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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

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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
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Ven. Michael J. McGivney, 450 Fernforest Dr.	905-792-0630
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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.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Mass for the Intentions } Week

MON, DEC 9 9:15 am	For the intentions of Sheila & Francis Viera
7:00 pm	
TUES, DEC 10 7:00 pm	Gloria & John Ostrowski †
WED, DEC 11 9:15 am	Celestino & Angeles Flores †
7:00 pm	
THUR, DEC 12 7:00 pm	Nada Naysun †; Maria Hoang †; In thanksgiving for blessings recived - Hernandez family
FRI, DEC 13 9:15 am	Florence & Richard Felix †
7:00 pm	
SAT, DEC 14 9:15 am	Gloria & John Ostrowski †
5:00 PM	Victor & Patricia Perera †
SUN, DEC 15 9:00 am	For the People of the Parish
10:30 am	Olga Medeiros †; Antonio DeVera †; Domenic Maida & deceased family members † For the health of Michael Sathianathan; For the 25th wedding anniversary of Peter & Cel Tarun
12:30 pm	Juanito & John Elmer Go †; onald Martins †; Roman Olindan †; Myrna Philip †; Eddie Mckee
8:00 pm	

THIS WEEK AT SMDY

Monday, December 9th

7:00 pm - Knights of Columbus Executive Meeting

Tuesday, December 10th

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

Wednesday, December 11th

7:00pm - SGFM
7:00pm - Baptism Class
7:30 pm - 9am Choir practice

Thursday, December 12th

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

Friday, December 13th

7:00pm - LifeTeen

Saturday, December 14th

9:00 am - Job Search workshop
10:00 am - SGFM
3:30 pm - Children's Choir practice
5:00 pm - Vietnamese Legion of Mary
6:15 pm - Bible Study

I am the Immaculate Conception. I am Mary, full of grace, Mother of My Divine Son Jesus Christ. Through my coming to Montichiari, I wish to be known as the 'Rosa Mystica'. It is my wish that every year, on 8th December, at noon, the 'Hour of Grace for the world' be celebrated. Many divine and bodily graces will be received through this devotion. Our Lord, my Divine Son Jesus, will send His overflowing mercy if good people will pray continuously for their sinful brothers.

From the testimony of laywoman, Pierina Gilli, province of Brescia, December 8, 1947
The perennial fascination of Marian apparitions has led the Dicastery for the Doctrine of Faith to reexamine its protocol for authenticating the veracity of alleged messages of Our Blessed Mother. One recent favorable ruling (July 2024) has put the lesser known Rosa Mystica message back into wider conversation. Whenever or wherever a report of Mary's appearance to visionaries occurs, the significant details of time and place become relevant - the particular historical and cultural circumstances of that time will obviously be documented and subsequently stand in contrast to the current contemporary situation. Pierina Gilli, a 36 year-old nurse at the time, conveyed warnings from Our Blessed Mother to both consecrated souls and the faithful alike. Our Blessed Mother lamented the loss of zeal of those professed to vows in religious life and the abandoning of the charism of their saintly founders; also, the widespread corruption of morals, the infiltration and acquiescence of filth and impurity was provoking a strong chastising response from heaven. Under the title of Mystical Rose, the Virgin Mary urged priests, bishops to preach on the importance of these matters and call all to conversion and penance. In a post-world war Europe, there was an initial and sincere sense of alarm to heed the dire appeal. It is obviously apparent that maintaining that same fervor and pastoral concern in our own day presents seemingly insurmountable challenges. Of the many more notable details in the series of appearances, Our Blessed Mother appeared alternating with swords piercing and rose adorning her heart; on another occasion, the Fatima shepherd children, Jacinta and Francisco stood at her side holding her flowing cloak. Lastly, in the cathedral of the small town of Montichiari, she descended a staircase promising mercy and graces to all who would honour her request to keep alive her appeal of venerating the great mystery of the Immaculate Conception and obey her instructions. The permanent shrine of Rosa Mystica, in Fontanelle, Italy, provides extensive online resources, information, and prayers regarding this lesser known Marian devotion.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Today's Psalm paints a dreamlike scene—a road filled with liberated captives heading home to Zion (Jerusalem), mouths filled with laughter, tongues rejoicing.

It's a glorious picture from Israel's past, a "new exodus," the deliverance from exile in Babylon. It's being recalled in a moment of obvious uncertainty and anxiety. But the psalmist isn't waxing nostalgic.

Remembering "the Lord has done great things" in the past, he is making an act of faith and hope—that God will come to Israel in its present need, that He'll do even greater things in the future.

This is what the Advent readings are all about: We recall God's saving deeds—in the history of Israel and in the coming of Jesus. Our remembrance is meant to stir our faith, to fill us with confidence that, as today's Epistle puts it, "the one who began a good work in [us] will continue to complete it" until He comes again in glory.

Each of us, the Liturgy teaches, is like Israel in her exile—led into captivity by our sinfulness, in need of restoration and conversion by the Word of the Holy One. The lessons of salvation history should teach us that, as God again and again delivered Israel, in His mercy He will free us from our attachments to sin if we turn to Him in repentance.

That's the message of John, introduced in today's Gospel as the last of the great prophets (compare. But John is greater than the prophets. He's preparing the way not only for a new redemption of Israel but for the salvation of "all flesh".

John quotes Isaiah (40:3) to tell us he's come to build a road home for us, a way out of the wilderness of sin and alienation from God. It's a road we'll follow Jesus down, a journey we'll make, as today's First Reading puts it, "rejoicing that [we're] remembered by God."



Fr. Roger

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8TH, 2024

PRAYERS AND BEST WISHES FOR FRANK CARDINAL LEO



The faithful of the Archdiocese of Toronto offer our prayers and best wishes for the newest members of the College of Cardinals, including our chief shepherd, the Archbishop of Toronto, Frank Cardinal Leo. This weekend, Cardinal Leo is in Rome as one of the 21 new cardinals from around the world gathered with Pope Francis. Please pray for our new cardinal as he begins this important role of service to the Church. Regional Masses to celebrate Cardinal Leo and the beginning of the Jubilee Year will take place early in 2025. More details will be shared in the coming weeks.

2025 PARISH ENVELOPES

2025 boxes of Offertory Envelopes will be available in the Narthex next weekend Dec 14/15 after all Masses. Please ensure you pick up your **own** box and that your name & address is correct so that when the T4 slips for income tax purposes are prepared, they will be sent with the correct name & address. If your box is not there or you need to make any changes, or you wish to begin using envelopes fill out an Envelope Request Form and return it to the office. Please **DO NOT** use these envelopes until **JANUARY 1, 2025**. Reminder: **DO NOT USE ENVELOPES FROM PREVIOUS YEARS!**



KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS POSTER CONTEST



The Knights of Columbus – Council 15612 invites the children of our parish to participate in the annual “Keep Christ In Christmas Poster Contest.” The Theme is: “KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS.” Age Groups: J. K. – Grade 8 Due Date of Submission: December 31. For further details, kindly pick up a form from the Knights in the Narthex.

STITCHES FROM THE HEART

As the holidays are approaching Stitches from the Heart will be close from December 2, 2024 and resume January 6, 2025. On the behalf of all the women stitches from the heart group we would like to wish you all a merry Christmas and a healthy new year. Thank you.

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 meetings on Wednesdays and Saturdays. For more information, email Olivia Saqui at olivia.saqi@gmail.com

SERRA’S VOCATION SEEDS

Could God be calling you to be a priest, deacon, brother, or sister to help our world of today to truly “prepare the way of the Lord”? 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

JOURNEY THROUGH ADVENT

This Advent season, the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCBB) 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 [CCCBB website](http://www.cccb.org) and on their [YouTube channel](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC...). 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.

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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