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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 OF EASTER

Mass for the Intentions } for the Week

MON, APR 29 9:15 am	In thanksgiving for the birthday of Rahmat Tan
TUES, APR 30 7:00 pm	Isidro Jr., Rosita & Luisito Cacho †; In thanksgiving - Lina Go; In thanksgiving for the birthday of Aira Nathan Maniquiz; For the Beatification of Edel Quinn †
WED, MAY 1 9:15 am	Patricia Okorie †; Viales Chilaka †; Fernando Martins †; For the intentions of the Velasco family
THUR, MAY 2 7:00 pm	Sibyl Sikking †; Margaret Mary Frances Rivers †; Elio Isabella †
FRI, MAY 3 9:15 am	Honorato Bettencourt †; Carl Mendes †
7:00 pm	
SAT, MAY 4 9:15 am	
5:00 PM	Joseph & Maria Pham †; Pathmanathan Jospeh †; Daisy Juaneza †
SUN, MAY 5 9:00 am	Jeanine Lucero †; Harry Narine †; In thanksgiving - Sandra Hirman
10:30 am	Juanito & John Elmer Go †; Vency Demello †; In thanksgiving - Okorie family
12:30 pm	Rosa Soriano †; Vanessa & Isabel †
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 May 3rd, 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 May 10th, 7-9 pm

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

These events have had no equal in the past, neither in the East nor in the West.
- Coptic Orthodox Bishop Gregorius, first witness account of the apparitions at Zeitoun, Egypt, 1968

The extraordinary events that took place over 55 years ago in the town of Zeitoun, north of Cairo, are astounding for multiple reasons. Despite hundreds of thousands of witnesses having seen our Blessed Mother, few have even heard of the apparition. Despite camera and video footage with Catholics, Orthodox, Coptic, Protestants, Muslim and Jews all part of the immense crowds that gathered to participate in the widely shared miracle, to this day the memory and significance of the event has been eclipsed.

Consequently, the story is worth recounting; one is encouraged to research for oneself that which can be seen on any browse of the internet. The origins of the apparition can be traced back to 1920 when a wealthy Egyptian Coptic merchant was looking to invest in property development. He was told in a dream to build a church to honour the memory of the Holy Family's stay in Egypt and that in due time the shrine would be blessed with a miracle. Providence arranged for April 2, 1968 to fulfill the promise. Two Muslim workers spotted a woman at the top of the domed Church. Fearing that she was some distraught nun contemplating suicide, they yelled out words of alarm and reassurance to the figure. With a crowd gathering, the priests of the Church were alerted of the unfolding crisis. In the ensuing commotion, news spread that the luminous figure was no mere human being. Evening after evening for the subsequent three years, all could see the radiant silent figure of a woman crowned and surrounded by bright doves who hovered and flew around her as if in battle formation.

The immediate effects of the apparitions is perhaps that which is most remarkable. In the year prior, Israeli-Arab conflict boiled over in the Six Day war of June, 1967. The countries of Jordan, Egypt, Syria were soundly defeated by American backed Israeli forces. Avenging reprisal, Muslims were already marking the homes of Christians with a red cross. The undeniable outpouring of grace and goodwill that flowed from the Blessed Virgin Mary's presence compelled the Islamic militants to reconsider their plans of vowed retribution. Obviously, a revival of devotion to the memory of Our Lady of Zeitoun and her conciliatory heavenly invitation is so desperately needed in the unfolding crisis of the current catastrophe.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

In this week's Gospel, Jesus tells us that He is the true vine that God intended Israel to be - the source of divine life and wisdom for the nations.

In Baptism, each of us was joined to Him by the Holy Spirit. As a branch grows from a tree, our souls are to draw life from Him, nourished by His word and the Eucharist.

Paul in today's First Reading seeks to be grafted onto the visible expression of Christ the true vine—His Church. Once the chief persecutor of the Church, Paul encounters initial resistance and suspicion. But he is known by his fruits, by his powerful witness to the Lord working in his life.

We too are commanded today to bear good fruits as His disciples so that our lives give glory to God. Like Paul's life, our lives must bear witness to His goodness.

Jesus cautions us, however, that if we're bearing fruit, we can expect that God will "prune" us - as a gardener trims and cuts back a plant so that it will grow stronger and bear even more fruit. He is teaching us today how to look at our sufferings and trials with the eyes of faith. We need to see our struggles as pruning, by which we are being disciplined and trained so that we can grow in holiness and bear fruits of righteousness.

We need to always remain rooted in Him, as today's Epistle tells us. We remain in Him by keeping His commandment of love, by pondering His words, letting them dwell richly in us, and by always seeking to do what pleases Him. In everything we must be guided by humility, remembering that apart from Him we can do nothing.

As we sing in today's Psalm, we must fulfill our vows, turning to the Lord in worship, proclaiming his praises, until all families come to know His justice in their lives.



F. Roger

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FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

First Friday Adoration, is a Eucharistic adoration held the first Friday of every month in the church. It begins with 9:15 AM Mass and is followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament for the remainder of the day. Adoration concludes at 7:00pm followed by Mass.

WHAT FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION PARTICIPANTS DO: *Come any time during the adoration hours (approximately 10:00 AM to 6:30 PM) to spend some quiet, prayerful time with Jesus. Adoration participants commit to specific time (There will be a sign-up sheet in the office). These "Guardians of the Eucharist" ensure that the Blessed Sacrament is never left alone.*



YOUTH MINISTRY - FUNDRAISER

Help raise funds for our Youth Ministry program where \$5 of every pizza ordered will go towards youth initiatives. **On Friday, May 3rd** at the Domino's on 10 Dewside Dr. Call 289-323-3323 and use code DHG1 for one pizza; DGH2 for two pizza's; DGH3 for three pizza's. Get a large 3 topping pizza for \$12!!



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.



2,000 HAIL MARYS

All are welcome to join us in this day-long prayer/devotion which is a very powerful intercessory prayer on Saturday, May 11th from 8am - 8pm in the Parish Hall. It is praying 2,000 Hail Marys with our Mother Mary to our Lord Jesus Christ. Combined with our faith and sincerity of heart, our Blessed Mother will intercede for us to the Lord to grant our petitions.



This devotion includes praying the 20 decades of the Holy Rosary, petitions for many causes (including peace in the world, prevention of abortion, aiding vocations, personal sanctity, etc.), the Regina Coeli, and the Divine Mercy Chaplet. Many graces have been granted to those who have finished this devotion around the world. We also believe that graces are granted to all those who participate in this devotion. Join us for part, or all of these prayers, and listen to our Lady's call to "Pray, Pray, Pray".

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.

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

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.

SMDY - SUMMER CAMP

For children in grades 1-5

- July 15-19 or
- July 22-26
- 5 day camp \$140
- Camp hours 9am-3pm
(extended care hours available at an extra cost)



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