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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 ADVENT



MON, DEC 18 9:15 am	Victoriano & Angelica Lucero †
7:00 pm	
TUES, DEC 19 7:00 pm	Albina Fernandes †; In thanksgiving - Alex & Mary
WED, DEC 20 9:15 am	Daniel & Andrew Grima †; For the deceased members of the Theuma family †; Fatima Moniz †; Eduardo Medeiros †; Lina Barbosa †
7:00 pm	In thanksgiving - Joshua Angelo Real
THUR, DEC 21 7:00 pm	In thanksgiving for the birthday of Iresha Wijeyeratne
FRI, DEC 22 9:15 am	Angela, Rocco & Antonio Ruso †; Jim & Joe Deleo †; Annamma Philip †
7:00 pm	
SAT, DEC 23 9:15 am	In thanksgiving for the birthday of Doreen D'Souza
5:00 PM	In thanksgiving for the birthday of Zoe Omozuwa
SUN, DEC 24 9:00 am	
10:30 am	
12:30 pm	
5:00 pm	Manuel & Genoveva Barbosa †
8:00 pm	Lauren & Michelle Bouchard †; Brian McGinnis †
12:00 midnight	Juanito & John Elmer Go †; Christabel Mahesan †; Deceased mem- bers if the Gonzaga family †



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*

ST. MARGUERITE D'YOUVILLE

As Christians, we first met Jesus as a stirring embryo in the womb of an unwed mother and saw him born nine months later in the poverty of the cave. It is no coincidence that Jesus stood up for what was just and was ultimately crucified because what he said was not politically correct or fashionable. As followers of Christ, we are called to stand up for life against the politically correct or fashionable of today. We must fight against a legislative agenda that supports and even celebrates destroying life in the womb. Keep in mind, the laws we create define how we see our humanity.

Sr. Dede Byrne,

Sister of the Little Workers of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary

While she does not like to disclose any personal information regarding her date of birth, certain details of this 60-something year old nun can not be concealed. The oldest daughter of 6 siblings, raised in the suburbs of Washington, D.C., she chose to follow in her father's footsteps by entering medical school. To help pay for her studies, Sr. Dede enlisted in the U.S. army's medical corps. She served for 29 years as a surgeon, earning the rank of Colonel. She was deployed in the countries of Kenya, Iraq, Sudan, Haiti, and Afghanistan. Always faithful to her Catholic upbringing, she discerned her vocation to religious life when put in charge of supervising Mother Teresa of Calcutta's 1997 American visit. Sr. Dede Byrne's religious order allows her to continue her profession by serving in poor areas offering free medical aid.

On this third Sunday of Advent, she too, like John the Baptist, is a powerful, prophetic voice seeking to direct all attention away from herself and testify to Him who is light, so that all might believe through Him. (Jn 1.7)

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



The mysterious figure of John the Baptist, introduced in last week's readings, comes into sharper focus today. Who he is, we see in today's Gospel, is best understood by who he isn't.

He is not Elijah returned from the heavens, although like him he dresses in the prophet's attire and preaches repentance and judgment.

Not Elijah in the flesh, John is nonetheless sent in the spirit and power of Elijah to fulfill his mission.

Neither is John the prophet Moses foretold, although he is a kinsman and speaks God's word. Nor is John the Messiah, though he has been anointed by the Spirit since he was in the womb.

John prepares the way for the Lord. The baptism he performs is symbolic, not sacramental. It is a sign given to stir our hearts to repentance.

John shows us the One upon whom the Spirit remains, the One who fulfills the promise we hear in today's First Reading. Jesus' bath of rebirth and the Spirit opens a fountain that purifies Israel and gives to all a new heart and a new Spirit.

John comes to us in the Advent readings to show us the light, that we might believe in the One who comes at Christmas. As we sing in today's Responsorial, the Mighty One has come to lift each of us up, to fill our hunger with bread from heaven.

And as Paul exhorts in today's Epistle, we should rejoice, give thanks, and pray without ceasing that God will make us perfectly holy in spirit, soul, and body—that we may be blameless when our Lord comes.

Fr. Roger

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17TH, 2023

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

2024 boxes of Offertory Envelopes will be available in the Narthex this weekend 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



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 form in the church or visit our website. 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



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

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*)

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

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.

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