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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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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.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Mass for the Intentions } Week

MON, DEC 16 9:15 am	
7:00 pm	
TUES, DEC 17 7:00 pm	
WED, DEC 18 9:15 am	Felipe, Marcelina, Roberto & Ronald Jaen †
7:00 pm	Esther McCallum †; Federico Flores Concha †
THUR, DEC 19 7:00 pm	
FRI, DEC 20 9:15 am	Angela, Rocco, Antonio & Maria Ruso †; Daniel & Andrew Grima †
7:00 pm	
SAT, DEC 21 9:15 am	
5:00 PM	Daphne Sandoval †; Annama Philip †; Armando Dematos †; Terry Andrade †; Deceased members of the Dematos & Pontes family †
SUN, DEC 22 9:00 am	
10:30 am	Olga Medeiros †; Esther McCallum †; Ramon Saraza †; Manuel, Maria Jose Medeiros & family †; In thanksgiving - Joshua Real
12:30 pm	Juanito & John Elmer Go †; Myrna Philip †
8:00 pm	For the People of the Parish

THIS WEEK AT SMDY

Monday, December 16th
 10:00 am - Rosary Apostolate
 7:00 pm - SGFM
 7:00 pm - CWL Meeting

Tuesday, December 17th
 1:00 pm - 55 Plus Club
 5:00 pm - Confessions
 6:00 pm - Legion of Mary - Senior
 7:30 pm - TMIY
 7:30 pm - RCIA

Wednesday, December 18th
 10:00 am - Confessions
 5:00 pm - Confessions
 7:00pm - Confirmation Class
 7:30 pm - 9am Choir practice

Thursday, December 19th
 5:00 pm - Confessions
 7:30 pm - 1030am Choir practice
 7:30 pm - Bible Study

Friday, December 20th

Saturday, December 21st
 10:00 am - Confirmation Class
 3:30 pm - Children's Choir practice
 5:00 pm - Vietnamese Legion of Mary
 6:15 pm - Bible Study

Free speech is for everyone. As the U.S. Supreme Court held in 303 Creative, the government cannot force artists to express messages they don't believe. In this case, an attorney demanded that Jack create a custom cake that would celebrate and symbolize a transition from male to female. Because that cake admittedly expresses a message, and because Jack cannot express that message for anyone, the government cannot punish Jack for declining to express it.

Senior Counsel for Alliance Defending Freedom's official statement after the October 7, 2024 ruling

John the Baptist is one of the central Advent characters who urges us with admonishments and pleading to prepare the way for Christ. His insistence on ending all cooperation with evil and choosing resolutely for the prophesied Messiah's coming is to be heeded despite whatever conflicts may ensue from those opposed to the long-awaited reign. As a modern parallel to the ancient cries in the wilderness, the courageous witness of Denver Baker, Jack Phillips, merits attention. The self-described pastry artist admits to having grown up with Christianity in the background of his life and marriage but his faith never seemed relevant to his more pressing pursuits. However, having received the grace of an awareness of the ugliness of his sin and his utter inability to personally save himself, he surrendered wholeheartedly to Jesus. Initially tentative to inform his wife, whom he presumed would not be in favour of such a radical conversion, he was surprised that she too had made the same definitive choice just days prior and was expressing her own hesitation on how to best disclose her conscience to him. With the two of them now firmly rooted in Christ, the troubles began. The series of indictments to get them to violate their core Christian beliefs has drawn wide publicity. They choose to serve all customers but have refused to decorate cakes that would endorse an anti-Christ message...i.e. Halloween, divorce, or prank derogatory insults. And so, when they declined to prepare a cake for two men entering into a "marriage," a lawyer defending the couple called the bake shop and requested one cake celebrating a transition event (pink on the inside and blue frosting on the outside) and another with a depiction of the devil smoking cannabis. Again, they declined to take the business requests. It has been 10 years of costly litigation; finally, a recent supreme court has ruled favorably in defending Jack Phillips' right to allow his conscience to inform his business decisions and not contradict his religious beliefs. Undoubtedly, John the Baptist himself would be impressed with the Phillips' determination to trust God to take a public stand to defend all things holy.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

The mysterious figure of John the Baptist, introduced in last week's readings, comes into sharper focus today. Who he is, we see in today's Gospel, is best understood by who he isn't.



He is not Elijah returned from the heavens, although like him he dresses in the prophet's attire and preaches repentance and judgment.

Not Elijah in the flesh, John is nonetheless sent in the spirit and power of Elijah to fulfill his mission.

Neither is John the prophet Moses foretold, although he is a kinsman and speaks God's word. Nor is John the Messiah, though he has been anointed by the Spirit since he was in the womb.

John prepares the way for the Lord. The baptism he performs is symbolic, not sacramental. It is a sign given to stir our hearts to repentance.

John shows us the One upon whom the Spirit remains, the One who fulfills the promise we hear in today's First Reading. Jesus' bath of rebirth and the Spirit opens a fountain that purifies Israel and gives to all a new heart and a new Spirit.

John comes to us in the Advent readings to show us the light, that we might believe in the One who comes at Christmas. As we sing in today's Responsorial, the Mighty One has come to lift each of us up, to fill our hunger with bread from heaven.

And as Paul exhorts in today's Epistle, we should rejoice, give thanks, and pray without ceasing that God will make us perfectly holy in spirit, soul, and body—that we may be blameless when our Lord comes.

Fr. Roger

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15TH, 2024

2025 PARISH ENVELOPES

2025 boxes of Offertory Envelopes are available in the Narthex. 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.

THE 55+ CLUB

We will be breaking for the Holidays and will resume in the New year on January 7th. Wishing you peace and blessings this Christmas and into the New Year. For more information contact Sandy: sandyrobin22@gmail.com

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.saqu@gmail.com



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL



The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul is a charitable Catholic organization, active throughout Canada. The work of the society is to assist those in need who live within our parish boundary. If you are in need of assistance please contact the St. Marguerite d’Youville Conference directly at 647-642-4906 or email: vincentdepaulsmdy@gmail.com

SERRA’S VOCATION SEEDS

Could God be calling you to be a priest, deacon, brother, or sister and announce the Good News to His People as John the Baptist did? 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 (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.ca) 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.

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
Office open from 9am-12pm & 4pm-8pm

CHRISTMAS DAY

Wednesday, December 25th
9:00 am, 10:30 am, 12:30 pm
(**NO 8pm Mass**)
OFFICE CLOSED

December 26 - 29

Mass times as usual
December 26th - OFFICE CLOSED
December 27th - Office open 9am-3pm

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

Sunday, December 29th
Saturday 5pm; Sunday 9am, 10:30am, 12:30pm,
4pm Afro-Caribbean Mass, 8pm
Office open 9am-3pm

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
Office open from 9am-12pm

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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