

# 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

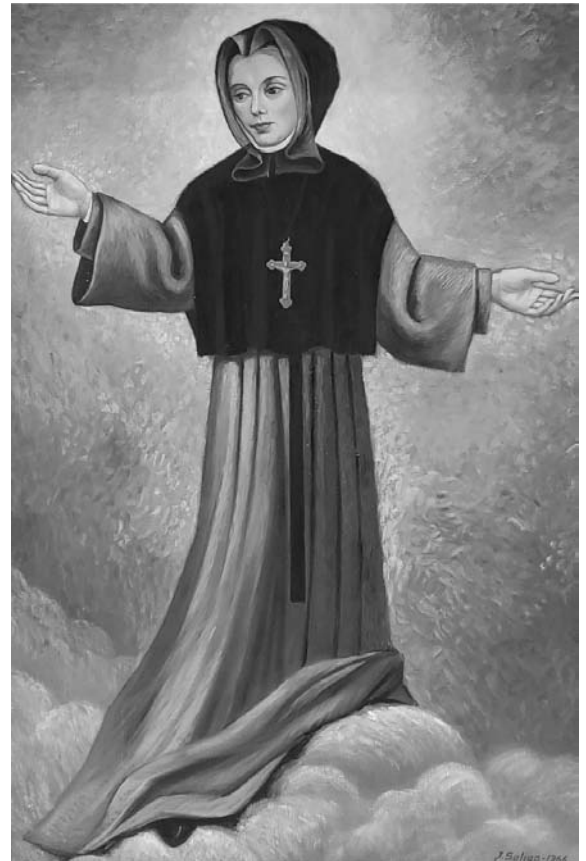
Our Mother of Perpetual Help Devotion: Wednesdays at 9:15 am

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.*

## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### Mass Intentions for the Week

<b>MON, DEC 15</b> 9:15 am	Roman Olindan †
7:00 pm	For previous 42 generations of Chandy & Margaret Family
<b>TUES, DEC 16</b> 7:00 pm	For previous 42 generations of Chandy & Margaret Family
<b>WED, DEC 17</b> 9:15 am	In thanksgiving - Jay, Vicky & Mateo Serrette; For the health and intentions of Ozzy Colaco
7:00 pm	For previous 42 generations of Chandy & Margaret Family
<b>THUR, DEC 18</b> 7:00 pm	Federico Flores †; In thanksgiving for the birthday of Leora Nwoke; For previous 42 generations of Chandy & Margaret Family
<b>FRI, DEC 19</b> 9:15 am	Daniel & Andrew Grima †; Francisca Silveira †
7:00 pm	In thanksgiving for the birthday of Ivy Maniquiz; In thanksgiving for the anniversary of Alain & Ivy Maniquiz; For previous 42 generations of Chandy & Margaret Family
<b>SAT, DEC 20</b> 9:15 am	For previous 42 generations of Chandy & Margaret Family
5:00 pm	Armando Dematos †; Terry Andrade †; Deceased members of the Dematos & Pontes family †; Delphine & Lily Gonsalves; For the intentions of Thomas John
<b>SUN, DEC 21</b> 9:00 am	Annamma John †; Emilio Luis Arevedo †; Maria de Fatima Teodoro †; Manuel Luis †
10:30 am	For the People of the Parish
12:30 pm	Angelito Olindan †; Sixto Viduya †; Juanito & John Elmer Go †; In thanksgiving - Sengale family; In thanksgiving - Segundo, Marlene & Gavilema family
8:00 pm	Daphne Sandoval †; For previous 42 generations of Chandy & Margaret Family

#### THIS WEEK AT SMDY

**Monday, December 15th**  
7:00 pm - CWL General meeting  
**Tuesday, December 16th**  
5:30 pm - Legion of Mary - English  
7:00 pm - RCIA  
**Wednesday, December 17th**  
7:00 pm - SGFM  
7:30 pm - 9am Choir practice  
**Thursday, December 18th**  
7:30 pm - 10:30am Choir practice  
7:30 pm - Bereavement Group meeting  
**Friday, December 19th**  
7:00 pm - Youth Ministry  
**Saturday, December 20th**  
10:00 am - Advent retreat for  
3:30 pm - Children's Choir practice  
**Sunday, December 21st**  
8:00 am - Legion of Mary - Vietnamese  
6:30 pm - YAG

*After more than 30 years in the middle of it, we could tell you stories. The best you can hope for in the news business at this point is the freedom to tell the fullest truth that you can. But there are always limits. And you know that if you bump up against those limits often enough, you will be fired for it.*

*- Tucker Swanson McNear Carlson, journalist and commentator*

The third Sunday of Advent continues to highlight the prophetic character of John the Baptist. Arrested, imprisoned and awaiting his fate, John the Baptist sends messengers to Jesus to confirm whether all is happening according to the mystery of Our Lord's plans. Whereas John the Baptist's urgent call to conversion signified a dire warning to all those in defiance of God's reign, reports of healings, miracles and mercy seemed less drastic than the ensuing severe admonishment the Messiah was expected to execute.

In the cited quote from the well-known Tucker Carlson, this contemporary John the Baptist figure can serve as a helpful sign of the times in our Advent preparation. Both loved and hated, Tucker Carlson's career has gone through profound shifts where he has successfully infuriated establishment stakeholders on the full spectrum of the political/culture scene. Tucker has been honest about his own broken and privileged upbringing. He has lamented and heavily criticized the deficiencies of his impoverished Episcopalian education and has voiced his personal and societal need for a true, robust Christian faith to emerge to help dispel the torrent of lies and corruption that have poisoned his professional landscape. Now operating as an independent journalist/podcaster/author, he not only has interviewed some of the most prominent and influential persons, but he has demonstrated a bold knack for asking even the most important/uncomfortable questions. Because he has boldly detached himself from major corporate sponsors, he operates from a perspective that very much appears to be motivated merely for the pursuit of uncovering facts and truth - rather than be a propagandist for some entrenched ideology or the sycophant for the elite interests of some affluent donor. Given his audacious commitment to his profession, it will be interesting to see how much longer his needed voice will be granted a platform in the public realm.

#### FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Advent is not by its very nature a penitential season. Canonically the season of Lent and the Fridays of the year are the proper place for penitential practices. As someone wrote:

"The penitential observances of Advent always had a festive character to them. The idea was to contain your excitement before Christmas and to use that energy in preparing for Christ's coming. So people took on these penances joyfully—something that only a Christian could do."

But there is more to it than that. As John Wesley wrote back in 1739 the reason for the season is that "God and sinners (may) reconcile." It is the reason why Jesus came. Then surely if we are truly to be reconciled to our God we should be mindful of sin in our lives and our need for God's grace made manifest in Jesus.

So I encourage us to make a good confession before the end of the year. Do a bit of soul searching when you have the time. Look at your relationship with God, people and yourself. Do you trust God in all your affairs? Do you put God first? Do you manipulate and dominate people? Have you been tolerant with another's shortcomings? Are you faithful to your calling as mother, father, friend, leader?

Lets make this Christmas truly jolly and bright by clearing up some of the dark areas of our lives. God Bless.

*Fr. Roger*



### ADVENT CONFESSION

This week, let us make the journey into the heart of our relationship with God. Take a long, loving look at the ways God calls us to grow. Take this challenge and hold it in readiness for the rich blessing that is manifest in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Our schedule for confessions will be: Tuesday, December 16th: 5pm-7pm; Wednesday, December 17th: 10am-12pm; & 5pm-7pm; Thursday, December 18th: 5pm-7pm. We will have several Priests available on most days.



### 2026 PARISH ENVELOPES



2026 boxes of Offertory Envelopes will be available as of December 15th in the Narthex. Please ensure you pick up your **own** box and that your name & address is correct so that when the T4 slips for income tax purposes are prepared, they will be sent with the correct name & address. If your box is not there or you need to make any changes, or you wish to begin using envelopes fill out an Envelope Request Form and return it to the office. Please **DO NOT** use these envelopes until **JANUARY 1, 2026**. Reminder: **DO NOT USE ENVELOPES FROM PREVIOUS YEARS!**

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

- \* The Knights of Columbus – Council 15612 invites the children of our parish to participate in the annual “Keep Christ In Christmas Poster Contest.” The Theme is: “KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS.” Age Groups: J. K. – Grade 8 Due Date of Submission: December 31. For further details, kindly pick up a form from the Knights in the Narthex.
- \* After all masses the KOC will be selling Christmas Lawn Signs for \$10 proceeds go to charity.
- \* There will be a Nativity Crib competition, create a Nativity scene in your home or outside. Jesus is the reason for the Season, sign up for participation during advent. Closing date December 18th, judging day is December 20th.



### STITCHES FROM THE HEART

As the holidays are approaching Stitches from the heart will be close from December 1, 2025 and resume January 5, 2026. On the behalf of all the women of the Stitches from the heart group we would like to wish you all a Happy Christmas and a healthy New Year.

### 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](mailto:SGFM.smdy@gmail.com)

### PARISH BOOK STORE

The Parish bookstore is open on the first and third weekend of every month after all Masses. If you are interested in volunteering please contact Linda at [LYeh@archtoronto.org](mailto:LYeh@archtoronto.org)

### SERRA'S VOCATION SEEDS



“See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.” Are you one to be sent? If God is calling you 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)

### **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.



### ADVENT

Throughout the Advent season, we will be celebrating Mass every evening, Monday to Friday at 7:00pm in addition to our regular Mass schedule.

### CHRISTMAS NOVENA

December 15th - 23rd at all Masses

### PARISH ADVENT MISSION

December 16th, 17th & 18th at the 7pm Mass

### DAYS OF CONFESSION

Tuesday, December 16th: 5pm-7pm

Wednesday, December 17th:

10am-12pm; & 5pm-7pm

Thursday, December 18th: 5pm-7pm

### AFRO-CARIBBEAN MASS

Sunday, December 21st at 4:00pm

### CHRISTMAS EVE - WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24TH

*Nativity of our Lord Masses*

5:00 pm, 8:00 pm, & 12:00 Midnight

### CHRISTMAS DAY - THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25TH

9:00 am, 10:30 am, 12:30 pm (\*\*NO 8pm Mass\*\*)

December 26 - 30 - Mass times as usual

### FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28TH

Saturday 5pm; Sunday 9am, 10:30am, 12:30pm, 8pm

### NEW YEAR'S EVE - WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31ST

*Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God*

5:00 pm Mass, 10:00 pm Mass; 11:15 pm - 12:30 am

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

### NEW YEAR'S DAY- THURSDAY, JANUARY 1ST, 2026

*Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God*

9:00 am, 10:30 am, 12:30 pm (\*\*NO 8pm Mass\*\*)



Next night:

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19TH FROM 7-8:30PM**

Meet new friends, get connected, and discover what's ahead in our bi-weekly Friday sessions.

Registration forms are available in the Narthex and Parish office for Grades 6-8.

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