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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
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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, FEB 27 9:15 am	Carmelia Rossi †; Ida Sousa †; Ouseph Puthussery †
7:00 PM	
TUES, FEB 28 7:00 pm	Juan Salalila Jr. †; George D'Sousa †
WED, MAR 1 9:15 am	Camillo D'Alonzo †; All Souls in Purgatory
7:00 PM	Antonio Gareri †
THUR, MAR 2 7:00 pm	
FRI, MAR 3 9:15 am	Maria Bettencourt †
7:00 PM	Joseph & Maria Pham †
SAT, MAR 4 9:15 am	
5:00 pm	For the People of the Parish
SUN, MAR 5 9:00 am	Manuel & Genoveva Barbosa †; Emma & Mario Penariol †
10:30 am	Funmi Ogundele †; George DeSousa †
12:30 pm	Nenette Pasigan †; Lourdes Aquino †
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, March 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

Men wanted for hazardous journey. Low wages, bitter cold, long hours of complete darkness. Safe return doubtful. Honour and recognition in event of success.

- Ernest Shackleton, (1874-1922), Anglo-Irish Antarctic explorer
Quoted many times over as a motivational prompt, the legendary advertisement was to have appeared in the London times prior to expedition. The grim rallying cry for recruiting is hailed as a re-sounding success as far as a promotional pitch. Men in the thousands were to have been attracted to the prospect as potential sailors despite the less than promising burden to benefit ratio yield. From all accounts of Shackleton's diary, he and his crew of 27 barely survived their grueling and harrowing mission. Their boat became locked in ice and split apart from glacier pressure. As they wintered on an ice barge, they drifted further from land which made rowing back on their life boats all the more difficult in the tempestuous arctic ocean. The rest of their death-defying adventure reads like a major motion picture.

As we begin the season of Lent, an appeal to that same bravery for every Christian man, woman and child is appropriate. The Shackleton crew all miraculously survived 20 months of the bleakest of conditions; they struggled to find the will to live and the audacity to hope when all seemed lost. The heroic stories that each of them were left to tell would last them a lifetime. The 40 days that lay before us summon us to confront the ugly reality of sin within us and in our world. With Christ leading this noble venture, what comparable conquests will we have to tell in staring down our bitter nemesis?

CC Ponder

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

The prophet Joel writing in a time of political decline and disarray is one of the prophets of Lent. And it is not difficult to see why. He preaches a timeless message of repentance "... return to me with all your heart, with fasting weeping, and with mourning; rend your heart and not your clothing."

It is the classic call of the Lenten season. It suggests that we have all strayed. In Joel's case it was in reference to the nation of Israel, in our case it refers to our personal lives. Lent calls us back into a loving and intimate relationship with our God. He longs to walk with us in the cool of the evening. He invites us to delight in his presence as he nourishes our soul and guides us in the way of truth. Lent is a time to return to the simple ways that God has set out for us. Difficult perhaps in a world so obsessed with material things.

My prayer for us all in this Lenten season is that we will allow the Holy Spirit to guide us on our Lenten journey, that we will have a fruitful Lent. That we will abandon ourselves in a spirit of trust and that God will do with us as he wills. God Bless

Fr. Rayer





CONFIRMATION SPONSOR WEEKEND

Candidates, their sponsors, and their families are invited to celebrate the Sunday Eucharist this weekend, sponsors will strengthen their relationship with their Candidates.

Holy Spirit, strengthen our Confirmandi with your gifts of Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel, Fortitude, Knowledge, Piety, and Fear of the Lord, as a disciple of Christ. Fill them with the joy of your presence. Increase in them the fruit of your Spirit. Help them to experience and trust your dwelling within, so that they may count on your guidance today and every day. Show us the way to help one another become better disciples of Jesus Christ, sharing your love with our world and with each person we encounter. Amen.

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.

FIRST COMMUNION - IMPORTANT DATES

LENTEN PROMISE WEEKEND - 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

Lenten promise weekend March 4th/5th is fast approaching, The Lenten Promise letters have been delivered to our parish schools. Please attend ONE of the following weekend Masses



- Saturday, March 4th at 5:00pm
- Sunday, March 5th 9:00am, 10:30am, 12:30pm or 8pm

And bring in your Lenten Promise activity. If you do not receive the letter and activity please email us or pick up a copy at the parish office.

MARRIAGE PREP COURSE

Marriage



Preparation

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*

PARISH ENVELOPES

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.



Lent



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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