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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 LENT

Mass for the Intentions Week

MON, MAR 18 9:15 am	For the Health of Adrian Hernandez Clarke
7:00 PM	Thressiama Mathew †
TUES, MAR 19 7:00 pm	In thanksgiving for the birthday of Ethaberth Go; Anthony Samtaio †
WED, MAR 20 9:15 am	Daniel & Andrew Grima †; Corina Silva †; Dora Vieira †
7:00 PM	Cyril Fernando †
THUR, MAR 21 7:00 pm	Rosa Zavaglia †
FRI, MAR 22 9:15 am	Deceased Members of the Theuma Family †
7:00 PM	
SAT, MAR 23 9:15 am	
5:00 PM	Armando De Matos †; Terry Andrade †; Deceased members of the Dematos & Pontes family †; Gilbert Lambe †; Mary Haley †
SUN, MAR 24 9:00 am	Gilbert Lambe †; Honorato Bettencourt †
10:30 am	Mary Doris & Joseph Pirota †; Betty Evangelista †
12:30 pm	Juanito & John Elmer Go †;
8:00 pm	For the People of the Parish

Being Irish, he had an abiding sense of tragedy, which sustained him through temporary periods of joy.

William Butler Yeats (1865-1939), Poet and Nobel Prize Winner in Literature

As St. Patrick's day coincides with the Fifth Sunday of Lent, the witty insight regarding a fellow Irish citizen from the acclaimed Poet Laureate is timely. To better appreciate the paradoxical perception, some background about William Butler Yeats life and times is helpful. In the aftermath of the 16th century's English Reformation and the Dissolution of Monasteries, aggressive suppression of the Catholic faith in Ireland meant that higher education and well-paid administrative positions were reserved strictly for Protestants. The Yeats family, Irish born but with English loyalties, wanted their son to enjoy the best of opportunities. He spent his early education benefiting from the intellectual, cultural atmosphere of London and then he advanced to the prestigious Trinity College of Dublin. While W. B. Yeats proved to be a young prodigy as a lyricist, poet, and playwright, his Church of England religious practice bored him. He sought to fulfill what was lacking in the passionate expression of his emotions through theater and the occult. While he clearly enjoyed success and renown during his lifetime, he still identified as an Irishman and admired his fellow Catholic compatriots in their capacity to endure so much misfortune and suffering. Persecution, famine, poverty and desperate emigration was the Irish fate in the late 19th century in their storied battle for independence from British subjugation.

Apart from fascinating biography and historical reflection, the quote serves Lenten observance well. How easy it is to accurately survey world, national, and local events and succumb to a looming sense of apocalyptic demise! Weeks from now the Easter preface will remind us that we shall be "overwhelmed with Paschal joy," yet when evil seems to flourish and go unpunished in our day, remaining of pleasant disposition seems like an invitation detached from reality. The Catholic liturgy and sacramental life, when celebrated well, draws us into the mystery of Our Lord's Passion so that temptations to demoralization or explosion of righteous rage do not overwhelm us. The insight of William Butler Yeats and his curious praise for the Irish's capacity to endure misery, sorrow, and woe is worth toasting this March 17.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Our readings today are filled with anticipation. The days are coming, Jeremiah prophesies in today's First Reading. The hour has come, Jesus says in the Gospel. The new covenant that God promised to Jeremiah is made in the "hour" of Jesus—in His Death, Resurrection, and Ascension to the Father's right hand.



The prophets said this new covenant would return Israel's exiled tribes from the ends of the world. Jesus too predicted His passion would gather the dispersed children of God. But today He promises to draw to Himself not only Israelites, but all men and women.

The new covenant is more than a political or national restoration. As we sing in today's Psalm, it is a universal spiritual restoration. In the "hour" of Jesus, sinners in every nation can return to the Father—to be washed of their guilt and given new hearts to love and serve Him.

In predicting He will be "lifted up," Jesus isn't describing only His coming Crucifixion. Isaiah used the same word to tell how the Messiah, after suffering for Israel's sins, would be raised high and greatly exalted. Elsewhere the term describes how kings are elevated above their subjects.

Troubled in His agony, Jesus doesn't pray to be saved. Instead, as we hear in today's Epistle, He offers himself to the Father on the Cross—as a living prayer and supplication. For this, God gives Him dominion over heaven and earth.

Where He has gone we can follow—if we let Him lead us. To follow Jesus means hating our lives of sin and selfishness. It means trusting in the Father's will, the law He has written in our hearts. Jesus' "hour" continues in the Eucharist, where we join our sacrifices to His, giving God our lives in reverence and obedience—confident He will raise us up to bear fruits of holiness.

Fr. Roger

YOUTH MINISTRY EDGE AND LIFE TEEN

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Edge Nights for grades 6-8,

The Second and third Fridays of the month.

Our next Edge Night will be
on April 5th, 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 22nd, 7-9 pm

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

For more information email Margaret at
dyouvilleyouth@gmail.com

SUNDAY, MARCH 17TH, 2024

2024 SHARELIFE CAMPAIGN

This weekend is ShareLife Sunday. ShareLife Sunday marks the first collection for our parish's annual campaign. Every day, young people in our community need a helping hand due to homelessness, trafficking, or violence. ShareLife agencies ensure the safety of youth fleeing violent homes and provide them a supportive place to stay. This is all made possible thanks to amazing people like you who choose to support ShareLife. We thank you for your kindness and generosity. Our parish goal this year is **\$70,000**. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at share-life.org/donate.



OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

PLEASE DO NOT USE ENVELOPES FROM PREVIOUS YEARS!!!

If you have envelopes from previous years throw them out!

If you use envelopes from a previous years 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.*

NOTE: If you have not picked up your 2024 envelopes by March 24th, 2024 they will be cancelled and reissued.

THAT MAN IS YOU

TMIY Saturday, March 23rd at 7:00 a.m. St. Marguerite D'Youville Parish will host our 25th session of "That Man is You" for the men of the parish with the theme, "A New day, A New Man". Our Guest speaker will be **Michael Gormley**, Founder of a Catholic Evangelistic Communications Group. He will share his vision of the role of men in sharing & living the Gospel message in our secular society. **Come and See!** What attitudes and principles do you identify as being Christ like? How are you choosing to grow in holiness? Is it your goal to be a saint? This session will be a great way to enter in our Holy Week celebrations. Next week's session, March 30th will be our final session until September! **Happy St Patrick Day!**

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - SPRING DANCE

The Knights of Columbus are holding a spring dinner and dance on Saturday May 4th 2024 at 6:30pm. The event will take place at Caesar's Hall located at 12495 Highway 50, Bolton. The evening will include a four course meal, open bar, prizes and raffles. Tickets are \$110 per person and will be available after mass on March 9 and 10. Proceeds will be used to support local charities and the Knights of Columbus. For more information is available at the ticket sales or by contacting kofc15612@gmail.com



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.

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

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.



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.

CONFESSIONS

Tuesday, March 19th: 5-7pm
Wednesday, March 20th: 9:45am-12 & 5-7pm
Thursday, March 21st at 5-7pm

PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 24TH

Saturday, March 23rd - 5:00pm
9:00 am; 10:30 am; 12:30 pm; 8:00 pm

HOLY THURSDAY, MARCH 28TH

Mass of the Lord's Supper at 8:00 pm
Procession of Blessed Sacrament to Altar of Repose with Adoration of Blessed Sacrament until Midnight

GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 29TH

10:00 am - Passion of our Lord
12:00 noon - Passion of our Lord
3:00 pm - Passion of our Lord
6:00 pm - Divine Mercy Prayer/Novena
7:00 pm - The Way of the Cross - Passion Play

SATURDAY, MARCH 30TH

4:00 pm - Divine Mercy Prayer/Novena
8:00 pm - Easter Vigil

EASTER SUNDAY, MARCH 31ST

9:00 am; 10:30 am; 12:30 pm; 8:00 pm
6:00 pm - Divine Mercy Prayer/Novena

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.

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.

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