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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 prayer and out through 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 IN LENT



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Мон, Feb 26 9:15 am	Rudolph Mathias †; Mabel Frances Ajax †; Guillermo Devilla †
7:00 рм	Victoria Brizzi †
Т∪ЕЅ, FЕВ 27 7:00 pm	
WED, FEB 28 9:15 am	Juan Salalila Jr. †; For the intentions of the After Mass Prayer Group
7:00 рм	
Тник, Feb 29 7:00 pm	Aiden Fernandes †; Candice Betancourt †
Fri, Mar I 9:15 am	
7:00 pm	Ambrose Lewis †; Joseph & Maria Pham †; Teresa Spina †
SAT, MAR 2 9:15 am	
5:00 рм	In thanksgiving for the anniversary of Desmond & Jillian Corea
SUN, MAR 3 9:00 am	Murphy & Lucy Milton †; Trevor Richardson †; Philomena Nair †
10:30 am	Fernando Sperini †; In thanksgiving - Okorie family
12:30 pm	Juanito & John Elmer Go †; Mary Nicolina †; Deceased members of the DeFranco & Chiaravalloti family †
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 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 March 8th, 7-9 pm

Registration is ongoing, please pick up a registration form from the church. For more information email Margaret at <u>dyouvilleyouth@gmail.com</u> The murders were mainly attributed to climate change. The Muslim Fulani herdsmen 'need' to kill Christians, as they have been for many years, to find grazing land for their cattle. This 'necessary' depopulation for the sake of climate change apparently involves, burning churches that are filled with worshippers, the destruction of villages, rape, kidnapping. This is the narrative of the post-Christian globalist West. How could they dare admit there is a genocide going on in Nigeria perpetrated by Muslims against Christians—it would demand action. I remember hearing the words of the Bishop of Ondo in Nigeria last year, when more than 40 of his people were killed at Pentecost Mass—he said "40 of my people were not killed because of global warming, but because they were Christians." -Fr. Benedict Kiely, Nasarean.org, commenting on Christmas Day 2023 massacre of 198 Nigerian Catholics

From his aid and advocacy group that highlights areas of persecuted Christians, especially in Africa and the Middle East, the London born/Vermont based Fr. Benedict is doing his best to raise a topic that receives little coverage. With all the troubling news items of which we are routinely bombarded, this headline was mostly buried. As the citation explains, the Christmas day slaughter was not the first of its kind. Even more disturbing, as suggested, is the rationale offered by the distorted secularized western media. Rather than speak of persecution, the default explanation of "climate change" is advanced. Accordingly, the jihadists are not killing Christians because of their faith in Jesus, but because of the unfortunate competition over the shrinking grazing grounds for their herds. Hence the culprit is not the actual perpetrators of the homicidal atrocities but rather all those insufficiently on board to reduce carbon emissions. In our Lenten observance, we invoke God's powerful intervention upon our suffering Christian brothers and sisters in Nigeria and other targeted areas of persecution. Moreover, we plead that Jesus guide us to distinguish, resist, and combat the lies of the evil one as he did in his own Passion.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

The Lenten season continues with another story of testing. Last Sunday, we heard the trial of Jesus in the desert. In this week's First Reading, we hear of how Abraham was put to the test.



The Church has always read this story as a sign of God's love for the world in giving His onlybegotten son.

In today's Epistle, Paul uses exact words drawn from this story to describe how God, like Abraham, did not withhold His only Son, but handed Him over for us on the Cross

In the Gospel today, too, we hear another echo. Jesus is called God's "beloved Son"—as Isaac is described as Abraham's beloved son.

These readings are given to us in Lent to reveal Christ's identity and to strengthen us in the face of our afflictions.

Jesus is shown to be the true son that Abraham rejoiced to see. In His transfiguration, He is revealed to be the "prophet like Moses" foretold by God—raised from among their own kinsmen, speaking with God's own authority.

Like Moses, He climbs the mountain with three named friends and beholds God's glory in a cloud He is the one prophesied to come after Elijah's return

And, as He discloses to the Apostles, He is the Son of Man sent to suffer and die for our sins

Fr. Roger

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25TH, 2024



TAX RECEIPTS

Please note that Tax receipts have been mailed. If there are any discrepancies with your receipt please contact Maura at the parish office Tuesday - Friday from 9am-3pm. Due to a change in Archdiocesan parish program we

were unable to distribute them before hand. Sorry for the inconvenience.

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 dona-

tion to the church please use the pink visitors envelopes and 2024 make sure you write clearly your full name and address so Offering your donation can be assigned to your name *or pick up a set* Envelopes for this year at the parish office during office hours.



THAT MAN IS YOU

Saturday, March 2nd at 7:00 a.m. St. Marguerite D'Youville Parish will host our 22th session of "That Man is You" for the men of the parish with the theme, "The Triumph of Divine Mercy". Our Guest speaker will once again be Steve Bollman. He will conclude his insights about the impact of our secular culture today. Come and See! Are you still deciding what to do for the Lenten Season? This is a great opportunity to sacrifice your Saturday morning sleep-in, to transform your spiritual life and to engage with some men of your parish. There are ONLY four remaining sessions of this program. Learn some practical steps to help you draw closer to the Lord, to your family and to the Church! Listen to God's call- "Come back to ME"!

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 <u>screeningcommittee.smdy@gmail.com</u>

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: <u>vincentdepaulsmdy@gmail.com</u>



If you are interested in volunteering at the parish, please email Linda at <u>LYeh@archtoronto.org</u> 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.

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.



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.

<u>CWL</u>

The Catholic Women's League engages Catholic women to share the many reasons to unite in membership. Please come out to join the CWL at the next general meeting on Monday February 26 at 7pm in the parish hall.



YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

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

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

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.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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



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