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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.

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Mass Intentions for the Week



MON, MAR 10 9:15 am	
7:00 pm	In thanksgiving for the birthday of Allana Mariouiz
TUES, MAR 11 7:00 pm	Cristina Garde †
WED, MAR 12 9:15 am	Jospeh, Josephine & Michael Pace †; Girolamo Gandolfo †
7:00 pm	Nada Naysun †; In thanksgiving for the birthday of Mary Khan
THUR, MAR 13 7:00 pm	Angelo Rosario †
FRI, MAR 14 9:15 am	In thanksgiving - Arulanandam family
7:00 pm	
SAT, MAR 15 9:15 am	All Souls in Purgatory
5:00 PM	Cecilia D'Souza †
SUN, MAR 16 9:00 am	Nestor Villarroya †; Manuel R. Quicho †; Marietta Sanglay Halili †; Severa P. Viray †
10:30 am	Olga Medeiros †
12:30 pm	Juanito & John Elmer Go †; Merlita Lara Lim †; In thanksgiving for the birth of Miguel Ortega
8:00 pm	For the people of the Parish

THIS WEEK AT SMDY

Monday, March 10th
10:00 am - Stiches from the heart
7:00 pm - Knights of Columbus Executive meeting

Tuesday, March 11th
1:00 pm - 55 Plus Club
6:00 pm - Legion of Mary - English
7:30 pm - TMIY
7:30 pm - RCIA

Wednesday, March 12th
7:00 pm - SGFM
7:00 pm - Baptism Prep
7:30 pm - 9am Choir practice

Thursday, March 13th
7:30 pm - 1030am Choir practice

Friday, March 14th

Saturday, March 15th
10:00 am - CWL Retreat
3:30 pm - Children's Choir practice
6:15 pm - Bible Study

Sunday, March 16th

Then Daniel asked the guard whom the palace master had appointed over Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah: 'Please test your servants for ten days. Let us be given vegetables to eat and water to drink. You can then compare our appearance with the appearance of the young men who eat the royal rations, and deal with your servants according to what you observe.' So he agreed to this proposal and tested them for ten days. At the end of ten days it was observed that they appeared better and fatter than all the young men who had been eating the royal rations. So the guard continued to withdraw their royal rations and the wine they were to drink, and gave them vegetables. To these four young men God gave knowledge and skill in every aspect of literature and wisdom; Daniel also had insight into all visions and dreams.
Book of Prophet Daniel 1.11-17

At the start of the Lenten discipline, a scriptural story about the benefits of fasting can spark the beginning of our penitential practice. In a culture that stimulates us to snack constantly, limiting food intake and curbing hunger pangs needs all the motivational help one can get. The story of the young prophet Daniel and his three friends resisting the foreign menu of their Babylonian captures, as a vow of fidelity to the God they sought to serve while in exile, reaped both physical, mental and spiritual benefits. Strength, health, and acuity of mind and body are certainly desirable goals. The Church teaches us the benefits of fasting and warns against the sin of gluttony. The challenge of fostering proper nourishment for oneself against the disordered love of eating and drinking is a struggle far beyond the familiar and frustrating pledge to weight-loss dieting. Gluttony tempts us to not only eat to excess for mere enjoyment but also entices us to desire exceedingly fine or costly foods. Moreover, the ugly side of gluttony can brutishly demean our eating patterns into horrible manners as being either picky and unappreciative or ravenous and sloppy. Anyone who has tried to instill table etiquette in children and teens understands the challenge of cultivating proper dining habits. Moreover, the overemphasis of deriving pleasure from food and drink desensitizes the soul to the rewards of spiritual growth. Rather than integrating a healthy and balanced approach to self-care, the sin of gluttony, with its perverted inward focus on self-indulgence, fosters impurity and sloth where even the mere suggestion of time spent in extra prayer or self-denial can seem to be so repulsively unattractive. Traditionally, the Church has always recommended periods of fasting. The time to push ourselves in this ascetic practice is now. May we know the same invigorating and enlightening effects as Daniel and his faithful friends.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

The prophet Joel writing in a time of political decline and disarray is one of the prophets of Lent. And it is not difficult to see why. He preaches a timeless message of repentance "... return to me with all your heart, with fasting weeping, and with mourning; rend your heart and not your clothing."



It is the classic call of the Lenten season. It suggests that we have all strayed. In Joel's case it was in reference to the nation of Israel, in our case it refers to our personal lives. Lent calls us back into a loving and intimate relationship with our God.

He longs to walk with us in the cool of the evening. He invites us to delight in his presence as he nourishes our soul and guides us in the way of truth. Lent is a time to return to the simple ways that God has set out for us. Difficult perhaps in a world so obsessed with material things.

My prayer for us all in this Lenten season is that we will allow the Holy Spirit to guide us on our Lenten journey, that we will have a fruitful Lent. That we will abandon ourselves in a spirit of trust and that God will do with us as he wills.

Fr. Roger

LENTEN MESSAGE 2025 - HIS EMINENCE FRANK CARDINAL LEO



Let us remember the Catechism teaching that Lent is an “intense moment of the Church’s penitential practice” (CCC, 1438). But Lent is also a time of **renewal** and **reconciliation**—two hallmarks of the Jubilee Year as well. I encourage you to take advantage of this sacred time of 40 days and discover the hope into which we were born. To assist you this Lenten Season, do avail yourself of the numerous Lenten resources found on the Archdiocese of Toronto website. There you will find Pope Francis’ 2025 Lenten Message, a variety of Online Retreats and Reflections, Lenten Activities for Families, and much more.

While wishing you all and your loved ones and communities a most sacred Lent, I invoke upon us all the powerful blessing of Almighty God through the loving intercession of the Blessed Mother.

ANNOUNCING THE 2025 SHARELIFE CAMPAIGN

As we approach our first ShareLife Sunday collection on March 30, it is essential that we come together in compassion to meet our Parish Campaign goal, addressing the growing needs in our communities.

By reaching this goal, our agencies will continue to:

- offer walk-in counselling to those facing mental health issues
- help victims of domestic violence
- ensure isolated seniors are not forgotten
- distribute food to families in our community
- form priests and deacons who will minister in our parishes

Your support of ShareLife makes these programs possible, among many others. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.



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.

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!**

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 SGFM.smdy@gmail.com

**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



Weekday Morning Mass (Monday, Wednesday, Friday & Saturday) Remains at 9:15 am.
Mass Every Weekday Evening (Monday - Friday) at 7:00 pm.

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.



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

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

Jesus was led by the Holy Spirit into the desert for forty days of prayer and fasting. Are you open to being led by the Holy Spirit into the life-commitment God has prepared for you? 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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