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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

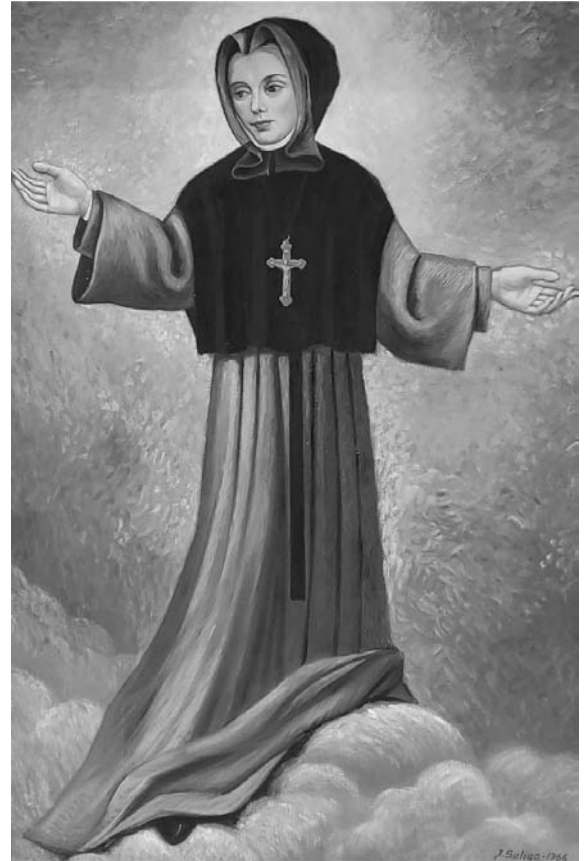
Our Mother of Perpetual Help Devotion: Wednesdays at 9:15 am

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.

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass Intentions for the Week

MON, JAN 27 9:15 am	For the health of Sheila & family
TUES, JAN 28 7:00 pm	Francis Pinto †
WED, JAN 29 9:15 am	
THUR, JAN 30 7:00 pm	Jesuthasan Xavier †
FRI, JAN 31 9:15 am	For the health of Dave Furlani
SAT, FEB 1 9:15 am	
5:00 PM	Teresa Spina †; Elias Noronha †
SUN, FEB 2 9:00 am	Nestor & Clavelina Villarroya †; In thanksgiving for the birthday of Shiela Ferrenbach
10:30 am	Olga Medeiros †; Mariah Luz Kapin Pin †; In thanksgiving - Jelbert Real
12:30 pm	Juanito & John Elmer Go †
8:00 pm	For the People of the Parish

THIS WEEK AT SMDY

Monday, January 27th

9:00 am - Rosary Apostolate
10:00 am - Stiches from the heart
7:00 pm - Knights of Columbus General Meeting

Tuesday, January 28th

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

Wednesday, January 29th

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

Thursday, January 30th

7:30 pm - 1030am Choir practice

Friday, January 31st

Saturday, February 1st

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

But when we move into the time of Abraham, we're talking about Semitic nomads speaking languages that are totally unlike English, that are written backwards from the way that we're used to. They're wandering around visiting cities that we no longer remember, engaging with cultures that we never talk about nowadays, like the Hittites or the Perizzites and things like this. It is very much more foreign to us, and I think that's part of the factor of intimidating people from really getting into the Old Testament.

- Dr. John Bergsma, vice president of St. Paul Center for Biblical Studies

While there has been some recent high-profile conversions to the Catholic Church, (Shia LaBeouf, Candace Owens, J.D. Vance, Tammy Peterson - Jordan's wife), the phenomena of those seeking full sacramental communion has not been limited to celebrities who have limited theological understanding. Rather, biblical scholars from evangelical streams have also found their way to Rome. Most notably within the Christian world, Dr. Scott Hahn, Eric Sammons, and Steven Ray have contributed their significant knowledge to become leaders of lay apostolates. The author of the cited quote from Dr. John Bergsma is another of such notable converts. With top rank academic credentials in Old Testament research, this former Protestant Pastor is now not only teaching at Steubenville College but is trying to aid a wider audience of those interested in Biblical studies to have access to good teachers. The St. Paul Center for Biblical Studies provides numerous online high quality resources to make the daunting work of diving deep into history, language, and culture of the ancient world less intimidating. Together with Dr. Scott Hahn as President, the institute has a comprehensive approach and abundant materials to nourish those with a passion for Sacred Scripture – including a weekly Sunday Gospel reflection to help pray up for the upcoming Sunday readings; once you get into it, you may realize how familiar it all looks, sounds and feels. Back in 2019, Pope Francis promulgated that the Third Sunday of Ordinary Time is to be “Word of God” Sunday throughout the Catholic world. Visit stpaulcenter.com to deepen your appreciation and love of Sacred Scripture.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

The meaning of today's liturgy is subtle and many-layered. We need background to understand what's happening in today's First Reading. Babylon having been defeated, King Cyrus of Persia decreed that the exiled Jews could return home to Jerusalem. They rebuilt their ruined temple and under Nehemiah finished rebuilding the city walls..



The stage was set for the renewal of the covenant and the re-establishment of the Law of Moses as the people's rule of life. That's what's going on in today's First Reading, as Ezra reads and interprets the Law and the people respond with a great “Amen!”

Israel, as we sing in today's Psalm, is rededicating itself to God and His Law. The scene seems like the Isaiah prophecy that Jesus reads from in today's Gospel.

Read all of Isaiah 61. The “glad tidings” Isaiah brings include these promises: the liberation of prisoners (61:1); the rebuilding of Jerusalem, or Zion; the restoration of Israel as a kingdom of priests; and the forging of an everlasting covenant . It sounds a lot like the First Reading.

Jesus, in turn, declares that Isaiah's prophecy is fulfilled in Him. The Gospel scene, too, recalls the First Reading. Like Ezra, Jesus stands before the people, is handed a scroll, unrolls it, then reads and interprets it.

We witness in today's Liturgy the creation of a new people of God. Ezra started reading at dawn of the first day of the Jewish new year. Jesus also proclaims a “sabbath,” a great year of Jubilee, a deliverance from slavery to sin, a release from the debts we owe to God.

The people greeted Ezra “as one man.” And, as today's Epistle teaches, in the Spirit the new people of God—the Church—is made “one body” with Him.

Fr. Roger

SUNDAY, JANUARY 26TH, 2025

JUBILEE YEAR 2025 - PILGRIMS OF HOPE

All are welcome to attend Regional Masses that will be held throughout the Archdiocese of Toronto in the coming days. There will be two groups of Masses – one Mass in each of the four regions of the archdiocese will launch the Jubilee Year and also provide an opportunity to give thanks for the elevation of Frank Cardinal Leo to the College of Cardinals. At these Eucharistic celebrations, Cardinal Leo will preside. Other celebrations will take place at the remaining pilgrim churches in each of the four regions of the archdiocese to launch the Jubilee Year. At these Eucharistic celebrations, the Auxiliary Bishop with pastoral responsibility for the region will preside.

Please note, for those interested in obtaining a Jubilee indulgence, requirements include receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation, attending Mass and offering prayers for the intention of the Holy Father. Confessions will be offered at least one hour prior to all celebrations noted below – all Masses will begin at 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, January 29, 2025 - St. Mary's Parish, Brampton (Cardinal Leo to preside)

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.



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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

You are the body of Christ; every one of you is a member of it. As a member of the body, we serve different roles. Are you willing to do your part? If God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon contact **Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.** Email: vocations@archtoronto.org or www.vocationstoronto.ca



PRAYER INTENTIONS

We have a prayer binder in the chapel area where you can write your particular prayer intentions. Our morning prayer devotee's will pray for these intentions. You are welcome to join these prayer warriors Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays at 8:15am.

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 week-end 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: vincentdepaulsmdy@gmail.com



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