

# St. Marguerite D'Youville Parish

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**Fr. Roger Pascall, Pastor**  
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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.*

## FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

### Mass for the Intentions } Week

<b>MON, FEB 19</b> 9:15 am	Danny & Andrew Grima †; Paciencia, Aurelio & Rey Avelino †; Dora Vieira †
7:00 PM	
<b>TUES, FEB 20</b> 7:00 pm	Nirmala D'Souza †
<b>WED, FEB 21</b> 9:15 am	K.C. Mary †; Maria Rodrigues †; For the intentions of the After Mass Prayer group
7:00 PM	
<b>THUR, FEB 22</b> 7:00 pm	
<b>FRI, FEB 23</b> 9:15 am	
7:00 PM	
<b>SAT, FEB 24</b> 9:15 am	
5:00 PM	For the People of the Parish
<b>SUN, FEB 25</b> 9:00 am	Shearly Mathew †; Sadie Jackson †; Angelo, Elizabeth & Luigi DiGiacopo †; For the health of Vanessa Abiodun & her baby
10:30 am	
12:30 pm	Juanito & John Elmer Go †; Juan Salalila Jr. †; Delia Carating †
8:00 pm	

### 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 March 1st, 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](mailto:dyouvilleyouth@gmail.com)

*“Eighty and six years I have served Him, and He has done me no wrong. How then can I blaspheme my King and Savior? You threaten me with a fire that burns for a season, and after a little while is quenched; but you are ignorant of the fire of everlasting punishment that is prepared for the wicked.”*

**St. Polycarp Bishop, (69-155), Feast Day, Feb 23**

At the start of Lent, the venerable witness of this Church Father can provide us with inspiration to build up our penitential resolve. The test that this bishop of the ancient Roman coastal city of Smyrna (modern day Turkey along the Aegean Sea) was to simply offer a pinch of incense to be offered to the pagan gods. He categorically refused on account of not wanting to scandalize younger believers by cowardly betraying his faith. Rightfully, St. Polycarp is a model for Christian clergy and laity spanning the ensuing centuries.

And so, St. Polycarp challenges us to discern wisely the distinction of authentic positions and strategies in confronting social policies. It ought to be our Catholic goal to want to be in solidarity to all that a government proposes that truly advances the common good. When policies that are in flagrant violation of natural law and sacred revealed truth are promoted, we are called to provide courageous and righteous opposition, while still voicing our intent of upholding valid laws. In contrast, defeatist positions to morally repugnant policies can be seen when the faithful choose to either conform or avoid taking any public stance. Quiet acquiescence or retreating from any difficult social stance is precisely what a St. Polycarp deemed to be unworthy of the sacred responsibilities assigned to him. We pray for such robust and noble Church leadership in our own times.

### FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Lent bids us to return to the innocence our baptism.

As Noah and his family were saved through the waters of the deluge, we were saved through the waters of Baptism, Peter reminds us in today's Epistle.

And God's covenant with Noah in today's First Reading marked the start of a new world. But it also prefigured a new and greater covenant between God and His creation.

We see that new covenant and that new creation begin in today's Gospel. Jesus is portrayed as the new Adam—the beloved son of God, living in harmony with the wild beasts, being served by angels. Like Adam, He too is tempted by the devil. But while Adam fell, giving reign to sin and death, Jesus is victorious. This is the good news, the “gospel of God” that He proclaims. Through His death, resurrection, and enthronement at the right hand of the Father, the world is once again made God's kingdom.

In the waters of Baptism, each of us entered the kingdom of His beloved Son. We were made children of God, new creations. But like Jesus, and Israel before Him, we have passed through the baptismal waters only to be driven into the wilderness—a world filled with afflictions and tests of our faithfulness.

We are led on this journey by Jesus. He is the Savior—the way and the truth we sing of in today's Psalm. He feeds us with the bread of angels, and cleanses our consciences in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

As we begin this holy season, let us renew our baptismal vows—to repent and believe the gospel.



*Fr. Roger*



**TAX RECEIPTS**

Tax Receipts are ready for pick-up/distribution after all Masses this weekend and will be available in the office all of next week. Any receipts not picked up will be mailed out by February 26th.

**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**



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Saturday, February 24th at 7:00 a.m. St. Marguerite D'Youville Parish will host our 21th session of "That Man is You" for the men of the parish with the theme, "The Signs of the Time". Our Guest speaker will once again be **Steve Bollman**. He will share his insights about our modern culture of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century and his reflections of the impact of society's responses to the COVID-19 pandemic. Is religion on the decline? Church attendance has hit record lows, half of baptized Catholics no longer identify as such, and many have declared religion to be irrelevant. **Come and See!** Read the signs to show your way to God. How can you help your family appreciate the role of faith in your public and private life?

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2024**

Please join us for World Day of Prayer, a prayer movement that invites us to enrich our faith experience with the experience of Christians from other countries and cultures and to bring hope to women touched by injustice. The service was written by the World Day of Prayer Committee of Palestine. This event is being organized by the Catholic Women's League. Join us on Sunday, March 3rd, 2024 at 3pm in the parish hall.



**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.

**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](mailto: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: [vin-centdepaulsmdy@gmail.com](mailto:vin-centdepaulsmdy@gmail.com)

**Volunteers Needed!**



If you are interested in volunteering at the parish, please email Linda at [LYeh@archtoronto.org](mailto: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.



Weekday Morning Mass (Monday, Wednesday, Friday & Saturday) Remains at 9:15 am.  
Mass Every Weekday Evening (Monday - Friday) at 7:00 pm.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** will be held each Friday; honouring the Lenten tradition of meditating on our Lord's Passion. We will begin with Mass at 7:00pm followed by the Stations of the Cross.

**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.



**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.

**YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY**

Warmly welcomes you to our first meeting on Saturday, February 24th, 2024 at 6:00pm in the Parish Hall.

**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](mailto: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: [sandyrobin22@gmail.com](mailto:sandyrobin22@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.

**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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