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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.

SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY

Mass Intentions for the Week

MON, APR 8 9:15 am	Helen Nwafor †; For special Intentions
7:00 PM	
TUES, APR 9 7:00 pm	
WED, APR 10 9:15 am	Maria Elvira Goes †; Frans Peters †; For the intentions of the after Mass Prayer Group
THUR, APR 11 7:00 pm	
FRI, APR 12 9:15 am	Nada Naysun †; Giuseppe Lento †; Honorato Bettencourt †
SAT, APR 13 9:15 am	Cristina Cabusao David †; Elizabeth Michael †
5:00 PM	Maria Elvina Goes †; Raymond Coelho †; Allan & David Heath & Gajadhar family †
SUN, APR 14 9:00 am	Connie Melo †; Thomas & Bernadine Pereira †; Deceased members of the Santhiapillai family †
10:30 am	Venancio Perez †; Pascal Mendonca & deceased family members †
12:30 pm	Juanito & John Elmer Go †; Donald Martins †; Pete Magboo †
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 April 19th, 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 April 12th, 7-9 pm

Registration is ongoing, please pick up a
registration form from the church.
For more information email Margaret at
dyouvilleyouth@gmail.com

If you have the facts on your side, pound the facts; if you have the law on your side, pound the law; if you have neither the facts nor the law, pound the table.
Carl Sandburg (1878-1967), American Poet, Historian, and Pulitzer Prize Winner

The life of Carl Sandburg represents the very best in the “American Dream.” His parents immigrated from north Sweden and settled in the small town of Galesburg, Illinois. Of the most meager financial background, the young Carl had completed childhood education at the age of 13 and accepted numerous manual labour jobs overflowing from the nearby industrial powerhouse city of Chicago. At 17 years of age he enlisted in the U.S. Army to serve in Puerto Rico where he was noticed for his attentiveness and his whimsical insights on topical takes. Encouraged to enroll at a Illinois College upon his completion of his military service, a professor further encouraged him to develop his freestyle poetic verse. He never obtained a diploma but went on to produce numerous poetic anthologies and wrote extensively on the life of his hero, President Abraham Lincoln. The clever citation is often echoed in law schools. The proposed strategy of knowing on which side of an argument one stands and the means of persuasion available are appropriate for contemplating the Easter Mystery. On Divine Mercy Sunday, the Apostle Thomas’ process of discernment, doubt, and discovery carries a reverberation of the wise Sandburg quote. First hand eyewitness account, the prophecies of Scripture, and the eventual irrefutable first-hand evidence were all at play in overcoming his incredulity. In encountering those who still discount the significance of Christ’s Resurrection, one can still see the same Sandburg dynamics at play. When an argument unhinges itself from incontrovertible logic and truth, the dissenting party is left only with recourse to power-play bombastic emotional tantrums to try and rebut that which is clearly obvious with eyes honest enough to see. In a comforting parallel to the great American Dream, the reassurance of Our Lord, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen yet have come to believe.” (Jn 20.29)

FROM THE PASTOR’S DESK

Three times in today’s Psalm we cry out a victory shout: “His mercy endures forever.”

Truly we’ve known the everlasting love of God, who has come to us as our Savior. By the blood and water that flowed from Jesus’ pierced side, we’ve been made God’s children, as we hear in today’s Epistle.

He was made a life-giving Spirit and He filled His apostles with that Spirit. As we hear in today’s First Reading, they bore witness to His resurrection with great power. And through their witness, handed down in the Church through the centuries, their teaching and traditions have reached us .

We encounter Him as the apostles did—in the breaking of the bread on the Lord’s day.

There is something liturgical about the way today’s Gospel scenes unfold. It’s as if John is trying to show us how the risen Lord comes to us in the liturgy and sacraments.

In both scenes it is Sunday night. The doors are bolted tight, yet Jesus mysteriously comes. He greets them with an expression, “Peace be with you,” used elsewhere by divine messengers. He shows them signs of His real bodily presence. And on both nights the disciples respond by joyfully receiving Jesus as their “Lord.”

Isn’t this what happens in the Mass—where our Lord speaks to us in His Word, and gives himself to us in the sacrament of His body and blood?

Let us approach the altar with joy, knowing that every Eucharist is the day the Lord has made—when the victory of Easter is again made wonderful in our eyes.



Fr. Roger

THE CONSECRATION TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY



It is truly a grace-filled opportunity in which our Catholic archdiocesan family can gather together, in different ways, through this profound experience of prayer and devotion which is to take place on the **Solemnity of the Annunciation of Our Lord**, celebrated this year on April 8, 2024. As an act of authentic Catholic piety, this present initiative comes at the request of the Holy Father, Pope Francis, who on March 22, 2023 invited Catholics to annually renew an act of consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary at the occasion of the aforementioned solemnity. On this day **Monday, April 8th there will be two Masses 9:15am & 7pm** with the Consecration being done at both Masses.

As our spiritual mother, Our Lady wants the best for her children. Our consecration to her provides a unique and powerful occasion of grace as we turn to the Blessed Mother and, in faith, ask her to take all of our being and offer it to God the Father, through Christ her Son, in unity with the Holy Spirit.

YOUR SHARELIFE GIFT IS A LIFELINE TO FAMILIES IN NEED

Many individuals and families silently suffer from depression, anxiety, grief and trauma. ShareLife-supported Catholic Family Services agencies provide a lifeline to those dealing with mental health challenges. "Your generosity allows us to assist some of the most vulnerable and marginalized members of our community. Without access to free support, they would be left alone and unable to get the help they need. Each donation impacts a life for the better. Thank you." – Elizabeth Pierce, Catholic Family Services of Durham. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.



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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.



40TH ANNIVERSARY GALA

◆ Join us in celebrating Fr. Roger's 40th Anniversary of Ordination in an evening full of excitement including dinner and dance gala on Saturday, June 22nd, 2024 at the Europa Convention Centre. Adults \$65 & Children 12 years and under \$55. Tickets are on sale after all Masses and at the parish office.

◆ We will conclude the celebrations with a Mass celebration on Sunday, June 23rd, 2024 at 12:30pm. A reception will follow in the parish hall. We ask everyone to bring finger foods to share.



2024 ALPHA COURSE

Have questions about life, faith & God but do not know where to find answers? Try *Alpha! Reconnect ~ Rediscover ~ Renew ~ Your Faith* Alpha is a series of interactive sessions exploring the basics of the Christian faith. Each session looks at a different question, and is designed to create conversation. There's no pressure, no follow-up and no charge; it's just an open, informal, and honest space to explore and discuss life's big questions together. The course is run over ten Tuesday evenings and includes dinner, a short talk and an open discussion with small groups where you can share your thoughts. Introductory session starts: Tuesday, April 16th at 6:30 pm. For information or to Register [required]: Email alphasmdy@gmail.com Alpha has been transforming lives of millions the world over. Come try Alpha.



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.

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

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: 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.

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.

CPR YOUTH EVENT

High school, post secondary and Life-long learners please join us for presentations and Q&A on ProLife Responses to today's pressing Life issues. Hear testimonies and ask and learn to answer to all arguments related to abortion and euthanasia in a safe, supportive environment. Free. Lunch provided. When: Saturday April 13 from 10 am to 2:30pm. Where: St. Mary's Church, Parish Hall, 66A Main St. S, Brampton Register at: trtl.ca/youth-conference

THANK YOU!

We would like to thank and appreciation to ALL for their participation in the Easter Liturgy Celebrations. Thank you to all our Altar Servers, Eucharistic Ministers, Ushers, Choirs, Lectors, Collection Counters, Decorators, and all who assisted in any way during this Easter season.



SMDY - SUMMER CAMP

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