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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

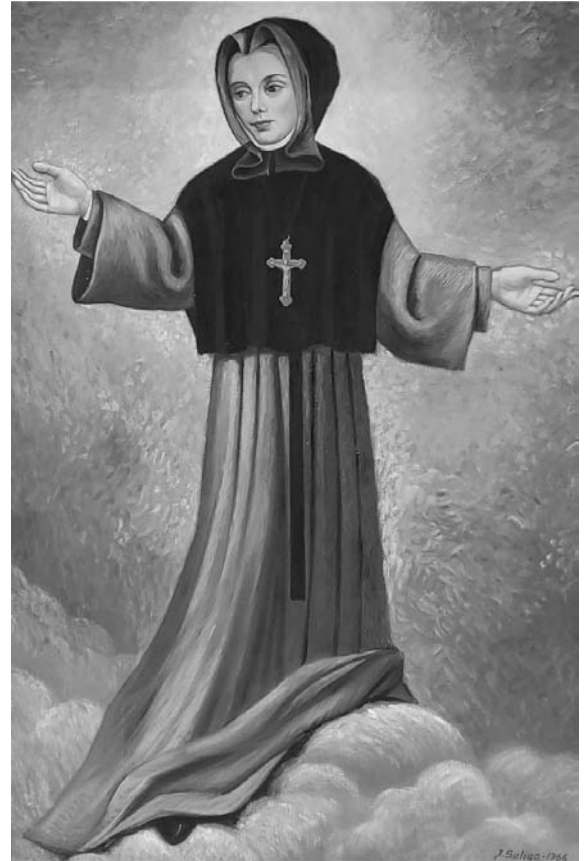
Our Mother of Perpetual Help Devotion: Wednesdays at 9:15 am

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.

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Mass Intentions for the Week



MON, MAR 24 9:15 am	Honorato Bettencourt †; Amado Olindan †; Magdalena Martino †; In thanksgiving - Joy Peter In thanksgiving - Doris Pais
7:00 pm	Joseph Pais †; In thanksgiving - Doris Pais; For the intentions of Uche Obikwelu
TUES, MAR 25 7:00 pm	Aloysius Carvalho †; In thanksgiving - Uche Obikwelu
WED, MAR 26 9:15 am	Florence & Dilip Manuelpillai †; Rudy Mathias †
7:00 pm	Kevin Coelho †
THUR, MAR 27 7:00 pm	Christabel Rosario Mahesan †; Antonio Sampaio †; Fredrick Goes †
FRI, MAR 28 9:15 am	Francis Pinto †
7:00 pm	Anna Mondello Pimentel †
SAT, MAR 29 9:15 am	For the health & intentions of Lito & Dona Olindan
5:00 PM	Luz Marina Sanchez †; Varaghees Arulappan †; Telma Gonsakves †
SUN, MAR 30 9:00 am	Margaret John †
10:30 am	Olga Medeiros †
12:30 pm	Juanito & John Elmer Go †; Paciencia, Juan & Ludano Biding †; Deceased members of the Biding & Go family †; All Souls in Purgatory †; Merlita Lara Lim †
8:00 pm	For the People of the Parish

THIS WEEK AT SMDY

Monday, March 24th
10:00 am - Stiches from the heart
10:00 am - Rosary Apostolate
7:00 pm - Knights of Columbus General meeting
7:00 pm - CWL General meeting

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

Wednesday, March 26th
7:00 pm - SGFM
7:30 pm - 9am Choir practice
7:30 pm - Youth Ministry meeting

Thursday, March 27th

Friday, March 28th

Saturday, March 29th
10:00 am - SGFM
3:30 pm - Children's Choir practice
6:15 pm - Bible Study

Sunday, March 30th
8:00 am - Legion of Mary - Vietnamese

I give thanks to the Lord for the light of faith kindled in your land, the faith that has given Armenia its particular identity and made it a herald of Christ among the nations. Christ is your glory and your light. He is the sun who has illuminated and enlivened you, accompanied and sustained you, especially in times of trial. I bow before the mercy of the Lord, who willed that Armenia should become, in the year 301, the first nation to accept Christianity as its religion, at a time when persecutions still raged throughout the Roman Empire.

For Armenia, faith in Christ has not been like a garment to be donned or doffed as circumstances or convenience dictate, but an essential part of its identity, a gift of immense significance, to be accepted with joy, preserved with great effort and strength, even at the cost of life itself.

Pope Francis, June 2016 Apostolic Visit to Armenia

A suggested focus to one's Lenten penance is to offer prayers and unite in sacrifice for the Christians in Armenia. While few of us are even remotely aware of Armenia's history, culture, customs or even its situation on a map, as the cited quote from Pope Francis suggests, Armenian Christians have a far stretching tradition. For example, in the story of Noah and the receding flood waters, the book of Genesis describes mount Ararat as the location of the ark's landing, situated on the current Turkish/Armenian border. The Apostles Bartholomew and Jude visited the local Edessan King bringing him the face veil that was in the tomb of our Risen Lord. By the beginning of the 4th century, before even the emperor Constantine permitted legal protected status of the Church, the Armenian St. Gregory the Illuminator moved the reigning monarch to accept baptism for himself and his people and land. This same St. Gregory was responsible for the beginning of the world's oldest cathedral; in developing and adapting the liturgy inherited from Jerusalem, he composed the Armenian alphabet. The mountainous land is sprinkled with countless ancient monasteries. The Armenians have carried a heavy cross of persecution from their surrounding neighbours. The land of Iranian Persia, the Ottoman Turks and eventually the Soviet Union have all tried to wipe out their Christian heritage. Given how remote and inaccessible they are, the Armenian Christians have had to endure much tribulation. The region is prone to devastating earthquakes. Currently, they are being driven out of the country of Azerbaijan, with little support or attention from the rest of the globe. Their heroic resistance can embolden us in our Lenten commitment. The Church is at her best when she unites in offering her hardships to the Lord in a plea of mercy for one another.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



Each year the first two Sunday's of Lent are linked with specific events in the life of Christ: the temptations he endured in the Judean desert and the Transfiguration on the mountain, as recorded in the Gospels.

The third Sunday of Lent, though, is not so much centered on an event in Christ's life, but is concerned with Jesus' teaching on the patience, mercy and love of our God. The three readings assigned for this Sunday all touch on the importance of place hope in God, the All-Merciful and Giver-of-life, who is always ready to forgive transgressors.

The first lesson for Mass today recounts the memorable event of Moses before the burning bush at Horeb, the mountain of God. This profound experience of God's presence elicits such immense awe and even fear, that Moses hid his face. This confirms the notion that God's majesty is so great that no human being can gaze at it and live. But God is likewise near enough to tell Moses that the time has come for the Israelites to be freed from slavery in Egypt and that Moses would be the chosen instrument for bringing it about.

hank God for such goodness and patience with us. Salvation history is the story of God's redeeming mercy, expressed in faithful patience with all people past, present and to come. And "another year" is being offered to us to bear fruit.

The good fruit includes love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self control (see Galatians 5:22-23). And the greatest fruit produced is love and forgiveness toward all. We are only able to do this by the grace of God. May God's grace come abundantly into our lives today and throughout these forty days of Lent.

"Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength," says the prophet Isaiah (40:31). Hope here is to be understood as closely linked to the virtue of waiting, of being patient. In Spanish, for example, the word "esperar," means both to wait and to hope. "Saber esperar," means to know how to hope and to know how to wait.

This is how God acts toward us and we are called to do likewise in our relationship to God and one another. "By waiting and by calm you shall be saved," the prophet Isaiah also wrote (Is 30:15).

The Lord has promised to be at our side in good times and bad, in joy and in sorrow, and in this we can take great delight, for our God will never abandon us.

Fr. Roger

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.

Thank you for heeding the Lord's call to feed the hungry

For many children, the snacks and meals they receive in school may be the only nutritious food they eat all day. Studies show that children can't learn and thrive when they are hungry. Thanks to you, \$750,000 in Food Security Grants are making a difference across our community. Students receive the nourishment they deserve, and parents are supported in the process. The FoodShare program at ShareLife-funded agency Rosalie Hall "is a lifeline for families," says their Executive Director, Jane Kenny. "It helps parents provide food for their children, reduces their stress, and allows them to focus on being the best parents they can be."



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.

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.

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.

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.



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.*

Lenten Mission

April 8th, 9th & 11th at the 7pm Mass

Confessions

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

Palm Sunday, April 12/13th

Saturday, April 12th - 5:00pm
Sunday, April 13th: 9:00 am; 10:30 am; 12:30 pm; 8:00 pm

Holy Thursday, April 17th

Mass of the Lord's Supper at 8:00 pm
Procession of Blessed Sacrament to Altar of Repose with Adoration of Blessed Sacrament until Midnight

Good Friday, April 18th

10:00 am - Passion of our Lord
12:00 noon - Passion of our Lord
3:00 pm - Passion of our Lord
5:00 pm - Divine Mercy Prayer/Novena
7:00 pm - The Way of the Cross - Taizé

Saturday, April 19th

4:00 pm - Divine Mercy Prayer/Novena
8:00 pm - Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday, April 20th

9:00 am; 10:30 am; 12:30 pm; 8:00 pm
6:00 pm - Divine Mercy Prayer/Novena

Divine Mercy Novena - April 21st - 27th
at 6pm followed by Mass

Sunday, April 27th

Divine Mercy Sunday Anointing - 3pm
Afro-Caribbean Mass - 5pm

SERRA'S VOCATION SEEDS

The Lord is kind and merciful and calls us to proclaim His Name. Consider service in the priesthood 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 or www.vocationstoronto.ca



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