains present to her children who visit her at our National Marian Shrine – Cap de la Madeleine at Trois Rivieres, Quebec. Most of the faithful even in Canada, are familiar with her apparitions in Lourdes, Fatima, Medjugorje, etc. where they may have visited but don't always know about the story of our own National Madonna and the way she chose to manifest herself to her children here nor have many visited her Shrine in Quebec.

We will have the honour of her presence here at St. Marguerite d'Youville from Friday, February 17th – Friday February 24th. Take a look at the bulletin insert for day to day detail of all the events during the week. Come and join us!



TAX RECEIPTS

Tax Recipes will be ready for pick-up/distribution the weekend of February 18/19th after all Masses. Any receipts not picked up will be mailed out.

REMINDER: DO NOT USE ENVELOPES FROM PREVIOUS YEARS!

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"



ASH WEDNESDAY, February 22nd, 2023
9:15 am; 12:00 Noon & 7:00 pm.
Ashes will be distributed at all Masses

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

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

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

Saturday, March 11th - 18th at 6pm
Sunday, March 19th - ??
Devotions & Mass

PARISH MISSION

Every Friday during Lent - February 24th,
March 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th & 31st

CONFESSIONS

Monday, March 27th: 9:45am-12 & 5-7pm
Tuesday, March 28th: 5-7pm
Thursday, March 30th at 5-7pm

"On the threshold of Lent, it is necessary that this perspective be opened before us, so that we may believe deeply in the gospel with all the truth of our mortal existence. We are called to take part in the Resurrection of Christ. For this appeal to resound within us with all its force at the beginning of the Lenten season, let us realize what death means.

*'You are dust,'
'Repent!'*

*'Believe in the gospel'
(St. John Paul II)*

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