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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.

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*"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.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Mass for the Intentions } for the Week

MON, DEC 2 9:15 am	Antonio, Angela & Rocco Ruso †; Joe Commisso †
7:00 pm	
TUES, DEC 3 7:00 pm	In thanksgiving - Rodricks family; In thanksgiving for the 12th birthday of Cristian Santanilla
WED, DEC 4 9:15 am	Patricia Okorie & Vitalis Chilaka †; Jacqueline Awosolu †; Margaret Taylor †; Pornichu Pellissery & deceased members of the family †
7:00 pm	David Dychuck †
THUR, DEC 5 7:00 pm	Anna Nguyen Thia Tao †; In thanksgiving for the birthday of Abigail Endozo
FRI, DEC 6 9:15 am	
7:00 pm	Cleopara & Albert Gajadhar †
SAT, DEC 7 9:15 am	
5:00 PM	Jean-Paul Dino Ferlisi †
SUN, DEC 8 9:00 am	Connie Melo †; In thanksgiving for the 80th birthday of Al DeSouza
10:30 am	Olga Medeiros †; Esther McCallum †; Venerada Medeiros †
12:30 pm	Juanito & John Elmer Go †; Myrna Philip †; Tamara Emmanuel
8:00 pm	For the people of the parish

THIS WEEK AT SMDY

Monday, December 2nd

10:00 am - Stiches from the heart
7:00 pm - CWL Executive Meeting
7:00pm - SGFM

Tuesday, December 3rd

1:00 pm - 55 Plus Club
6:00 pm - Legion of Mary - Senior
7:30 pm - TMIY
7:30 pm - RCIA

Wednesday, December 4th

7:00 pm - Confirmation Class
7:30 pm - 9am Choir practice

Thursday, December 5th

7:30 pm - 1030am Choir practice
7:30 pm - Bible Study

Friday, December 6th

7:00pm - EDGE

Saturday, December 7th

10:00 am - Confirmation Class
3:30 pm - Children's Choir practice
5:00 pm - Vietnamese Legion of Mary
6:15 pm - Bible Study

People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in a cloud" with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.

Luke 21.26-28, First Sunday of Advent

The looming mystery the Church invites us to contemplate at the beginning of this new liturgical season and calendar is the unavoidable reality of both our personal judgment at the time of our death and the final judgment of the world at the end of time. To press further on the pinpoint focus of urgency and excitement, a reminder of the priceless consolation accorded for those found waiting and serving in a state of grace is found in the Churches' traditional teaching on the souls of the just vs the fate of the wicked. The gospel encourages the righteous to "stand up and raise your heads" when apparent calamity and death draw near because of the irrepressible promise that awaits. The soul that perseveres in a state of grace can confront death confidently knowing that his/her exile on earth has concluded, the risk of falling into rebellion and sin has ended, their will is forever forged in the desire for good, and the lifelong restless desire of wondering what it would be like to enter into the vivifying presence of the Almighty God is satisfied fully, pending whatever further necessary purifications. By horrifying contrast, for those who chose to remain unrepentant in their disdain for all that is holy, the dreadful separation from light, happiness and peace will be permanent. The condemned soul will have fixed her/his will on the paltry substitutes that masqueraded as perverse and empty idols; such a tragic soul will experience the self-inflicted punishment and pain for having scorned God's gracious invitation to be known and loved totally. The ultimate General Judgment will restore Christ's honour in the sight of all as the fate of all souls will be made manifest completely. Such revealed mysteries can very much stir us out of whatever dullness and lethargy that typically weary us.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Every Advent, the Liturgy of the Word gives our sense of time a reorientation. There's a deliberate tension in the next four weeks' readings—between promise and fulfillment, expectation and deliverance, between looking forward and looking back.



In today's First Reading, the prophet Jeremiah focuses our gaze on the promise God made to David, some 1,000 years before Christ. God says through the prophet that He will fulfill this promise by raising up a "just shoot," a righteous offspring of David, who will rule Israel in justice.

Today's Psalm, too, sounds the theme of Israel's ancient expectation: "Guide me in your truth and teach me. For you are God my savior and for you I will wait all day."

We look back on Israel's desire and anticipation knowing that God has already made good on those promises by sending His only Son into the world. Jesus is the "just shoot," the God and Savior for Whom Israel was waiting.

Knowing that He is a God who keeps His promises lends grave urgency to the words of Jesus in today's Gospel.

Urging us to keep watch for His return in glory, He draws on Old Testament images of chaos and instability—turmoil in the heavens; roaring seas; distress among the nations and terrified people.

He evokes the prophet Daniel's image of the Son of Man coming on a cloud of glory to describe His return as a "theophany," a manifestation of God.

Many will cower and be literally scared to death. But Jesus says we should greet the end-times with heads raised high, confident that God keeps His promises, that our "redemption is at hand," that "the kingdom of God is near".

Fr. Roger

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24TH, 2024

2025 PARISH ENVELOPES

As we approach the end of the year we ask that if you have moved or any of your personal information has changed to let the office know as soon as possible. We will be updating the information so as to get ready for the 2025 parish envelopes.



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.

ECHOES OF EMMANUEL

The Choirs of St. Marguerite d'Youville have come together for a Christmas Concert. Join us on Sunday, December 8th, 2024 at 4pm in the church. Tickets are on sale after all Masses in the Narthex for \$10 per person. Proceeds of this concert go to upgrading the parish sound system.



HANDICRAFT HOLY LAND CHRISTIANS

On the weekend of December 7-8, we will welcome our special guest Paul representing "Handicraft Holy Land Christians", who after all the masses will briefly address the issues and concerns regarding the Christian presence in the Holy Land. Christians in the Holy Land graciously ask your support through conscience prayers and will have many unique hand carved olive wood religious art pieces made by these families in Bethlehem available for purchase after every mass. Proceeds of the sales generate much needed employment for our Christian brothers and sisters in Bethlehem. Cash, debit, credit cards and cheque will be accepted. May God Bless you for your generosity, for you help and for your prayers.

JOURNEY THROUGH ADVENT

This Advent season, the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB) presents an online weekly video series titled "Journey through Advent."

This year's English reflections will be led by Archbishop Leo. The reflections in French will be offered by the Most Rev. René Guay, Bishop of Chicoutimi. The series is intended to help the faithful prepare for the Nativity of Our Lord by offering meaningful reflections on the Gospel readings during each of the four Sundays of Advent.

"Journey through Advent" will be released weekly and will be available on the [CCCB website](http://www.cccb.org) and on their [YouTube channel](https://www.youtube.com). The series is also available via our own website at: www.archtoronto.org. We also draw your attention to the National Catholic Broadcasting Council's Advent Retreat series, this year led by Archbishop Emeritus Cardinal Thomas Collins. These are short daily reflections that can also be accessed via www.archtoronto.org or the Daily Mass website: www.dailytvmass.com.

May these video reflections be a source of comfort and peace during our Advent journey.

SERRA'S VOCATION SEEDS

"Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life." Are worldly cares dragging you down? Be a follower of the Master. If you feel God is calling you to priesthood, religious life or the diaconate, call **Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.** Email: vocations@archtoronto.org or www.vocationstoronto.ca



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.

ST. MARGUERITE D'YOUVILLE ADVENT, CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR'S SCHEDULE

ADVENT

Throughout the Advent season, we will be celebrating Mass every evening, Monday to Friday at 7:00 pm in addition to our regular Mass schedule.

TREE LIGHTING AND CHRISTMAS CAROLS
Saturday, December 7th after the 5pm Mass

ECHOES OF EMMANUEL

Sunday, December 8th at 4pm

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

Thursday, December 12th Mass at 7pm

CHRISTMAS NOVENA

December 15th - 23rd at all Masses

PARISH ADVENT MISSION

December 17th, 18th & 19th at the 7pm Mass

DAYS OF CONFESSION

Tuesday, December 17th: 5pm-7pm

Wednesday, December 18th: 10am-12pm;
& 5pm-7pm

Thursday, December 19th: 5pm-7pm

CHRISTMAS EVE

Tuesday, December 24th
Nativity of our Lord Masses -

5:00 pm, 8:00 pm, & 12:00 Midnight

CHRISTMAS DAY

Wednesday, December 25th

9:00 am, 10:30 am, 12:30 pm

(**NO 8pm Mass**)

December 26 - 29

Mass times as usual

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

Sunday, December 29th

Saturday 5pm; Sunday 9am, 10:30am, 12:30pm,
4pm Afro-Caribbean Mass, 8pm

NEW YEAR'S EVE

Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God
Tuesday, December 31st

5:00 pm Mass,

10:00 pm Mass; 11:15 pm - 12:30 am Adoration
of the Blessed Sacrament

NEW YEAR'S DAY

Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God
Wednesday, January 1st, 2025

9:00 am, 10:30 am, 12:30 pm Mass

(**NO 8pm Mass**)



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