

# St. Marguerite D'Youville Parish

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## PASTORAL STAFF

**Fr. Roger Pascall, 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
St. Marguerite d'Youville Secondary School	905-789-5560



*"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.*

## 26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### Mass Intentions for the Week

<b>MON, SEP 30</b> 9:15 am	Anthony Nwachukwu †; Vicente Sanchez †
<b>TUES, OCT 1</b> 7:00 pm	In thanksgiving - Awurakua Agyemang
<b>WED, OCT 2</b> 9:15 am	Patricia Okorie † Vitalis Chilaka †; Rosa M. Varkey †; Dominic DeSouza †; Amado & Armando Lacaba †
<b>THUR, OCT 3</b> 7:00 pm	Anton Travalya †
<b>FRI, OCT 4</b> 9:15 am	John Paul & Lisa Anne Melito †; Lydia Salomen †; Jack Rutigliano and deceased family members †; Deceased members of the Tran family †
7:00 pm	Peter & Maria Martha Lam †; Sylvester Okechukwu Okeh †; Eugenio Scornaienchi †
<b>SAT, OCT 5</b> 9:15 am	John Elmer Go †
5:00 PM	For the People of the Parish
<b>SUN, OCT 6</b> 9:00 am	Maurizio Gualtieri †
10:30 am	Gail Pereira †; Ashley Pereira †; Olga Medeiros †; Teresa Racco †
12:30 pm	Juanito & John Elmer Go †; Victoria C. Santos †; Popo Corpus †; Donald Rebelo & Daisy Mendonca †
8:00 pm	Arduino DeLellis †

#### THIS WEEK AT SMDY

**Monday, September 30th**  
9:00 am - Rosary Apostolate  
10:00 am - Stiches from the heart  
6:00 pm - Bereavement  
7:00 pm - First Communion Registration

**Tuesday, October 1st**  
1:00 pm - 55 Plus Club  
7:30 pm - TMIY  
7:40 pm - Legion of Mary - Senior

**Wednesday, October 2nd**  
7:30 pm - 9am Choir Practice  
7:00 pm - First Communion Registration

**Thursday, October 3rd**  
7:30 pm - 1030am Choir Practice  
7:30 pm - Bible Study

**Friday, October 4th**  
9:00 am - SMDY High School Retreat

**Saturday, October 5th**  
3:30 pm - Children's Choir practice  
5:00 pm - Vietnamese Legion of Mary  
6:15pm - Bible Study

*Indeed, when you look longer at it, you begin to doubt whether there is any repose in it at all, whether it is not the most unreposeful thought ever put into architectural form. Perched on the extreme point of this abrupt rock, the Church Militant with its aspiring Archangel stands high above the world, and seems to threaten heaven itself.... Church and State, Soul and Body, God and Man, are all one at Mont-Saint-Michel, and the business of all is to fight, each in his own way, or to stand guard for each other.*

*- Henry Adams (1838-1918), Scholar & Historian, from "Mont-Saint-Michel and Chartres" (1904)*

With the reverberations of the sacrilegious Olympic opening ceremonies hanging over France's troubled relationship with Catholicism, the reminder that the nation's history is also replete with majestic cathedrals, hallowed shrines, and glorious saints and martyrs. In the cited quote, the American born Henry Adams (grandson and great grandson of the two U.S. Presidents) expresses his admiration towards the medieval masterpiece that is the Abbey of Mont-St. Michel. Off the coast of Normandy, a small island hosts the imposing sacred structure that signifies the obedient response of a late 10<sup>th</sup> century bishop who received a vision and message from the Prince of the Archangels to build an edifice in his honour. Once accessible by foot only during low tides, all the granite blocks and essential construction material had to be transported at great effort and risk. The abbey, built between the 11<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> century is a national treasure visited by millions of tourists/pilgrims to this day.

As for Henry Adams, as involved as he was with the tumultuous politics and global tensions of his day, his Protestant upbringing and Harvard education still led him to a crisis of faith and disillusionment with the state of contemporary affairs. Notably, his wife so succumbed to despair as a result of their childless marriage that she took her own life. Henry Adams saw in the tremendous accomplishments of the middle ages (11<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> century Christendom) the dynamic energy and passion that expressed itself in its ancient religious devotions, hierarchical societal structure, and prodigious art. He sensed deeply that his privileged upbringing was void of such traditional Catholicism and that his heart ached to live in a time so rich, vibrant, and coherent with meaning and hope. An online search of Mont-Saint-Michel will reveal how breathtaking an achievement the abbey truly is.

#### FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



Today's Gospel begins with a scene that recalls a similar moment in the history of Israel, the episode recalled in today's First Reading. The seventy elders who receive God's Spirit through Moses prefigure the ministry of the Apostles. Like Joshua in the First Reading, John makes the mistake of presuming that only a select few are inspired and entrusted to carry out God's plans. The Spirit blows where it wills, and God desires to bestow His Spirit on all the people of God in every nation under heaven.

God can and will work mighty deeds through the most unexpected and unlikely people. All of us are called to perform even our most humble tasks, such as giving a cup of water, for the sake of His name and the cause of His kingdom.

John believes he is protecting the purity of the Lord's name. But, really, he's only guarding his own privilege and status. It's telling that the Apostles want to shut down the ministry of an exorcist. Authority to drive out demons and unclean spirits was one of the specific powers entrusted to the Twelve.

Cleanse me from my unknown faults, we pray in today's Psalm. Often, like Joshua and John, perhaps without noticing it, we cloak our failings and fears under the guise of our desire to defend Christ or the Church.

But as Jesus says today, instead of worrying about who is a real Christian and who is not, we should make sure that we ourselves are leading lives worthy of our calling as disciples.

Does the advice we give, or the example of our actions, give scandal—causing others to doubt or lose faith? Do we do what we do with mixed motives instead of seeking only the Father's will? Are we living, as this Sunday's Epistle warns, for our own luxury and pleasure while neglecting our neighbors?

We need to keep meditating on His Law, as we sing in today's Psalm. We need to pray for the grace to detect our failings and to overcome them.

*Fr. Roger*

# SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29TH, 2024

## FIRST RECONCILIATION/COMMUNION

Young people in grade two or above who wish to receive the Sacrament of First Reconciliation/Communion; must attend the registration evening:

**Monday, September 30th, 2024 at 7:00pm**

(Fr. Clair Tipping, St. Isaac Jogues, Blessed Michael McGivney)

**•Wednesday, October 2nd, 2024 at 7:00pm**

(Good Shepherd, Our Lady of Providence, St. John Bosco)

**\*\*\*Items due at time of registration are\*\*\***

1. Completed Registration Form; 2. copy of Baptismal Certificate & 3. Fee  
*Forms have been distributed to our parish schools or can be pick up at the parish office or download will be available on our website.*

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the Sacraments contact Maura at email: [mhernandez@archtoronto.org](mailto:mhernandez@archtoronto.org) or call the parish office at 905-792-7497.

**Registration forms WILL NOT be accepted before the registration nights!**

## CONFIRMATION 2024/2025

Information & registration nights took place on September 23rd & 25th. Registration forms will be accepted at the office up until Friday, October 11th. **We will not accept any more registrations after that date.**

## 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.**

## FIRST FRIDAY - HOLY HOUR

Please join us in this holy hour of prayers during the Eucharistic adoration on First Fridays of every month. We start with the 3 O'clock Prayer and the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3:00pm. Then, we continue with Prayers of Adoration, Thanksgiving, Reparation, and Intercession. We also pray the Eucharistic Rosary and the Litany of the Blessed Sacrament. We end the hour with a hymn of praise and adoration at 4:00pm. All are welcome.

## ST. MARGUERITE D'YOUVILLE NOVENA

In anticipation for our feast day on October 16th; we will begin a Rosary and Novena in honour of St. Marguerite d'Youville on Monday, October 7th at 6pm. Novena will continue daily at 6pm followed by a Mass at 7pm during the week leading to the Feast.



## RCIA

Are you or someone you know interested in becoming Catholic? Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) is the program for you! Contact the parish office for more information.



## MARRIAGE PREP COURSE

The Fall Session dates for the Marriage Preparation Course have now been set. The Course will be held for five consecutive Saturday's October 26th, Nov 2nd, 9th, 16th & 23rd from 12:00pm - 5pm. \$250.00 per couple. To sign up, please contact the parish office.



## LIFE CHAIN

Life chain is a prayerful, peaceful, powerful witness to the evil of abortion and to the sanctity of human life from the moment of conception. It is for one hour on one day of the year in cities and towns across Canada. Please join us on Sunday, October 6th, our parish is asked to gather along Torbram and Sandalwood outside of the church from 2 pm to 3 pm (following the 12:30pm mass). Signs will be available in the Narthex.



## THE 55+ CLUB

The 55+ group meets weekly on Tuesdays from 1:00 pm - 4:00pm. 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 meet Mondays after the 9:15am Mass. 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.

*My dear Parishioners,*

*I would like to take this opportunity to say a very big thank to all of you specially for your prayers, concern and love shown to me during my stay here at St. Marguerite D'Youville.*

*My humble request from you is to continue to pray for me as I am going to start hospital ministry which is something totally new to me. Please...please...pray for me.*

*I found this saying somewhere, it goes like this...if you meet me in this life journey and forget me, you have lost nothing, but if you meet Jesus and forget him, you have lost everything.*

*So, please abide in Jesus. He is our only hope. He is our saviour...you can meet him in person, in a very deeper way in the Holy Eucharist. Jesus is truly present in the most Holy Eucharist. Please visit him, and spend some time with him and surrender everything to him. Please never forget your Blessed Mother in Heaven, she is not interested in seeking glory and honor for herself, instead she is concerned about your salvation and my salvation through her beloved son Jesus Christ Our Lord. She is trying hard day and night to bring all of us to Jesus her beloved son, our Lord.*

*I love St. Marguerite d'Youville, our patroness, whose name is also my mother's and grandmother's name. Her wonderful life teaches us so many lessons in life; as she was taking care of the sick and the poor; I think she is leading me to the same ministry in the hospitals for the sick and dying.*

*I am ever grateful to my favorite St. James the Great who came to my house in Sri Lanka in search of me in order to call me back to the mission as a priest. May St. Joseph intercede for all of us in our needs.*

*I will keep you all in my prayers as I have been doing so for 2 years...I m going to miss you all, my dear brothers, sisters and loving children. I am writing these last words with tears as I am about to leave you all.*

*Thank you one and all.*

*May God bless you all*

**Fr. Gomi**

## **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.



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