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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



*"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.

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT



MON, MAR 13 9:15 am	
7:00 PM	
TUES, MAR 14 7:00 pm	Maria Moreira †
WED, MAR 15 9:15 am	Joseph D'Souza †; For the health of Kenneth Reghelini
7:00 PM	
THUR, MAR 16 7:00 pm	Pete Magboo †; Amanda Ramos †
FRI, MAR 17 9:15 am	Pete Magboo †
7:00 PM	
SAT, MAR 18 9:15 am	
5:00 pm	Armando Dematos †; Terry Andrade †; Deceased members of the Dematos & Pontes family †; Archie Menezes †
SUN, MAR 19 9:00 am	Victoriano & Angelica Lucero †; Helen Caruana †; Beverly Omokhua †
10:30 am	For the People of the Parish
12:30 pm	Juanito & John Elmer Go †; Daniel, Andrew & Tony Grima †; In Thanksgiving for the birthday of Cindy Samaroo; In Thanksgiving - Jeth & Luella Go & family
8:00 pm	Felicias & Nening Gonzaga †



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 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

Let us give thanks to God for living in times like these for now it is permitted for no one to be mediocre.

Pope Pius XI (1857-1939)

As a young student, Achille Ratti, born into a working class family in the region of Lombardy, displayed at an early age two impressive talents: an all absorbing, expansive mind for studies and a fierce determination for mountain climbing. With an education system that fed his astute memory for philosophy, languages, and history and the Alps in the backdrop, he scaled to impressive peaks in each of the respective terrains. Ordained as priest, he was assigned to be the head of the Libraries of St. Ambrose in Milan and of the Vatican where he further refined his knowledge of geopolitics. Subsequently, he was assigned as nuncio to Warsaw to help guide the Polish people during the rise of atheism being forced upon them from the Bolshevik revolution. Archbishop Ratti became adept at discerning the stream of lies, falsehoods and double-speak from the propaganda campaigns pitched to make faithful Catholics look like enemies of the State. Elected as Pope in 1922, he saw the ominous darkening clouds of atheistic totalitarianism expand across Europe in the build up towards WWII. He strove urgently to sound the alarm bells within the Church for the faithful to not be seduced by the pernicious influence of the world; he sensed too many from within the structure of the Church all too eager to win the world's esteem in the building of a false utopia.

May this Lenten time provide us with a vantage point for helping us discern and detect who and where are the sources propagating revolt against revealed truth. While it is painful to look within as to where we may have compromised and capitulated to distortions of faith, this penitential time is one for renouncing evil and strengthening resolve to keep vigil with Our Lord as he renews his agony through the suffering members of His Church. Indeed, each and every Christian is to cast off mediocrity and indifference and enter into the spiritual conflict of our day.

CC Ponder

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Jesus is thirsty, in today's Gospel. He thirsts for souls. He longs to give the Samaritan woman the living waters that well up to eternal life.

These waters couldn't be drawn from the well of Jacob, father of the Israelites and the Samaritans. But Jesus was something greater than Jacob.

The Samaritans were Israelites who escaped exile when Assyria conquered the Northern Kingdom eight centuries before Christ. They were despised for intermarrying with non-Israelites and worshipping at Mount Gerazim, not Jerusalem.

But Jesus tells the woman that the "hour" of true worship is coming, when all will worship God in Spirit and truth.

Jesus' "hour" is the "appointed time" that Paul speaks of in today's Epistle. It is the hour when the Rock of our salvation was struck on the Cross. Struck by the soldier's lance, living waters flowed out from our Rock. These waters are the Holy Spirit, the gift of God.

By the living waters the ancient enmities of Samaritans and Jews have been washed away, the dividing wall between Israel and the nations is broken down. Since His hour, all may drink of the Spirit in Baptism.

In the Eucharist, the Lord now is in our midst—as He was at the Rock of Horeb and at the well of Jacob.

In the "today" of our Liturgy, He calls us to believe: "I am He," come to pour out the love of God into our hearts through the Holy Spirit. How can we continue to worship as if we don't understand? How can our hearts remain hardened?

Fr. Rager



ST. PATRICK'S DAY

Please join us on Friday March 17th at 7:00pm to celebrate a special Mass for St. Patrick's Day. Don't forget to wear green! *God our Father, you sent Saint Patrick to preach your glory to the people of Ireland. By the help of his prayers, may all Christians proclaim your love to all men.*



DAY OF RECOLLECTION

On Sunday March 19th and in honour of the feast of St. Joseph we will be offering a special day of recollection for all Men of the parish. St. Joseph the husband of Mary and foster-father of Jesus. As a loving companion, he stood beside his betrothed, trusting God's plan for their life together, and together, they raised our Lord! Joseph was hard-working and a caring protector of the Holy Family. A true example of masculinity! All men are welcome to attend the 12:30pm Mass and join us in the basement after the Mass for a short retreat, confession and fellowship.

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.

SERRA'S VOCATION SEEDS



"But the one who drinks of the water that I will give will never be thirsty." Do you thirst to know where God is leading you? Could you be thirsty for an understanding of your purpose? If you feel you are being invited to spread the Good News of God's love as a priest, deacon, brother or sister, contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997

Email: vocations@archtoronto.org or www.vocationstoronto.ca

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"

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 - 12:30 pm
Devotions & Mass

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

CONFESSIONS
Monday, March 27th: 9:45am-12 & 4-7pm
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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