

# St. Marguerite D'Youville Parish

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## PASTORAL STAFF

Rev. Roger Pascall  
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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.*

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass Intentions for the Week

<b>MON, FEB 24</b> 9:15 am	
<b>TUES, FEB 25</b> 7:00 pm	Delia Carating; Shirley Mathew; Deceased members of the Legion of Mary †; In thanksgiving for the 2nd birthday of Adrian Hernandez-Clarke
<b>WED, FEB 26</b> 9:15 am	For the health of Dave Furlani
<b>THUR, FEB 27</b> 7:00 pm	Paul Kuppayil †
<b>FRI, FEB 28</b> 9:15 am	Francis Pinto †; Juan Salalila Jr. †
<b>SAT, MAR 1</b> 9:15 am	
5:00 PM	Celso Aguilã †; Clifford Rebello †
<b>SUN, MAR 2</b> 9:00 am	For the People of the Parish
10:30 am	Olga Medeiros †; Sylvana Carbone †; Emilio Lana †; In thanksgiving - Okorie family
12:30 pm	Juanito & John Elmer Go †
8:00 pm	

**THIS WEEK AT SMDY**

**Monday, February 24th**  
9:00 am - Rosary Apostolate  
10:00 am - Stiches from the heart  
7:00 pm - Knights of Columbus

**Tuesday, February 25th**  
1:00 pm - 55 Plus Club  
6:00 pm - Legion of Mary - English  
7:30 pm - TMIY  
7:30 pm - RCIA

**Wednesday, February 26th**  
9:00 am - SMDY Highschool Retreat  
7:30 pm - 9am Choir practice

**Thursday, February 27th**  
7:30 pm - 1030am Choir practice

**Friday, February 28th**

**Saturday, March 1st**  
10:00 am - Confirmation Retreat  
3:30 pm - Children's Choir practice  
6:15 pm - Bible Study

**Sunday, March 2nd**  
11:00 am - Legion of Mary - Vietnamese

*Socialism is precisely the religion that must overwhelm Christianity. In the new order, Socialism will triumph by first capturing the culture via infiltration of schools, universities, churches and the media by transforming the consciousness of society.*

-Antonio Gramsci (1891-1937),  
writer, philosopher and co-founder of the Italian Communist Party

While the names of Marx, Lenin, Trotsky, Engels, Stalin are among the more familiar characters associated with the spread of atheistic socialism, the Sardinian born Antonio Gramsci, though lesser known, has had an equally profound detrimental impact upon Western history. Whereas the other cited communists hailed from Russian and German backgrounds with their embittered battles against Christianity, Gramsci better understood the galvanizing and stabilizing effect that Catholicism signified for his native country. This sickly and diminutive Italian raged against the feudal system of wealthy landowners who held decisive advantage over impoverished labourers. As a student, Antonio Gramsci was gifted enough to earn a scholarship to the University of Turin. In his studies and contacts, he was recruited into communist circles rippling their way through Europe. The economic revolution proposed by Karl Marx, in Antonio's opinion, did not go far enough. Beyond a class war between bourgeoisie and proletariat, Antonio recognized that foundational social structures like the Church, its liturgical calendar, family life, catholic education also needed to be infiltrated in order to dismantle the traditional hierarchical order. He helped coin the phrase, "the long march through the institutions." His newspaper writings drew the attention of the Fascist Mussolini regime and he was imprisoned. While incarcerated, he continued to expand his thought in a journal. His weakened health further deteriorated from the meager diet and cold conditions of his sentence. His writing was discovered and translated after WWII and he is credited with having laid the groundwork for "critical theory" that is so pervasively embedded into the public sphere. There is quiet testimony of his deathbed conversion but his pernicious thought has been usurped broadly. As Catholics, the study of such history is important. We have a vital task of discerning truth from the barrage of hostile attacks against the faith. We ought to recognize not only the external threats we face but be sufficiently grounded in the Churches' social teaching so as to address adeptly the political/ideological disputes of our day. We seek to fulfill our noble mission of drawing all into the sovereign reign of Jesus Christ.

**FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK**

The story of David and Saul in today's First Reading functions almost like a parable. Showing mercy to his deadly foe, David gives a concrete example of what Jesus expects to become a way of life for His disciples.

The new law Jesus gives in today's Gospel would have us all become "Davids"—loving our enemies, doing good to those who would harm us, extending a line of credit to those who won't ever repay us.

The Old Law required only that the Israelites love their fellow countrymen. The new law Jesus brings makes us kin to every man and woman. His kingdom isn't one of tribe or nationality. It's a family. As followers of Jesus, we're to live as He lived among us—as "children of the Most High".

As sons and daughters, we want to walk in the ways of our heavenly Father, to "be merciful, just as your Father is merciful." Grateful for His mercy, we're called to forgive others their trespasses because God has forgiven ours.

In the context of today's liturgy, we're all "Sauls"—by our sinfulness and pride we make ourselves enemies of God. But we've been spared a death we surely deserved to die because God has loved and shown mercy to His enemies, "the ungrateful and the wicked," as Jesus says.

Jesus showed us this love in His Passion, forgiving His enemies as they stripped Him of cloak and tunic, cursed Him and struck Him on the cheek, condemned Him to death on a cross (see Luke 22:63-65; 23:34). "He redeems your life from destruction," David reminds us in today's Psalm.

That's the promise, too, of today's Epistle: that we who believe in the "last Adam," Jesus, will rise from the dead in His image, as today we bear the image of the "first Adam," who by his sin made God an enemy and brought death into the world.



Fr. Rayer

# SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23RD, 2025

## JUBILEE YEAR 2025 - PILGRIMS OF HOPE

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 by 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

The Lord Calls us to do God's Will. Pray that you may know God's Will in your life; especially, if you have the inclination that you are being called to the ordained or consecrated life. 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](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org) or [www.vocationstoronto.ca](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca)

## MARY, MOTHER OF GOD SCHOOL

Have you heard of Mary, Mother of God School? We are an affordable private school (Grades K-12) located in the Roncesvalles/Parkdale area. Deeply rooted in the Catholic tradition with a special devotion to Our Lady, we have an excellent academic program, a dynamic and joyful student life, and small classes where each student is known and loved. We are now interviewing for September 2025: please visit our website at [www.marymotherofgodschool.org](http://www.marymotherofgodschool.org) or call us at 416-531-7897.

## 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](http://www.toronto.naturalfamilyplanning.ca)

## THE LIFT JESUS HIGHER RALLY 2025



The annual Lift Jesus Higher Rally is coming up and we are pleased to announce that we will be celebrating the 33rd year of coming together in praise and worship on Saturday, 29th March, 2025 at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre, Toronto. The theme this year, "Power From on High", encourages us to remember and focus on the source of our strength. Powerful Praise &

Worship Music, Prayer Ministry for Healing & Empowerment, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Eucharistic Adoration and Confessions. Tickets can be purchased ONLINE at website: [www.ljhr.ca](http://www.ljhr.ca)

## **Volunteers Needed!**



If you are interested in volunteering at the parish, please email Linda at [LYeh@archtoronto.org](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:vincentdepauls-smdy@gmail.com)



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