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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.

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass Intentions for the Week

MON, JAN 20 9:15 am	Nirmala D'Souza †; In thanksgiving - Allan & Albain
TUES, JAN 21 7:00 pm	For the health of Dave Furlani
WED, JAN 22 9:15 am	Casimir Arulanandam †; For the intentions of Marta Bettencourt
THUR, JAN 23 7:00 pm	Brignatz Thi Thom †
FRI, JAN 24 9:15 am	Honorato Bettencourt †
SAT, JAN 25 9:15 am	
5:00 PM	Maria Da Lourdes Ramalho †; Jose Chaves †; In thanksgiving for the 50th anniversary of Perfecta & Renato Pacello
SUN, JAN 26 9:00 am	In thanksgiving for the birthday of Jeremia Gan
10:30 am	Olga Medeiros †
12:30 pm	Juanito & John Elmer Go †; Donald Martin †; In thanksgiving - Thomas & Lirrette family
8:00 pm	For the People of the Parish

THIS WEEK AT SMDY

Monday, January 20th

10:00 am - Stiches from the heart

Tuesday, January 21st

1:00 pm - 55 Plus Club

6:00 pm - Legion of Mary - Senior

7:30 pm - TMIY

7:30 pm - RCIA

Wednesday, January 22nd

7:00 pm - Confirmation Class

7:30 pm - 9am Choir practice

Thursday, January 23rd

7:30 pm - Bereavement Meeting

7:30 pm - 1030am Choir practice

Friday, January 24th

Saturday, January 25th

10:00 am - Confirmation Class

12:00 pm - CWL

3:30 pm - Children's Choir practice

5:00 pm - Vietnamese Legion of Mary

6:15 pm - Bible Study

Now for some time a man named Simon had practiced sorcery in the city and amazed all the people of Samaria. He boasted that he was someone great, and all the people, both high and low, gave him their attention and exclaimed, "This man is rightly called the Great Power of God." They followed him because he had amazed them for a long time with his sorcery.

When Simon saw that the Spirit was given at the laying on of the apostles' hands, he offered them money and said, "Give me also this ability so that everyone on whom I lay my hands may receive the Holy Spirit."

Peter answered: "May your money perish with you, because you thought you could buy the gift of God with money! You have no part or share in this ministry, because your heart is not right before God. Repent of this wickedness and pray to the Lord in the hope that he may forgive you for having such a thought in your heart. For I see that you are full of bitterness and captive to sin."

Acts of the Apostles, 8.9-11,20-24

In the days leading up to the liturgical feast of the Conversion of St. Paul (Jan 25), the Church promotes the week of Christian Unity. In an effort to foster dialog and reconciliation between the separated ecclesial communities caused by Protestantism, the Catholic Church looks to encourage appropriate encounters of common prayer, Scripture study, and charitable outreach between various denominations. Looking back to Martin Luther's initial irresolvable disputes with the Holy See in regards to justification, Luther cited the abuse of ongoing practices (nepotism, indulgences, absenteeism) that were widely causing scandal and sacrilege. In the cited Scripture passage, the story of how "simony" acquired its name is told. Simon "the Magician" and his deliberate wish to buy a spiritual power for a worldly benefit is rebuked strongly by Peter. This offensive blasphemy is to be carefully avoided and causes astute members of the faithful to cringe when they see glimpses and echoes of its manifestation. So that, while the selling of all kinds of religious articles and parish fundraising items has become an established and sanctioned practice in major shrines and parishes world wide when done properly, the discerning believer can often spot the difference. For example, it is one thing to sell religious art and books, but when one never sees that a pastor has any appreciation for sacred art history or a habit of theological reading, one wonders. It is one thing to offer healing masses but when a priest has insufficient knowledge and reverence for proper liturgical norms, one wonders. When the promotion of holy healing oils is not backed up with time spent before the burning wax of the sanctuary lamp of the Blessed Sacrament, one wonders. While the division caused by Lutherism was sad, tragic and harmful to the whole Body of Christ, he at least brought attention to some embarrassing flagrant sins that any Catholic can agree ought to be monitored and corrected. Such ongoing conversion is one path forward to full restored communion.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Think of these first weeks after Christmas as a season of "epiphanies." The liturgy is showing us who Jesus is and what He has revealed about our relationship with God.

Last week and the week before, the imagery was royal and filial—Jesus is the newborn king of the Jews who makes us coheirs of Israel's promise, beloved children of God. Last week in the liturgy we went to a baptism.

This week we're at a wedding. We're being shown another dimension of our relationship with God. If we're sons and daughters of God, it's because we've married into the family. Have you ever wondered why the Bible begins and ends with a wedding—Adam and Eve's in the garden and the marriage supper of the Lamb? Throughout the Bible, marriage is the symbol of the covenant relationship God desires with His chosen people. He is the groom, humanity His beloved and sought after bride. We see this reflected beautifully in today's First Reading. When Israel breaks the covenant, she is compared to an unfaithful spouse. But God promises to take her back, to "espouse" her to Him forever in an everlasting covenant. That's why in today's Gospel Jesus performs His first public "sign" at a wedding feast. Jesus is the divine bridegroom, calling us to His royal wedding feast. By His New Covenant, He will become "one flesh" with all humanity in the Church. By our baptism, each of us has been betrothed to Christ as a bride to a husband.

The new wine that Jesus pours out at today's feast is the gift of the Holy Spirit given to His bride and body, as today's Epistle says. This is the "salvation" announced to the "families of nations" in today's Psalm

Fr. Roger



SUNDAY, JANUARY 19TH, 2025

JUBILEE YEAR 2025 - PILGRIMS OF HOPE

Every week we will include information on how to fulfil Plenary Indulgences during the Jubilee Year:

4. What are the ways in which a plenary indulgence can be obtained? a. Pilgrimages b. Pious Visits to Sacred Places c. Works of Mercy and Penance
5. What are the specifications for pilgrimages? At any sacred Jubilee site, devoutly participate in: Holy Mass, A ritual Mass for the conferral of the sacraments of Christian Initiation or the Anointing of the Sick a celebration of the Word of God, the Liturgy of the Hours, the Way of the Cross, the Marian Rosary, the recitation of the Akathist hymn, a penitential celebration with individual confession
6. What are the specifications for visits to sacred places? At any Jubilee site, individually or in a group, for a suitable period of time, engage in: Eucharistic Adoration, concluding with Our Father, Profession of Faith, invocations to Mary

<https://www.archtoronto.org/sitesassets/media/offices--ministries/sub-sites/jubilee/catechetical-resource-on-plenary-indulgences-during-the-jubilee-year.pdf>



The Archdiocese of Toronto has invited a Jubilee church to host a regional celebration to focus our attention on the Jubilee Year as a faith community. The celebration in our region will take place on Wednesday, January 29, 2025, at 7 pm at St. Mary's Parish, Brampton. All are welcome to attend.

We will be launching our Parish Jubilee Program on the weekend of February 2nd. You will be provided with a Jubilee Pilgrim Passport where you can enter all activities you participate in for the year including: Visit to holy doors, Acts of penance, Acts of charity, Participation in planned activities and suggested events. May this Holy Year provide a grace-filled opportunity to nurture the seeds of faith for you and your loved ones, immersing ourselves as Pilgrims of Hope into a year-long journey of prayer, witness and service drawing on the example of Jesus, our Lord.

FREE CATHOLIC ESTATE PLANNING WEBINAR

Saturday, February 1, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. Learn:

How to avoid problems: in your Will, in the Powers of Attorney, and through proper Estate Trustee selection; How to create your own legacy; About our Catholic traditions around cremation, burials and funerals

3 WAYS TO REGISTER:

1. scan this QR code;
2. follow this QR link: qrco.de/WebFeb01
3. send an email to: Development@ArchToronto.org and write "webinar February 1" in the title line + your name(s) in the body of the message.



NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING ASSOCIATION

Many women use predictive Apps to plan and space their family. Unfortunately, most do not realize that most of these Apps are based on the old & outdated ineffective Calendar/Rhythm method! Did you know the Billings Ovulation Method™ has a success rate of 99% in postponing pregnancy? Join us to learn this method at the initial presentation on-line. To register or ask questions go to www.toronto.naturalfamilyplanning.ca

SERRA'S VOCATION SEEDS

Pray to know how God wants to use your talents and abilities. Could it be He is calling you to consider priesthood, diaconate, or religious life? If He is contact **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.

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. Reminder: **DO NOT USE ENVELOPES FROM PREVIOUS YEARS!**



BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

If you are grieving the loss of a loved one and require support, please contact the Bereavement Ministry by email at Bereavement.smdy@gmail.com

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

STITCHES FROM THE HEART

Stitches from the Heart group meet Mondays after the 915am 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.

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 screeningcommittee.smdy@gmail.com

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.

PARISH BOOK STORE

The Parish bookstore is open on the first and third weekend of every month after all Masses. If you are interested in volunteering please contact Linda at LYeh@archtoronto.org.

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: vincentdepauls.smdy@gmail.com



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