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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.

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass Intentions for the Week

MON, FEB 5 9:15 am	
TUES, FEB 6 7:00 pm	Gilbert Lambe †; Rizalina B. Solomon †
WED, FEB 7 9:15 am	Deogracias Sahagun †; Ramon Saraza †; In thanksgiving for the 20th Anniversary of Paula & Allan Morhart
THUR, FEB 8 7:00 pm	Mary Cyriac †; Rocco Mesiti †
FRI, FEB 9 9:15 am	
SAT, FEB 10 9:15 am	Philip Elakkaltu †
5:00 PM	Maria Elvina Goes †; Loretto Ferri †; Carmella Moote †; Ramon Seraza †; Augustine De Souza & Ivy Noronha †; Luigino, John & Evelina Sajeba †
SUN, FEB 11 9:00 am	Alfredo Minetto †; Gaetano Siotti †
10:30 am	Francis Marianayagam †
12:30 pm	Juanito & John Elmer Go †; Donald Martin †; George Okoji †; In thanksgiving for the 21st birthday of Miles Go
8:00 pm	

*Lord Jesus, You are the light of the world;
we praise You, and ask You to guide our steps each day.
Help us to love You, and serve You faithfully,
and to carry our daily cross with You.
Our Lady of Candelaria, give me a mother's protection
for I need your watchful care.
Comfort me in my discouragements,
solace me in my fatigues,
raise me after my falls,
reward me for my successes.
Our Lady of Candelaria, bearer of Jesus, the Light of the world,
please obtain for me this favor...(silently mention your petition here).
I shall always rely on your help,
to be what Jesus wants me to be.
I am His; I am yours, my good Mother. Amen.
- Prayer to Our Lady of Candelaria*

Celebrated widely throughout the Spanish speaking world, devotion to our Blessed Mother under the title of Our Lady of Candelaria is traced back to the port of Santa Cruz de Tenerife of the Canary Islands. Popular legend tells a story of how, back in the late 14th century, two herdsmen discovered a statue, washed up on shore, of a lady with a child held in one arm and a candle in the other. Never having seen anything comparable, they were suspicious of a carved image depicted as a feminine deity. They tried to destroy it with by throwing stones and chopping it with a machete but ended up harming themselves. Intrigued by its apparent supernatural powers, they summoned their local chief to further investigate the mystery. As he tried to carry it away, the statue took on extraordinary weight. A Christian slave, captured from the times of the crusades, correctly identified the statue of Our Blessed Mother. The statue was the catalyst of not only helping to convert the island to the Christian faith, draw favour with Spain, but also repel the influence of neighboring Muslim Morocco, located just 100 km offshore. Sailors, in the ensuing decades, spread devotion to her throughout Spain's navigational expansion – from Ecuador to El Salvador, from Puerto Rico to the Philippines. As February 2 marks the liturgical feast of the Presentation of the Child Jesus and the traditional Candelmas/Purification of Mary Feast, let us not only renew our confidence in her maternal intercession but permit ourselves to imagine participating in their faith-filled processions, in one of these enviable tropical locations.

YOUTH MINISTRY EDGE AND LIFE TEEN

Leading Teens Closer to Christ



Edge Nights for grades 6-8,

The first and third Fridays of the month.

Our next Edge Night will be
on February 16th, 7-8:30pm

Life Teen Nights for grades 9-12

The Second and fourth Fridays of the
month. Our Next Life Teen Night will be on
February 9th, 7-9 pm

Registration is ongoing, please pick up a registration form from the church.

For more information email Margaret at
dyouvilleyouth@gmail.com

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

In today's First Reading, Job describes the futility of life before Christ. His lament reminds us of the curse of toil and death placed upon Adam following his original sin. Men and women are like slaves seeking shade, unable to find rest. Their lives are like the wind that comes and goes.



But, as we sing in today's Psalm, He who created the stars promised to heal the brokenhearted and gather those lost in exile from Him. We see this promise fulfilled in today's Gospel.

In the Gospel reading Jesus grasps Simon's mother in law by the hand and helps her up. The word translated "help" is actually Greek for "raising up." The same verb is used when Jesus commands a dead girl to arise. It's used again to describe His own resurrection.

What Jesus has done for Simon's mother-in-law, He has done for all humanity—raised all of us who lay dead through our sins.

Notice all the words of totality and completeness in the Gospel. The whole town gathers; all the sick are brought to Him. He drives out demons in the whole of Galilee. Everyone is looking for Christ.

We too have found Him. By our baptism, He healed and raised us to live in His presence.

Like Simon's mother-in-law, there is only one way we can thank Him for the new life He has given us. We must rise to serve Him and His gospel.

Our lives must be our thanksgiving, as Paul describes in today's Epistle. We must tell everyone the good news, the purpose for which Jesus has come—that others, too, may have a share in this salvation.

Fr. Roger

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4TH, 2024

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES PLEASE DO NOT USE ENVELOPES FROM PREVIOUS YEARS!!!

If you have envelopes from previous years throw them out!
NOTE: If you use an envelope from a previous year your

donation will not be attributed to your name! If you wish to make a donation to the church please use the pink visitors envelopes and make sure you write clearly your full name and address so your donation can be assigned to your name or pick up a set for this year at the parish office during office hours.



ASH WEDNESDAY



"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

With Lent's coinciding with Valentine's Day, let us offer our purifying intention over these 40 days the gift of human love - with all its genuine, heart-felt joys and occasions of regrettable stumbling.

Ash Wednesday, February 14th, 2024 Masses: 9:15am; 12:00 pm & 7:00pm.

BASKETBALL FREE THROW COMPETITION

The Knights of Columbus of our parish are holding a Basketball Free Throw event on Saturday February 10 at 9:00am for students aged 9-14. The event will be held at Blessed Michael J. McGivney School, 450 Fernforest Drive. For all interested participants please pick up a registration form at the parish. For further information, please contact Jonathan Graham at jonathan-graham125@gmail.com.



THAT MAN IS YOU



Saturday, February 10th at 7:00 a.m. St. Marguerite D'Youville Parish will host our 19th session of "That Man is You" for the men of the parish with the theme, "First Society". Our Guest speaker will be **Dr. Scott Hahn**, Founder and Chair of St Paul's Biblical Theology at Franciscan University, Steubenville who will share his insights of the vision and mystery about the sacrament of marriage. **Come and See!** What can you do as a **husband and father** to show your commitment and your love to your wife? What can you do that your children will see your devotion and love for their mother? How will you renew your love for your bride for the upcoming Valentine Day?

MARRIAGE PREP COURSE

The Winter Session dates for the Marriage Preparation Course have now been set. The Course will be held for five consecutive Saturday's April 6, 13, 20, 27 & May 4th from 12:00pm - 5pm. \$250.00 per couple. To sign up, please contact the parish office.



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



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.

CHURCH/OFFICE HOURS

The church will be open for private prayer during the hours that the office is open. The times are: Tuesdays to Thursdays from 9:00am - 3:00pm & 4:00 pm - 8:00pm, Fridays and Sundays from 9:00am - 3:00pm.

CONFESSION

The schedule of Confessions is on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:00 - 6:45pm, Saturdays from 4:00pm - 4:45pm and by appointment only. **Please be respectful of these times as Father needs time to prepare for Mass. Thank you!**

PARISH BOOK STORE

The Parish bookstore is officially open and will be open on the first and third weekend of every month after all Masses. If you are interested in volunteering please contact Linda at LYeh@archtoronto.org.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

New members are always welcome. For more information please contact Alvin at 416-856-2842.

THE 55+ CLUB

The 55+ group meets weekly on Tuesdays from 1:00 pm - 4:00pm. We resume our regular meetings on Tuesday January 9th in the Parish Hall. Wishing you all a New Year filled with God's blessings. For more information contact Sandy at 905-791-7315 or email: sandyrob-in22@gmail.com

STITCHES FROM THE HEART

Stitches from the Heart group will resume on Monday January 8, 2024. Everyone is welcome to join us whether you knit or would like to learn. For further information contact Mary 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 and Saturdays at 5pm for the Vietnamese Legion. 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.

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