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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.

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

Mass for the Intentions } Week

MON, FEB 3 9:15 am	For the health of Dave Furlani
TUES, FEB 4 7:00 pm	
WED, FEB 5 9:15 am	
THUR, FEB 6 7:00 pm	Gilbert Lambe †; Joaquina Ernestina Fernandes †
FRI, FEB 7 9:15 am	Deogracias Sahagun; In thanksgiving for the wedding anniversary Paula & Allan Morhart
7:00 pm	Joseph & Maria Pham †
SAT, FEB 8 9:15 am	
5:00 PM	For the People of the Parish
SUN, FEB 9 9:00 am	Conceicao Melo †
10:30 am	Olga Medeiros †; In thanksgiving - Soledad Jalimao
12:30 pm	Juanito & John Elmer Go †; Clemente Crisol †; Erlinda Cal †; Blasia Pereira †; Donald Martins †
8:00 pm	In thanksgiving - Amaleethan family

THIS WEEK AT SMDY

Monday, February 3th

10:00 am - Stiches from the heart

Tuesday, February 4th

1:00 pm - 55 Plus Club

6:00 pm - Legion of Mary - English

7:30 pm - TMIY

7:30 pm - RCIA

Wednesday, February 5th

7:00 pm - Confirmation Class

7:30 pm - 9am Choir practice

Thursday, February 6th

7:30 pm - 1030am Choir practice

Friday, February 7th

Saturday, February 8th

10:00 am - Confirmation Class

3:30 pm - Children's Choir practice

5:00 pm - Legion of Mary - Vietnamese

6:15 pm - Bible Study

I told you. I wake up every day, right here, right in Punxsutawney, and it's always February 2nd, and there's nothing I can do about it... You want a prediction about the weather? You're asking the wrong Phil. I'm going to give you a prediction about this winter? It's going to be cold, it's going to be dark and it's going to last you for the rest of your lives!

- Actor Bill Murray's role of perturbed news reporter Phil Connor, from the 1993 absurd comedy. Groundhog Day

Whether in the obscure Pennsylvanian town of Punxsutawney or in whatever locale you happened to find yourself, the predicament of being stuck in an endless, dreary time-loop is a motif that goes beyond the narrative of this 30 year old successful film. This cult classic is now perennially associated with the 2nd of February. The gloomy quandary of deja-vu forever triggers understandable cynical winter fears of inescapable dark, cold, monotonous days with scant prospect of hopeful change. Intriguing to note is the Catholic contrast of comparing whether the improvement of fortunes is best realized upon the superstitious fate of a celebrity groundhog or the Presentation of the Christ Child in the Temple: on one hand - the sign of a shadow cast, on the other - a light to be revealed to the nations. In the movie, the main character is apoplectic with having to be imprisoned in a stagnant job and a disappointing life as he is compelled to have to repeat the same role again and again with the same circle of acquaintances. In the gospel, the prophets Simeon and Anna, both advanced in age, spend their time, day after day in the Temple, waiting to see the fulfillment of God's plan for redemption. The quick take away lesson for us is suggested - the beneficial strategy of finding time before the light of Our Lord radiating from the Tabernacle is an essential way of not buckling under the weight of daily routine. Moreover, time spent reciting the successive beads of the rosary can allow Our Blessed Mother to provide the encouraging insights to help us make progress since she is the one who is identified in knowing "the secret thoughts of many." With such subtle but abundant available graces, the boredom and bleakness of a forever groundhog day can be broken.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Today's feast marks the Presentation of the Lord Jesus in the Temple, forty days after he was born. As the firstborn, he belonged to God. According to the Law, Mary and Joseph were required to take him to the Temple and "redeem" him by paying five shekels. At the same time, the Law required the child's mother to offer sacrifice in order to overcome the ritual impurity brought about by childbirth.



So the feast we celebrate shows a curious turn of events. The Redeemer seems to be redeemed. She who is all-pure presents herself to be purified. Such is the humility of our God. Such is the humility of the Blessed Virgin. They submit to the law even though they are not bound by it.

However, the Gospel story nowhere mentions Jesus' "redemption," but seems to describe instead a religious consecration—such as a priest might undergo. Saint Luke tells us that Jesus is "presented" in the Temple, using the same verb that Saint Paul uses to describe the offering of a sacrifice. Another parallel is the Old Testament dedication of Samuel to the Temple as a priest.

The drama surrounding Jesus' conception and birth began in the Temple—when the Archangel visited Mary's kinsman, Zechariah the priest. And now the story of Jesus' infancy comes to a fitting conclusion, again in the Temple.

All the readings today concern Jerusalem, the Temple, and the sacrificial rites. The first reading comes from the Prophet Malachi, who called the priests to return to faithful service—and foretold a day when a Messiah would arrive with definitive purification of the priesthood.

Likewise, the Psalm announces to Jerusalem that Jerusalem is about to receive a great visitor. The Psalmist identifies him as "The LORD of hosts . . . the king of glory."

Christ now arrives as the long-awaited priest and redeemer. He is also the sacrifice. Indeed, as his life will show, He is the Temple itself.

Fr. Roger

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2ND, 2025

JUBILEE YEAR 2025 - PILGRIMS OF HOPE

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.



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.

CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE MASS

As part of Marriage Sunday 2025 celebrations, Bishop Ivan Camilleri will preside at a special Mass to honour married couples, with special recognition for those celebrating 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th and 60+ wedding anniversaries in 2025. The Mass will take place at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 9, 2025 at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica. All married couples will have an opportunity to renew their marriage commitment during the Mass. All are welcome to attend. Couples celebrating a 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or 60+ anniversary in 2025 may register for reserved seating. Those who are unable to attend at the Cathedral are invited to join the celebration via livestream Mass. Registration and other important information can be found at www.archtoronto.org/marriage



HEALING AFTER ABORTION: THE SISTERS OF LIFE

Do you know someone who is carrying the grief of a past abortion? There is always hope. The pain and sorrow of abortion does not need to endure for a lifetime. We offer accompaniment and retreats to women seeking healing after abortion. A "Day of Prayer and Healing" offers the opportunity to experience the love and mercy of God and to respond to His invitation to begin the journey of healing the wound of abortion. Upcoming dates are: February 8 and April 5, 2025 For more details, locations, and confidential registration, or to simply talk to a Sister, please call the Sisters of Life at (416) 463-2722 or email us at toronto@sistersoflife.org

SERRA'S VOCATION SEEDS

No prophet is accepted in the prophet's hometown. Do not be discouraged by jeers when considering priesthood, diaconate, or religious life. If God is calling you 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 9:15am 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-mdy@gmail.com



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