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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.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



MON, DEC 11 9:15 am	Victoriano & Angelica Lucero †; In thanksgiving to Our Lady of Fatima; In thanksgiving for the 30th Anniversary of Rudy & Marietta Montemayor
7:00 pm	
TUES, DEC 12 9:15 am	In thanksgiving for blessings received - Hernandez family
7:00 pm	Nada Naysun †; Maria Hoang
WED, DEC 13 9:15 am	Fatima Moniz †; Mary, Joanne & Joe Manarin †
7:00 pm	
THUR, DEC 14 7:00 pm	Pete Magboo †; Deceased members of the Abiaka family †
FRI, DEC 15 9:15 am	
7:00 pm	
SAT, DEC 16 9:15 am	Deceased members of the Velasco family †
5:00 PM	Armando Dematos †; Terry Andrade †; Ambrose Lewis †; Domenico Iozzo † Deceased members of the Dematos & Pontes family †
SUN, DEC 17 9:00 am	
10:30 am	Denise O'Sullivan †; Agostino Dacunha †
12:30 pm	Juanito & John Elmer Go †; Cyntia Trower †; Wesley Hendrix Maravilla †; Anderson Knox Maravilla †
8:00 pm	For the People of the Parish

Grant, we beseech thee, O Lord God, that we, your servants, may enjoy perpetual health of mind and body; and by the glorious intercession of the Blessed Mary, ever Virgin, may be delivered from present sorrow, and obtain eternal joy. Through Christ our Lord.

- Concluding Prayer to the Litany of Loreto

Adorning the Adriatic Coast of the La Marche region, a beautiful shrine exists within it the Holy House of Nazareth. Most experts will agree on the authenticity of the building's first century Israeli origins that coincide with the traditional location of the cave where the Annunciation took place, where the "Word became Flesh", and subsequently where the Holy Family took shelter once they returned from their Egyptian escape. Brick work, building style, distinctive markings all match integrally to the time period. How the building got there is cause for intriguing mystery. Most are content to accept the conclusion that Crusader soldiers carried the building to Italy for safekeeping under the threat of Islamic occupation. The explanation points to an "Angeli" family who would have sponsored the endeavor. And yet, a deeper look at the structure of the three walls suggests a mystery far greater. The successful transfer of a building that shows no signs of ever having been fully dismantled, with original mortar work intact, does point to something inexplicable. Genuine and well-documented accounts that testify that the building incomprehensibly showed up in other parts of Croatia and Italy before its final resting place, on December 10, 1294, do suggest that the transportation indeed did occur by the miraculous intervention of angels. This remarkable story has been vouched for by popes and saints throughout the ensuing centuries. And so, to enhance to our Advent observance, in between the great Marian Feasts of the Immaculate Conception and Our Lady of Guadalupe, this additional commemoration fosters love for all the noble titles bestowed upon our Blessed Mother as recited in the Litany of Loreto. We invoke her maternal help for all the suffering families who are victims of the current Israeli-Palestinian war.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



Our God is coming. The time of exile—the long separation of humankind from God due to sin—is about to end. This is the good news proclaimed in today's liturgy.

Isaiah in today's First Reading promises Israel's future release and return from captivity and exile. But as today's Gospel shows, Israel's historic deliverance was meant to herald an even greater saving act by God—the coming of Jesus to set Israel and all nations free from bondage to sin, to gather them up and carry them back to God.

God sent an angel before Israel to lead them in their exodus toward the promised land. And He promised to send a messenger of the covenant, Elijah, to purify the people and turn their hearts to the Father before the day of the Lord.

John the Baptist quotes these, as well as Isaiah's prophecy, to show that all of Israel's history looks forward to the revelation of Jesus. In Jesus, God has filled in the valley that divided sinful humanity from Himself. He has reached down from heaven and made His glory to dwell on earth, as we sing in today's Psalm.

He has done all this not for humanity in the abstract but for each of us. The long history of salvation has led us to this Eucharist, in which our God again comes and our salvation is near. And each of us must hear in today's readings a personal call. Here is your God, Isaiah says. He has been patient with you, Peter says in today's Epistle.

Like Jerusalem's inhabitants in the Gospel, we have to go out to Him, repenting our sins, all the laziness and self-indulgence that make our lives a spiritual wasteland. We have to straighten out our lives so that everything we do leads us to Him.

Today, let us hear the beginning of the Gospel and again commit ourselves to lives of holiness and devotion.

Fr. Roger



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

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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*

ST. MARGUERITE D'YOUVILLE

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10TH, 2023

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

2024 boxes of Offertory Envelopes will be available in the Narthex next week after all Masses. Please ensure you pick up your own box and that your name & address is correct so that when the T4 slips for income tax purposes are prepared, they will be sent with the correct name & address. If your box is not there or you need to make any changes, or you wish to begin using envelopes fill out an Envelope Request Form and return it to the office. Please DO NOT use these envelopes until **JANUARY 1, 2024**. Reminder: **DO NOT USE ENVELOPES FROM PREVIOUS YEARS!**



EDGE

Then join us for our last Edge night of this year: **Friday, December 15th** in the parish hall from 7:00pm - 8:30pm. We will begin again in the new year on Friday, January 5th, 2024. Anyone wishing to register their child from grades 6 - 8 please pickup a registration from in the church or visit our website. For more information email Margaret at dyouvilleyouth@gmail.com



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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

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul is a charitable Catholic organization, active throughout Canada. The work of the society is to assist those in need who live within our parish boundary. If you are in need of assistance please contact the St. Marguerite d'Youville Conference directly at 647-642-4906 or email: vincetdepaulsmdy@gmail.com

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*)

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

Day of Confession

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

Christmas Play

Saturday, December 23rd - 1:30pm

Archbishop Francis Leo Visit

Saturday, December 23rd - 5pm Mass

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

New Year's Day

Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God

Monday, January 1st, 2024

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

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