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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
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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.

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

Mass Intentions for the Week

MON, FEB 12 9:15 am	Nada Naysun †; Soledad Sanchez †
TUES, FEB 13 7:00 pm	Margaret Pearl Munson †
WED, FEB 14 9:15 am	Pete Magboo †; In thanksgiving for the birthday of Cissy Maria Tom
12:00 PM	
7:00 PM	Joseph & Marie Moraes †; Margaret Pearl Munson †
THUR, FEB 15 7:00 pm	
FRI, FEB 16 9:15 am	
7:00 PM	Marie Antoinette Lobo †
SAT, FEB 17 9:15 am	Alijkutty Thomas †
5:00 PM	Ambrose Lewis †; John Abela †; Dolsie Sookhoo †; Marisa Sookhoo-Rampersad †; Ikpeminoghena Idornigie †
SUN, FEB 18 9:00 am	In Thanksgiving - Abidum-Ojo family
10:30 am	Andrea Carelli †
12:30 pm	Juanito & John Elmer Go †; Ian Trower †
8:00 pm	For the People of the Parish

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 23th, 7-9 pm

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

For more information email Margaret at dyouvilleyouth@gmail.com

Men and women of the world, never again plan war! With this atomic bomb, war can only mean suicide for the human race. From this atomic waste the people of Nagasaki confront the world and cry out: No more war! Let us follow the commandment of love and work together. The people of Nagasaki prostrate themselves before God and pray: Grant that Nagasaki may be the last atomic wilderness in the history of the world.

Dr. Paul Takashi Nagai (1903-1951)

With Ash Wednesday and Valentine's Day coinciding as a rarity this year, the moving story of Dr. Takashi Nagai offers timely insight and inspiration. Following in his parents' trajectory, Takashi took up medical studies in Nagasaki. As an intern, he rented a room from a Moriyama family - who were the descendants of those originally evangelized from 16th century efforts, preserving what they had been given despite centuries of persecution. The Moriyama family had a daughter, Midori, who was Takashi's age. Naturally, they shared an affection for each other. Coming from his Shinto/Buddhist upbringing, Takashi was intrigued by her Christian character and her invitation that she join him for midnight mass at Christmas. In 1931, when Japan invaded coastal Manchurian China, Takashi was deployed as a medic, specializing in radiology. Seeing the brutality and banality of war and the coping attempts of drunkenness and prostitution by his fellow soldiers, he longed for more. His life definitively pivoted when he received the gifts of a personally woven wool sweater and a catechism book from his love, Midori. Upon his return to the Catholic community in Nagasaki, Takashi prepared for baptism and received the sacraments in 1934. They married and had four children (two dying shortly after birth). He continued his medical practice and cared for the Japanese people feeling the harsh and impoverishing effects of a nation gripped by war. He was in a remote village tending to those in need the day the atomic bomb devastated his city. He returned home to find his wife's charred body clutching the remains of what was once her rosary. He spent the remainder of his life tending to victims, and speaking and writing on the need for Christian peace. Dr. Paul Takashi died of leukemia from over-exposure to radiation.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

In the Old Testament, leprosy is depicted as punishment for disobedience of God's commands.

Considered "unclean"—unfit to worship or live with the Israelites, lepers are considered "stillborn," the living dead. Indeed, the requirements imposed on lepers in today's First Reading—rent garments, shaven head, covered beard—are signs of death, penance, and mourning.

Only God can cure leprosy and cleanse from sin, and only God has the power to bring about what He wills.

In the Gospel Jesus stretches out His hand—as God, by His outstretched arm, performed mighty deeds to save the Israelites. His ritual sign is accompanied by a divine word ("Be made clean"). And, like God's word in creation ("Let there be"), Jesus' word "does" what He commands

The same thing happens when we show ourselves to the priest in the sacrament of penance. On our knees like the leper, we confess our sins to the Lord, as we sing in today's Psalm. And through the outstretched arm and divine word spoken by His priest, the Lord takes away the guilt of our sin.

Like the leper we should rejoice in the Lord and spread the good news of His mercy. We should testify to our healing by living changed lives. As Paul says in today's Epistle, we should do even the littlest things for the glory of God and that others may be saved.

Fr. Roger



ASH WEDNESDAY



Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent for Catholics. The ashes we receive on our forehead in the shape of a cross serve as an outward sign of our sinfulness and need for penance. The ashes also symbolize our mortality, a reminder that one day we will die and our bodies will return to dust. Hence the traditional words, "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return".

The tradition of receiving ashes has its origins in the Old Testament, where sinners performed acts of public penance. It was Pope Urban II who in the 11th century recommended that all Catholics take part in the practice of receiving ashes on Ash Wednesday. In the 12th century it became customary that the ashes used on Ash Wednesday were made by burning the previous year's palm branches. Ash Wednesday is also a day of fasting and abstinence for Catholics.

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.

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.*



THAT MAN IS YOU



Saturday, February 17th at 7:00 a.m. St. Marguerite D'Youville Parish will host our 20th session of "That Man is You" for the men of the parish with the theme, "The Day is Far Spent". Our Guest speaker will be **Steve Bollman**, Founder and Developer of That Man is You Program 20 years ago. He will share his insights about the role of authentic leadership for men to embrace the Truth as we face the battle between the Good News of Jesus –the Gospel- and the Culture of Death. **Come and See!** In what ways do you think God is using the currents events to talk to you? How can you keep yourself better informed about the spiritual reality that you will need in our culture today?

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

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: vincentdepaulsmdy@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.

Lent



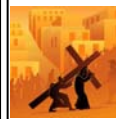
ASH WEDNESDAY, February 14th
9:15 am; 12:00 Noon & 7:00 pm.
Ashes will be distributed at all Masses

Mass Every Weekday Evening
(Monday - Friday) at 7:00 pm.

Weekday Morning Mass (Monday, Wednesday, Friday & Saturday) Remains at 9:15 am.

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.

PASSION PLAY



Harry Thomas will be putting together the Passion Play on Good Friday, March 29th. If you are interested in participating (we are in need of all ages for the cast) please come to practices in the church on Sundays from 3pm-5pm.

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.



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.

ROSARY APOSTOLATE



Would you like to pray, Mother Mary's most favourable prayer, the Holy Rosary with the children at our schools? The Rosary Apostolate is going back to in person. JOIN US! Training and supplies will be provided. For more information leave a message for Paula at the office.

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