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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.

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass Intentions for the Week

MON, FEB 17 9:15 am	In thanksgiving for the birthday of Xavier & George
TUES, FEB 18 7:00 pm	For the health of Dave Furlani
WED, FEB 19 9:15 am	Rafael Manio †; Segunda Jimenez †; Daniel & Andrew Grima †; Aliakutty Thomas †; Amado & Armando Lacaba Sr. †
THUR, FEB 20 7:00 pm	Rosa Zavaglia †; Angelina & Macario Gaddi †
FRI, FEB 21 9:15 am	K.C. Mary
SAT, FEB 22 9:15 am	David Dychuck †; Jessie & Zenaida Solas †; Manuel & Valeriana Salazar †
5:00 PM	Sr. Marylin Machado †
SUN, FEB 23 9:00 am	Angelo DiGiacopo †; Elizabeth & Luigi DiGiacopo †; Deceased members of the James & Rosamma family †
10:30 am	Olga Medeiros †; Honorato Bettencourt †; In Thanksgiving - Johnson Jeyaraj
12:30 pm	Juanito & John Elmer Go †; Juan Salalila Jr. †; Maria Dos Santos Alberto †
8:00 pm	For the People of the Parish

THIS WEEK AT SMDY

Monday, February 17th

10:00 am - Stiches from the heart

Tuesday, February 18th

1:00 pm - 55 Plus Club

6:00 pm - Legion of Mary - English

7:30 pm - TMIY

7:30 pm - RCIA

Wednesday, February 19th

7:00 pm - Confirmation Class

7:30 pm - 9am Choir practice

Thursday, February 20th

7:30 pm - 1030am Choir practice

7:30 pm - Bereavement Group meeting

Friday, February 21st

Saturday, February 22nd

10:00 am - Confirmation Class

3:30 pm - Children's Choir practice

5:00 pm - Legion of Mary - Vietnamese

6:15 pm - Bible Study

How earnestly do I desire, if I were able, to celebrate thee, O Patience, queen of all things! but by my life and manners more than by my words. For you rest in your own action and council more than in discourses, and in perfecting rather than in multiplying virtues. Thou art the support of virginity, the secure harbor of widowhood, the guide and directress of the married state, the unanimity of friendship, the comfort and joy of servitude, to which thou art often liberty. By thee, poverty enjoys all, because, content with itself, it bears all. By thee, the prophets were advanced in virtue, and the apostles united to Christ. Thou art the daily crown and mother of the martyrs. Thou art the bulwark of faith, the fruit of hope, and the friend of charity. Happy, eternally happy, is the one who shall always possess you in their soul.

St. Zeno, Bishop of Verona (300-371)

The storied city of Verona will be forever connected to the Shakespearean romantic/tragic tale of Romeo and Juliet. And while the classic drama of two young lovers seeking to taste forbidden bliss with poison on their lips is synonymous with their host city, their lesser known saintly bishop, whose tomb is venerated in a grand basilica within the historical centre, offers a counterbalance to all those who fear that love can only be pursued in frenzied impulse and passion. St. Zeno, hailing from the outer expanse of the Roman Empire from the region of Algiers, was admired for his sound preaching, pastoral care of the poor, and paternal safeguarding of the faith from theological error. As cited in the quote, he treasured the virtue of patience and the perseverance in fundamental catechetical principles in helping to triumph in the spiritual battle. On a Valentine's Day weekend where attention is drawn to romance and relationships, the integration of wise, time-tested virtuous habits is the best foundational strategy we can implement for ourselves and teach to all aspiring young couples in helping to form lifelong unions. Instead of throwing caution to the wind to merely feel the warmth and voltage of the fleeting touch of skin, real love wants to reassure, regardless of whatever state in life one inhabits, that patiently trusting in God's promises are the surest path to happiness, now and eternally.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

The blessings and woes we hear in today's Gospel mark the perfection of all the wisdom of the Old Testament.

That wisdom is summed up with marvelous symmetry in today's First Reading and Psalm: Each declares that the righteous—those who hope in the Lord and delight in His Law—will prosper like a tree planted near living waters.

The wicked, who put their "trust in human beings," are cursed to wither and die.

Jesus is saying the same thing in the Gospel. The rich and poor are, for Him, more than members of literal economic classes. Their material state symbolizes their spiritual state.

The rich are "the insolent" of today's Psalm, boasting of their self-sufficiency, the strength of their flesh, as Jeremiah says in the First Reading. The poor are the humble, who put all their hope and trust in the Lord. We've already seen today's dramatic imagery of reversal in Mary's Magnificat. There, too, the rich are cast down while the hungry are filled and the lowly exalted.

That's the upside-down world of the Gospel: in poverty, we gain spiritual treasure unimaginable; in suffering and even dying "on account of the Son of Man," we find everlasting life.

The promises of the Old Testament were promises of power and prosperity—in the here and now. The promise of the New Covenant is joy and true freedom even amid the misery and toil of this life.

But not only that. As Paul says in today's Epistle, we're to be pitied if our hope is "for this life only."

The blessings of God mean that we'll laugh with the thanksgiving of captives released from exile, feast at the heavenly table of the Lord, "leap for joy" as John the Baptist leapt in his mother's womb, and rise with Christ, "the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep."



Fr. Roger

JUBILEE YEAR 2025 - PILGRIMS OF HOPE

9. What are the specifications to obtain the Jubilee Indulgence by practicing works of mercy?

One may participate in either a popular mission, spiritual exercises, formation activities on the documents of Vatican II and the Catechism of the Catholic Church, or by following the usual spiritual, sacramental and prayer conditions, the Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy, which are: feed the hungry; give drink to the thirsty; clothe the naked; welcome the stranger; heal the sick; visit the imprisoned; bury the dead; counsel the doubtful; instruct the ignorant; admonish sinners; comfort the afflicted; forgive offenses; bear patiently those who do us ill; pray for the living and the dead.



10. What are the specifications for penance?

rediscover the penitential nature of Friday; (see ["Keeping Friday"](#))

- abstain from futile distractions and superfluous consumption;
- donate a proportionate sum of money to the poor;
- support works of a religious or social nature (e.g. defense and protection of life);
- support efforts for quality of life of abandoned children, young people in difficulty, the lonely, elderly and migrants;
dedicate free time to voluntary activities in the community. <https://www.archtoronto.org/siteassets/media/offices--ministries/sub-sites/jubilee/catechetical-resource-on-plenary-indulgences-during-the-jubilee-year.pdf>

Don't forget to pickup your 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. If you have not gotten your copy, you can get one at the parish office.

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.

TAX RECEIPTS

2024 Parish Tax Receipts are being processed, you will receive them in the mail on or before Monday February 17th. Once you received your receipt if you have any questions or inquiries please call Maura at the Parish office.

CHURCH BULLETIN ADVERTISING

Liturgical Publications will be setting up the advertisements for our church bulletin. The advertising will begin in May 2025 & supports the bulletin service. Please support the bulletin and advertise your product or service. Call Liturgical Publications at 905-624-4422.

SERRA'S VOCATION SEEDS

Happy are those who know they need God. Happy too those who live faithfully the vocation of the life-commitment God calls them to, be it married, single, religious or priesthood. 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

MARY, MOTHER OF GOD SCHOOL

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NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING ASSOCIATION

Trying to achieve pregnancy? The Billings Ovulation Method™ helps you to understand your unique patterns of fertility & infertility so you can have the best possible chance of conceiving. The initial presentation is held on-line. To register or ask questions go to www.toronto.naturalfamilyplanning.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. If your box is not there or you need to make any changes, or you wish to begin using envelopes please go to the office and fill out an [Envelope Request Form](#). 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. **Recruitment weekend: February 15 & 16th after all Masses. Please see Paula in the Narthex to sign-up.** 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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