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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

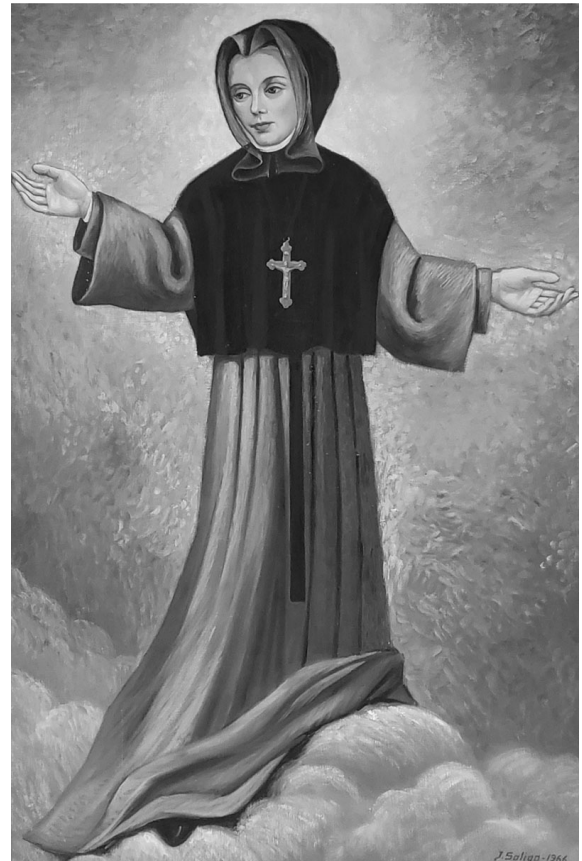
Our Mother of Perpetual Help Devotion: Wednesdays at 9:15 am

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
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*"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 ADVENT



MON, DEC 4 9:15 am	Porinchu Pellissery †
7:00 pm	Angela Rumeo †
TUES, DEC 5 7:00 pm	For the intentions of Gloria
WED, DEC 6 9:15 am	Patricia Okori †; Vitalis Chilaka †; Fatima Moniz †
7:00 pm	Cleopatra, Albert & Gajadhar Heath and family †
THUR, DEC 7 7:00 pm	Anna Nguyen †; Rachel Dias †; In thanksgiving - Sabina Abiaka family
FRI, DEC 8 9:15 am	
7:00 pm	
SAT, DEC 9 9:15 am	
5:00 PM	
SUN, DEC 10 9:00 am	For the People of the Parish
10:30 am	
12:30 pm	Juanito & John Elmer Go †; Donald Martins †
8:00 pm	

A great purification will come upon the world preceded by an Illumination of Conscience in which everyone will see themselves as God sees them. The Warning will be a direct intervention from God of great wonder, which will fill the world with astonishment; it will be terrible, a mini-judgment. God will reveal all men's consciences and try every person of each kind of religion.

- Christine Watkins, Catholic author and speakers

From her highly acclaimed book and soon to be made movie, "The Warning," Christine Watkins' life is laid open for all to see. Her numerous YouTube videos also tell the story of her dramatic conversion from bitter atheist to devout Catholic Christian. She shares her story as being all too common for so many typical Americans growing up in California in the 1980's – frivolous and absent of any religious formation or practice. Her passion was dancing and she achieved her dream of being part of the San Francisco ballet. When injuries sidelined her career, she filled the void of shattered plans with New Age mysticism and intimate relations. Her health soon deteriorated; cervical cancer detection led to internal bleeding, hospitalization, and a terminal prognosis. Mercifully, she experienced Our Blessed Mother's intercession on her behalf pleading to her Divine Son for the sparing of her soul. She inexplicably recovered from her affliction and was led to the Sacraments. Her numerous postings on her Queen of Peace and Countdown to the Kingdom media sites chronicle her passionate appeal to all peoples to prepare themselves for the spiritual realities to come. She backs her work with the testimonies of saints, mystics, and common lay people who similarly have either experienced a dramatic conversion or who have received revelation of this phenomenon of an Illumination of Conscience. On this First Sunday of Advent, as the Scripture readings themselves urge us to stay vigilant for Christ's Second Coming, we soberly assess our lives during these turbulent times.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

The new Church year begins with a plea for God's visitation. "Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down," the prophet Isaiah cries in today's First Reading. In today's Psalm, too, we hear the anguished voice of Israel, imploring God to look down from His heavenly throne—to save and shepherd His people.




Today's readings are relatively brief. Their language and "message" are deceptively simple. But we should take note of the serious mood and penitential aspect of the Liturgy today as the people of Israel recognize their sinfulness, their failures to keep God's covenant, their inability to save themselves.

And in this Advent season, we should see our own lives in the experience of Israel. As we examine our consciences, can't we, too, find that we often harden our hearts, refuse His rule, wander from His ways, withhold our love from Him?

So, in this season of repentance, we should heed the warning repeated three times by our Lord in today's Gospel: be watchful, for we know not the hour when the Lord of the house will return.

Fr. Rayer




LEADING TEENS CLOSER TO CHRIST

KICK OFF EVENT FRIDAY, JANUARY 12, 2024
7:00PM - 9:00PM

FOR YOUTH IN GRADES 9 - 12

LIFE NIGHTS every **OTHER** Friday in the Parish basement
7- 9 pm

RELATIONAL MINISTRY WHERE TEENS ASK THE BIG QUESTIONS
AND GROW IN FAITH



*For I know the plans I have for you declares the LORD
plans to prosper you and not to harm you plans to give you
hope and a future
Jeremiah 29:11*

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PARISH

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3RD, 2023

PARISH ENVELOPES

As we approach the end of the year we ask that if you have moved or any of your personal information has changed to let the office know as soon as possible. We will be updating the information so as to get ready for the 2024 parish envelopes.

EDGE

Then join us for our next Edge night: **Friday, December 15th** in the parish hall from 7:00pm - 8:30pm. Anyone wishing to register their child from grades 6 - 8 please pickup a registration from in the church or visit our website. The fee is \$50 and includes a t-shirt and all associated cost with the Edge nights. For more information email Margaret at dyouvilleyouth@gmail.com



KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS POSTER CONTEST



The Knights of Columbus – Council 15612 invites the children of our parish to participate in the annual “Keep Christ In Christmas Poster Contest.”

The Theme is: “KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS.”

Age Groups: J. K. – Grade 8

Due Date of Submission : - December 31, 2023.

For further details, kindly pick up a form from the Knights in the Narthex.

55+ CLUB - NIAGARA WINE TOUR

The 55 plus club is organizing a Niagara Wine tour on from January 26th—28th, 2024. They will be staying at the Embassy suits hotel. Buffet breakfast and managers reception is included. The cost includes the winery pass (6 Winery’s) coach bus and hotel.

Single \$621; Double \$415; Triple \$364 & Quad \$338 per person. Deposit is due by December 19th and final payment is due January 16th, 2024. If you would like more information please contact Sandy at 905-791-7315.



STITCHES FROM THE HEART

Once again we are approaching the holiday season. Stitches from the Heart group will be close for the holidays from December 4, and resume on Monday January 8, 2024. On the behalf of all the women the Stitches from the Heart Group, we would like to wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas and all the best in 2024.

SMALL GROUP FAITH MINISTRY



“Where two or three come together in my name, I am there with them.” (Matthew 18:20) If you would like to apply what you have learned from Scripture, teachings, and practical personal reflection questions, join the SGM. For more details, email Olivia Saqui at screeningcommittee.smdy@gmail.com

ARCHDIOCESAN CONSULTATION WITH THE FAITHFUL

Our Archbishop, the Most Rev. Francis Leo, is inviting Catholics throughout the archdiocese to share their key priorities to help inform and guide an updated Pastoral Plan. To participate in the consultation, visit: www.archtoronto.org/consultation to complete a brief survey by December 15, 2023, where you can offer your suggestions and insights. The process should take just a few minutes and we ask that you complete the short survey as soon as possible. We look forward to hearing from the Catholic community throughout the archdiocese. Thank you in advance for sharing your insights, ideas and discernment.



Volunteers Needed!



If you are interested in volunteering at the parish, please email Linda at LYeh@archtoronto.org with the following information:

1. Your first and last name, phone number and email address.
2. Are you an Adult (18+) or Minor (under 18)
3. Which ministry you are interested in.

ST. MARGUERITE D'YOUVILLE ADVENT, CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR'S SCHEDULE

ADVENT

Throughout the Advent season, we will be celebrating Mass every evening, Monday to Friday at 7:00 pm in addition to our regular Mass schedule. *(The way of the Nativity will be followed on Fridays before the 7pm Mass. Booklets will be available to follow along)*

The Immaculate Conception

Friday, December 8th Mass at 9:15am & 7pm

Tree Lighting and Christmas Carols

Saturday, December 9th after the 5pm Mass

Our Lady of Guadalupe

Tuesday, December 12th Mass at 9:15am & 7pm

Christmas Novena

December 15th - 23rd at 6pm

Parish Advent Mission

December 19th - 21st

Bishop Francis Leo Visit

Saturday, December 23rd - 5pm Mass

Day of Confession

Tuesday, December 19th: 5pm-6:45pm
Wednesday, December 20th: 10am-12pm;
& 5pm-6:45pm
Thursday, December 21st: 5pm-6:45pm

4th Sunday of Advent - Sunday, December 24th

Saturday 5pm; Sunday 9:00 am,
10:30 am, 12:30 pm

Christmas Eve - Sunday, December 24th

Nativity of our Lord Masses -
5:00 pm, 8:00 pm, & 12:00 Midnight

Christmas Day - Monday, December 25th

9:00 am, 10:30 am, 12:30 pm

December 26 - 29

Mass times as usual

Feast of the Holy Family Sunday, December 31st

Saturday 5pm; Sunday 9:00am, 10:30am, 12:30pm

New Year's Eve - Sunday, December 31st

Holy Mary Mother of God Mass -

10:00 pm Mass

11:15 pm - 12:30 am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

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