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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

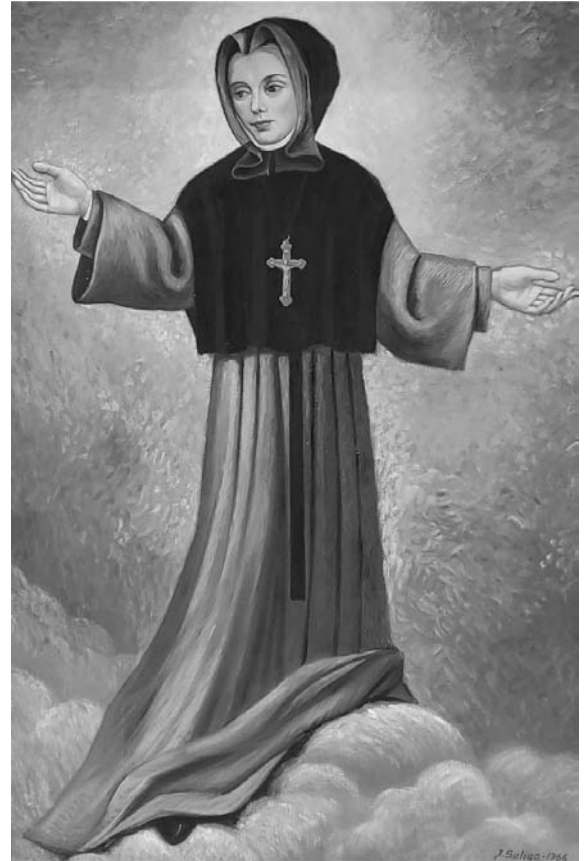
Our Mother of Perpetual Help Devotion: Wednesdays at 9:15 am

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
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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.

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Mass Intentions for the Week

MON, MAR 17 9:15 am	Anthony & Grace Freitas †
7:00 pm	Yasmin Mariatte Lobo †
TUES, MAR 18 7:00 pm	
WED, MAR 19 9:15 am	Daniel & Andrew Grima †; In thanksgiving for the birthday of Jeth Go; In thanksgiving - Josefina & Madison Velasco
7:00 pm	
THUR, MAR 20 7:00 pm	Corina Silva †
FRI, MAR 21 9:15 am	
7:00 pm	Adwoa Boahen †
SAT, MAR 22 9:15 am	
5:00 PM	Armando Dematos †; Terry Andrade †; Deceased members of the Dematos & Pontes family †
SUN, MAR 23 9:00 am	Conceicao Melo †; Nelson Fernandes †; Beverley Omokhua †; Deceased members of the Boahen & Fiscian families †; Florence & Dilip Manuelpillai; In thanksgiving for the birthday of Hilda Fernandes
10:30 am	Olga Medeiros †
12:30 pm	Juanito & John Elmer Go †; Joaquina Ernestina Fernandes †; Merlita Lara Lim †; In thanksgiving - Sandra Ankomah; In thanksgiving for the birthday of Maria Luisa Arana
8:00 pm	For the People of the Parish

THIS WEEK AT SMDY

Monday, March 17th

10:00 am - Stiches from the heart

Tuesday, March 18th

1:00 pm - 55 Plus Club

6:00 pm - Legion of Mary - English

7:30 pm - TMIY

7:30 pm - RCIA

Wednesday, March 19th

7:00 pm - Confirmation Class

7:30 pm - 9am Choir practice

Thursday, March 20th

7:30 pm - Bereavement Group meeting

7:30 pm - 1030am Choir practice

Friday, March 21st

Saturday, March 22nd

10:00 am - Confirmation Class

3:30 pm - Children's Choir practice

6:00 pm - SVDP Fund Raiser

6:15 pm - Bible Study

Sunday, March 23rd

8:00 am - Legion of Mary - Vietnamese

I am decidedly and unapologetically Catholic. It is this faith that has been the guiding beacon during some difficult and seemingly hopeless times, even when I had turned my heart against Him and turned my back on faith. I have no doubt that this faith will do the same for each of you if you let it, and perhaps even if you don't. It is not a tether. Rather, it is a guide.

Clarence Thomas, (longest serving American Supreme Court Judge) address to students of Christendom College

On the second Sunday of Lent, the liturgy invites us to pause and reflect upon the mystery of the Transfiguration on the way to Calvary. The inspiring story of the life of Clarence Thomas offers a comparable parallel of intermingled tastes of glory in the midst of formidable struggle. Born in 1948, in the city of Savannah, Georgia, his childhood was marked by all the social upheaval and poverty of the fallout from slavery and racial segregation. His parents, being unable to care for him, entrusted the young Clarence's care to his Catholic grandfather, a rarity in the deep south of the bible belt. His grandfather insisted on shaping him in the harsh realities of life by insisting on hard work, physical exertion, and pushing him towards education. At Catholic school, the nuns taught him to not only read and write but encouraged him to persevere in the discipline of studies. He enrolled for formation in a minor seminary in Missouri and subsequently discerned to leave, following up with a scholarship to a university in the Boston area. Campus life entangled him in the bitter civil rights battles and Clarence's anger was ignited; he had to discern the best way forward to confront the disparity he witnessed. While the temptation to join the social activism movements of his day were strong, he felt a deeper call to the traditional faith of his upbringing as most effective to promote a God given equality and justice among men. Even after graduating with top grades from Yale law school, his initial challenge was to convince others that his success was not merely to attribute affirmative action incentives. A congressman noticed his intellect and talent and invited him to Washington where he gained further credibility. Under the presidency of George Bush, he was selected to serve as a federal judge and subsequently called to the Supreme Court. Because of Clarence's more conservative leanings, his nomination infuriated many. Throughout his tenure, he has put into practice an admirable sense of defending individual rights, promoting the common good, and refuting errors – all the while not succumbing to the poison of identity politics. As his stellar career comes to its conclusion, he still draws stinging criticism from his many detractors, yet he has manifested much needed wisdom and balance. As a devout Catholic, he does not shy away from expressing his gratitude for the many mercies and graces Our Lord has granted him.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

In today's Lenten Liturgy, the Church wants us to look back past Moses. Indeed, we are asked to contemplate what today's Epistle calls God's "design . . . from before time began."



With His promises to Abram in today's First Reading, God formed the people through whom He would reveal Himself and bestow His blessings on all humanity.

He later elevated these promises to eternal covenants and changed Abram's name to Abraham, promising that he would be father of a host of nations. In remembrance of His covenant with Abraham he raised up Moses, and later swore an everlasting kingdom to David's sons.

In Jesus' transfiguration today, He is revealed as the One through whom God fulfills His divine plan from of old.

Not only a new Moses, Jesus is also the "beloved son" promised to Abraham and again to David.

Moses foretold a prophet like him to whom Israel would listen, and Isaiah foretold an anointed servant in whom God would be well pleased. Jesus is this prophet and this servant, as the voice on the mountain tells us today.

By faith we have been made children of the covenant with Abraham. He calls us, too, to a holy life, to follow His Son to the heavenly homeland He has promised. We know, as we sing in today's Psalm, that we who hope in Him will be delivered from death.

So like our father in faith, we go forth as the Lord directs us: "Listen to Him!"

Fr. Roger

ARCHDIOCESAN DAY OF PRAYER FOR SURVIVORS OF ABUSE

Pope Francis, the Bishops of Ontario and of all of Canada have asked that a Day of Prayer and Reflection for Victims and Survivors of Sex Abuse be observed for healing and to raise awareness. Here in the Archdiocese of Toronto the Second Sunday of Lent was chosen as an appropriate day and time to honour the wishes of the Holy Father, to express our remorse as a community, to pray for healing and assure safety in our parish communities.

During this Second Sunday of Lent, we come face-to-face with the Transfigured glory of Our Lord, and by contrast acknowledge our need for healing and repentance as we strive to enter into the glory of the Lord. The Transfiguration is a reminder of the glory in which we are all called to enter at the end of this life, as well as a call to remedy those times when we fall short.

You extend the hands of Christ to those in need

ShareLife Sunday is March 30. Our parish goal for this year's campaign is \$62,000. **Through your support of ShareLife, you extend the hands of Christ to those in need:** the poor, the vulnerable, and the marginalized in our community. Because you care, more than 40 agencies provide strength to people of all ages in their weakest moments. You've been there for young parents as they worried about their next meal, isolated seniors yearning for companionship, teenagers seeking guidance in a confusing world, refugees longing to rebuild their lives, and people with special needs striving for dignity and acceptance. Thank you for living the Gospel through your compassion.

Our parish goal this year is **\$62,000**. 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 Musical Social event fundraiser for the Indigenous community called North of 60 on March 22nd from 6pm to 10 pm in the Parish Hall. It is a Potluck dinner and all are invited. Entrance is free.



MARRIAGE PREP COURSE

The Spring Session dates for the Marriage Preparation Course have now been set. The Course will be held for four consecutive Saturday's May 31st, June 7th, 14th & 21st from 12:00pm - 5pm. \$250.00 per couple. To sign up, please contact the parish office.

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

THE LIFT JESUS HIGHER RALLY 2025

The annual Lift Jesus Higher Rally is coming up and we are pleased to announce

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 Mass will begin at 7pm followed by the Stations of the Cross.

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

Peter, John and James had a mountaintop experience with Jesus by witnessing His transfiguration. We too can have a mountaintop experience when we open our minds and hearts to following God's Will for our lives. 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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