

# St. Marguerite D'Youville Parish

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## PASTORAL STAFF

**Fr. Roger Pascall, Pastor**  
Rev. Warnakulasuriya Gomi Fernando, Associate 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.*

## THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

### Mass for the Intentions } for the Week

<b>MON, APR 15</b> 9:15 am	Richard & Florence Felix †
<b>TUES, APR 16</b> 7:00 pm	
<b>WED, APR 17</b> 9:15 am	In thanksgiving for the 15th birthday of Chloe Go
<b>THUR, APR 18</b> 7:00 pm	Juanito Olindan †; In thanksgiving for the birthday of Perfecta Pacello
<b>FRI, APR 19</b> 9:15 am	Felicitas Gonzaga †; Honorato Bettencourt †; Daniel & Andrew Grima †
<b>SAT, APR 20</b> 9:15 am	
5:00 PM	Armando Dematos †; Terry Andrade †; Deceased members of the Dematos & Pontes family †; Michael Mguyen †; Crescencia Cabrera †
<b>SUN, APR 21</b> 9:00 am	Danadaice Rangana †; Fabiola Leona & Seth †
10:30 am	Thomas D'Silva †; Anthony & Santana Gonsalves †
12:30 pm	Juanito & John Elmer Go †;
8:00 pm	For the People of the Parish

*Having within thy soul the Sun of righteousness and the most radiant splendour of the Faith, O Porphyrios, thou didst illumine all the fullness of the Church with thy discourses. Made steadfast in the love of God the Word, O Porphyrios, thou didst disdain all the allurements of visible things. Wherefore, we honour thee as an equal to the angels and an honourable and holy hierarch.*

*Holy father, Porphyrios, pray to God for us.*

**Greek Orthodox prayer to St. Porphyrios, Bishop of Gaza, (347-420)**

Originating from the affluent Aegean coastal city of Thessalonica, the young Porphyrios was of such wealthy background that his parents named him after the costly “purple” dye that symbolized imperial power. From his notable education and upbringing, he opted instead to divest himself of his wealth and seek out monastic discipline in the deserts of Egypt. Throughout his formation, Porphyrios was introduced, instructed, and collaborated with formidable men such as Sts. Macarius (Hermit), Jerome (Biblical Translator), and John of Chrysostom (Bishop). Challenged by poor health, he left his monastic cell to make a pilgrimage to Jerusalem seeking healing and strength. At the holy site of Golgotha, Our Lord revealed to him that he was to be entrusted with the relics of the Holy Cross. On account of his reputation for holiness, the Patriarch of Jerusalem ordained him and he was subsequently given charge of the harassed flock of Christians living in Gaza, Palestine - indeed equipping him with the relics of the holy Cross. Through fasting, prayer, processions, and appealing to the Emperor in Constantinople, St. Porphyrios was successful in confronting and converting the Palestinians who persecuted the small Christian community by having their pagan temples demolished and converted into Churches. One of the few Christian Churches that have survived the elapse of time is dedicated to St. Porphyrios’ memory and patronage.

In the midst of the disturbing events of the current Israeli-Palestinian war, the Christian community has been reduced to a mere 1000 faithful. It is no wonder that there are such intense and bitter resentments being felt by combatants, civilians, and sympathizers everywhere. The reliability of news accounts is, of course, tilted and biased towards whatever faction and interpretation of history one holds. In our Gospel reading account of the upper room appearance, it is only the glorified body of our Risen Lord, with wounds still intact, that can overcome the disbelief, terror, and trauma of what the crucifixion signified. May our Lord amplify and bolster the mission of giving witness to his victory over death – especially in the face of worldwide broadcasts of carnage, destruction, displacement and despair of those who inhabit the same land as St. Porphyrios of old.

### FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Jesus in today's Gospel teaches His apostles how to interpret the Scriptures.



He tells them that all the Scriptures of what we now call the Old Testament refer to Him. He says that all the promises found in the Old Testament have been fulfilled in His Passion, death, and Resurrection. And He tells them that these Scriptures foretell the mission of the Church—to preach forgiveness of sins to all the nations, beginning at Jerusalem.

In today's First Reading and Epistle, we see the beginnings of that mission. And we see the apostles interpreting the Scriptures as Jesus taught them to.

God has brought to fulfillment what He announced beforehand in all the prophets, Peter preaches. His sermon is shot through with Old Testament images. He evokes Moses and the Exodus, in which God revealed himself as the ancestral God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. He identifies Jesus as Isaiah's suffering servant who has been glorified.

John, too, describes Jesus in Old Testament terms. Alluding to how Israel's priests offered blood sacrifices to atone for the people's sins (see Leviticus 16; Hebrews 9–10), he says that Jesus intercedes for us before God, and that His blood is a sacrificial expiation for the sins of the world.

Notice that in all three readings, the Scriptures are interpreted to serve and advance the Church's mission—to reveal the truth about Jesus, to bring people to repentance, the wiping away of sins, and the perfection of their love for God.

This is how we, too, should hear the Scriptures. Not to know more “about” Jesus, but to truly know Him personally, and to know His plan for our lives.

In the Scriptures, the light of His face shines upon us, as we sing in today's Psalm. We know the wonders He has done throughout history. And we have the confidence to call to Him, and to know that He hears and answers.

*Fr. Roger*

### 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 26th, 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)

SUNDAY, APRIL 14TH, 2024

**Through ShareLife, you help refugees find safety and freedom**

Your generous gift to ShareLife is crucial for immigrants and refugees establishing a new life in Canada. Your love and support have not only provided them with safety and freedom, but have also given them the opportunity to create a brighter future in our community.

Thus far we have raised **\$8,501** toward our goal of **\$70,000**. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at [sharelife.org/donate](http://sharelife.org/donate). Thank you for living the Gospel through ShareLife!



**THE SACRED PROJECT**



Experience the enchanting melodies of The Sacred Project Concert at St. Marguerite d'Youville Parish, Brampton!

Join us on Wednesday, May 15, 2024, at 7 p.m. for an unforgettable evening of sacred music and reflection. Jonathan Michael will be joined by the exquisite sounds of the 6-piece strings ensemble, Beaux Strings, led by the talented Sybil Shanahan, and accompanied by the skilled pianist, Joshua Tamayo. Immerse yourself in the beauty of sacred melodies and powerful lyrics that will uplift your spirit.

Admission: \$25 for adult; \$20 for seniors and children 12 and under are free. Tickets will be on sale after all Masses on April 20/21.

**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](mailto:alphasmdy@gmail.com) Alpha has been transforming lives of millions the world over. Come try Alpha.

**SERRA'S VOCATION SEEDS**

What could convince someone to turn to God? The story that God became human? The story that Jesus cured the sick? The story that Jesus forgave sin? The story that Jesus rose from the dead? Or, perhaps, the story of the witness of your own life! If you have the continuing inclination that God is calling you, contact **Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997**. Email: [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org) or [www.vocationstoronto.ca](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca)

**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).

**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.

**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.*



**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)

**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.

**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.

**SMDY - SUMMER CAMP**

For children in grades 1-5

- July 15-19 or
- July 22-26
- 5 day camp \$140
- Camp hours 9am-3pm

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