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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

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*"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.

EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass Intentions for the Week

MON, MAR 3 9:15 am	All Souls in Purgatory
TUES, MAR 4 7:00 pm	
WED, MAR 5 9:15 am	Dave Furlani †
12:00 pm	
7:00 pm	
THUR, MAR 6 7:00 pm	Biagio Demeo †
FRI, MAR 7 9:15 am	Deceased members of the Lawrence family †
	Joseph & Maria Pham †
SAT, MAR 8 9:15 am	In thanksgiving for special intentions; All Souls in Purgatory
5:00 PM	Mabel Ajax †; Guillermo Devilla †
SUN, MAR 9 9:00 am	Emma & Mario Penariol †
10:30 am	Olga Medeiros †
12:30 pm	Juanito & John Elmer Go †; Clement Crisol †; Erlinda Cal †; Sixto Lara Lim †; Betty Reyes †
8:00 pm	

THIS WEEK AT SMDY

Monday, March 3rd

10:00 am - Stiches from the heart
7:00 pm - CWL Executive meeting

Tuesday, March 4th

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

Wednesday, March 5th

7:30 pm - 9am Choir practice

Thursday, March 6th

7:30 pm - 1030am Choir practice

Friday, March 7th

Saturday, March 8th

10:00 am - SGFM
3:30 pm - Children's Choir practice
6:15 pm - Bible Study

Sunday, March 9th

11:00 am - Legion of Mary - Vietnamese

The Church is intolerant in principle because she believes; she is tolerant in practice because she loves. The enemies of the Church are tolerant in principle because they do not believe; they are intolerant in practice because they do not love.

Reginald Garrigou Lagrange, Dominican Friar, Theologian (1877-1964)

In the 100 year aftermath of the French Revolution, traditional Catholicism had been predominantly abandoned by the social elite and intelligentsia and preserved by peasant and pious. Originating from a devout family in the small southern French town of Auch, halfway between Bordeaux and Lourdes, the young Reginald showed keen intellectual abilities by little by way of religious fervour. In entering into the world of academia, his conversion occurred by way of study and pursuing classically trained philosophers and theologians. He shifted his specialty from medicine to religious vocation, entering the Order of Preachers. His rise in theological prominence was on account of his being able to reintroduce the medieval work of St. Thomas Aquinas; specifically, he integrated the robust scholastic method of argumentation with the mystical writings of St. John of the Cross – showing the two valid approaches of dogmatic precision and rich interior spirituality to have a complementary and mutually beneficial influence upon each other. He was assigned as professor of dogmatic theology to the prestigious school of Angelicum in Rome where he oversaw the doctoral studies of a wide number prominent clerics of the early to mid 20th century. Reginald Garrigou-Lagrange understood the unfolding battle of the infiltrating influences of Protestantism and the Enlightenment upon the long-held sacred teachings of the Church. The papal reigns of Pius X-XII, Leo XIII, and Benedict XV all tried to resist the sweeping “modernist” change and sought Fr. Garrigou-Lagrange’s stabilizing and sound contribution. His work is invoked in our own day against the similar trends that further erode traditional church teachings in the pressure of accommodating to ideologies that are foreign to Christian revelation. The cited quote is a reminder that the Church has always had a pastoral approach that is all sufficient at confronting the messy complexity of human sinfulness while still remaining true to our Lord’s prescribed saving remedy.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

In today’s readings we hear Jesus speaking in Galilee as well as a Jewish sage named Sirach writing in Jerusalem more than a century earlier. The two of them touch upon a single truth: The words that come out of us make known the hidden thoughts within us. Speech reveals the secrets of the heart.



Sirach teaches that speaking is “the test of men” and their character.

One who is upright will utter words that are truthful and encouraging to others. But one whose heart is cluttered with “refuse” will be exposed, since the “fruit” of his mouth speaks volumes about the “tree” that produces it. Sirach also compares the testing of our words to clay fired in a kiln—if properly prepared, a useful vessel emerges; but if the clay is not fully dried, it will break apart in the extreme heat.

In a similar way, Jesus insists that a person speaks “out of the abundance of the heart.” He too compares our speech, whether good or bad, to what grows on a tree: “For no good tree bears bad fruit, nor again does a bad tree bear good fruit.”

Both readings urge us to make wholesome speech a habit. After all, much about who we are is brought to light through what we say. But there’s an additional step: The Lord is asking us to look inward, to examine our hearts and fill them with the “good treasure” that God desires.

Why do purity of heart and speech matter so much? Because, as Jesus declares elsewhere: “by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned”. They matter because they help to decide our final judgment, and this is where the Second Reading comes in. Paul reminds us that God will destroy death forever, and if we are to share in this victory and live forever with the Lord, then we must take all steps necessary to give our hearts and lips to what is good.

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Fr. Roger

ASH WEDNESDAY



Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent for Catholics. The ashes we receive on our forehead in the shape of a cross serve as an outward sign of our sinfulness and need for penance. The ashes also symbolize our mortality, a reminder that one day we will die and our bodies will return to dust. Hence the traditional words, "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return".

The tradition of receiving ashes has its origins in the Old Testament, where sinners performed acts of public penance. It was Pope Urban II who in the 11th century recommended that all Catholics take part in the practice of receiving ashes on Ash Wednesday. In the 12th century it became customary that the ashes used on Ash Wednesday were made by burning the previous year's palm branches. Ash Wednesday is also a day of fasting and abstinence for Catholics.

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.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FUND RAISER



The Vincentians are organizing a social event to fundraise to support our needy neighbors. Join us on Saturday, March 22nd from 6pm-10pm in the parish hall for a Potluck dinner and entertainment. A donation is requested to enter and participate.

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 or call us at 416-531-7897.

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



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.

Lent



ASH WEDNESDAY, March 5th
9:15 am; 12:00 Noon & 7:00 pm.
Ashes will be distributed at all Masses

Mass Every Weekday Evening
(Monday - Friday) at 7:00 pm.

Weekday Morning Mass (Monday, Wednesday,
Friday & Saturday) Remains at 9:15 am.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS will be held each Friday; honouring the Lenten tradition of meditating on our Lord's Passion, the Stations of the Cross will begin at 7:00 pm; upon their prayerful completion, Mass will begin.

Novena to St. Joseph Devotions & Mass
Tuesday, March 11th - 18th at all Masses
Feast day: Wednesday, March 19th

Confessions

Tuesday, April 8th: 5-7pm
Wednesday, April 9th: 9:45am-12 & 5-7pm
Friday, April 11th: 5-7pm

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.

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



"In the Lord your labour is not in vain". Is the Lord calling you to work in His vineyard? Pray to hear God's call. 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



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