

# 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

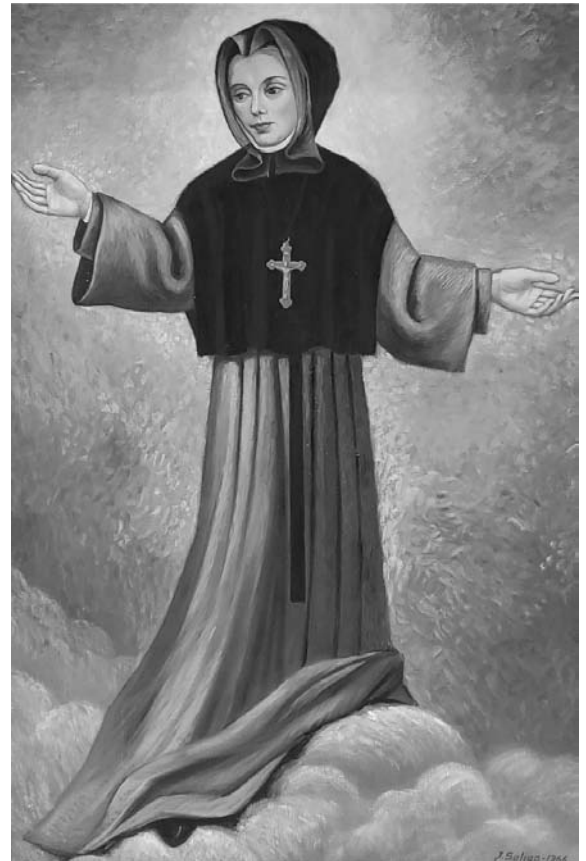
Our Mother of Perpetual Help Devotion: Wednesdays at 9:15 am

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.*

## THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD



<b>MON, JAN 12</b> 9:15 am	Annie Thomas †; Thomas Francis †; For the health and intentions of Irma Escobedo
<b>TUES, JAN 13</b> 7:00 pm	Linus Cabral †; In thanksgiving - Maria Angelica & Ignatius D'Souza
<b>WED, JAN 14</b> 9:15 am	For the intentions of Lennil Pais & family
<b>THUR, JAN 15</b> 7:00 pm	
<b>FRI, JAN 16</b> 9:15 am	For the health and intentions of Ozzy & Hazel Colaco
<b>SAT, JAN 17</b> 9:15 am	Edna Olindan †
5:00 pm	Germano Pavao †; For the health of Brady Johnson
<b>SUN, JAN 18</b> 9:00 am	P. C. John & Annamma John †
10:30 am	For the People of the Parish
12:30 pm	Angelito Olindan †; Juanito & John Elmer Go †; Sixto Viduya †; Esperanza Navales †; In thanksgiving - Segundo & Marlena Gavilema & family
8:00 pm	

### THIS WEEK AT SMDY

#### **Monday, January 12th**

10:00 am - Stiches from the heart  
7:00 pm - Knights of Columbus Exec meeting

#### **Tuesday, January 13th**

1:00 pm - 55 Plus club  
5:30 pm - Legion of Mary - English  
7:00 pm - RCIA

#### **Wednesday, January 14th**

7:00 pm - SGFM  
7:30 pm - 9am Choir practice

#### **Thursday, January 15th**

7:30 pm - 10:30am Choir practice

#### **Friday, January 16th**

#### **Saturday, January 17th**

3:30 pm - Children's Choir practice

#### **Sunday, January 18th**

8:00 am - Legion of Mary - Vietnamese  
6:30 pm - YAG

*And I, a sinner, have been trying to love God for more than forty years, and cannot say that I perfectly love Him. If we love someone we always remember him and try to please him; day and night our heart is occupied with that object. Is that how you, gentlemen, love God? Do you often turn to Him, do you always remember Him, do you always pray to Him and fulfill His holy commandments? For our good, for our happiness at least let us make a vow that from this day, from this hour, from this minute we shall strive to love God above all else and to fulfill His holy will.*

*- St. Herman of Alaska (1756-1836)*

With the twelve days of Christmas behind us, the New Year presents us with the formidable challenge of fueling our resilience for coping with the cold months ahead. Whether one has faced the harshness of Canadian winters all one's life or are just recently trying to discover fashionable ways to layer up for the frigid temperatures, motivation is welcomed anywhere one can find it. Back in the dog days of summer, August 15 to be precise, for those paying attention to specifics, during the Russian/American peace summit, President Vladimir Putin presented President Trump with an icon to acknowledge the shared solemnity of the Assumption; additionally, President Putin also gifted his American counterpart with an icon of an Orthodox holy man, St. Herman. The otherwise unknown hermit's life merits acclaim. As part of a Russian expedition departing from Moscow, the harrowing trek through the expansive Siberian plains, the Bering Strait crossing, and the vast Alaskan coast line is not for the feeble. St. Herman's 20 year training as an Orthodox monk shaped him for the daunting mission. Consequently, the habits of disciplined fasting, strenuous labour, and capacity for prayer and solitude forged Herman for the challenge of keeping up with and handling his more brutish fellow voyageurs. They settled south of Anchorage on Klondike island: a land known for the huge bear that reigns sovereign in the region, and the surrounding bay that teems with salmon and halibut. Befriending the local indigenous Aleut people, he vigorously defended them against his compatriots who were looking to take advantage of them through unscrupulous trade scheming. The cited quote captures his intense scolding of his fellow Russians whose lewd and despicable behaviour was a danger to their own souls and a scandal to those St. Herman desired to evangelize. St. Herman eventually set up a hermitage on a neighboring island and happily lived out his remaining days interceding for his newly adopted people and land.

### FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

The Liturgy last week revealed the mystery of God's plan—that in Jesus all peoples, symbolized by the Magi, have been made “coheirs” to the blessings promised to Israel. This week, we’re shown how we claim our inheritance.

Jesus doesn't submit to John's baptism as a sinner in need of purification. He humbles Himself to pass through Jordan's waters in order to lead a new “exodus”—opening up the promised land of heaven so that all peoples can hear the words pronounced over Jesus today, words once reserved only for Israel and its king: that each of us is a beloved son or daughter of God.

Jesus is the chosen servant Isaiah prophesies in today's First Reading, anointed with the Spirit to make things right and just on earth. God puts His Spirit upon Jesus to make Him “a covenant of the people,” the liberator of the captives, the light to the nations. Jesus, today's Second Reading tells us, is the One long expected in Israel, “anointed . . . with the Holy Spirit and power.”

The word messiah means “one anointed” with God's Spirit. King David was “the anointed of the God of Jacob”. The prophets taught Israel to await a royal offshoot of David, upon whom the Spirit would rest.

That's why the crowds are so anxious at the start of today's Gospel. But it isn't John they're looking for. God confirms with His own voice what the angel earlier told Mary: Jesus is the Son of the Most High, come to claim the throne of David forever.

In the Baptism that He brings, the voice of God will hover over the waters as a fiery flame, as we sing in today's Psalm. He has sanctified the waters, made them a passageway to healing and freedom—a fountain of new birth and everlasting life.

*Fr. Roger*



### 2026 PARISH ENVELOPES

2026 boxes of Offertory Envelopes are available 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. Reminder: **DO NOT USE ENVELOPES FROM PREVIOUS YEARS!**



### ANY CHANGES?

If you need to update any personal information - such as your name or address, or to notify us of a family member who has passed away - please inform us as soon as possible. We are hoping to issue tax receipts earlier this year, so all updates must be received no later than **January 24**. Please email the parish office or call Tuesday-Friday, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., and speak with Maura. Thank you.



### VISITORS' ENVELOPES

We have seen a significant increase in the use of Visitors' Envelopes and would like to remind everyone to please write your information **clearly** on the envelope. If we are unable to read the name and address, the donation cannot be properly recorded, and you will not receive recognition for the contribution.



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### MARRIAGE PREP COURSE



The Spring Session dates for the Marriage Preparation Course have now been set; the course will be held for 4 consecutive Saturday's May 23rd, 30th, June 6th, & 13th from 12:00pm - 6:00pm. \$250.00 per couple.

To sign up, please contact the parish office.

### 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)

### LEGION OF MARY

The Legion of Mary, a world-wide apostolic organization of Catholics, meets every Tuesday: Adults: 6pm and Sundays at 8am for the Vietnamese Legion. Our Lady of Fatima statue will visit your home. For more information, please leave message for Lina Go or Annette Fernando at the parish office.

### SERRA'S VOCATION SEEDS

As John the Baptist introduced the people of his time to Jesus "a voice from heaven said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.'" Perhaps God is calling you to do the same in our time as a priest, deacon, brother or sister 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)

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

### 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: [sandyrob-in22@gmail.com](mailto:sandyrob-in22@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.



### 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)

### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul is a charitable Catholic organization, active throughout Canada. The work of the society is to assist those in need who live within our parish boundary. If you are in need of assistance please contact the St. Marguerite d'Youville Conference directly at 647-642-4906 or email: [vin-centdepaulsmdy@gmail.com](mailto:vin-centdepaulsmdy@gmail.com)



### 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:

**Volunteers Needed!**



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.



Next night:

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 23RD 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.

For more information email [dyouvilleyouth@gmail.com](mailto:dyouvilleyouth@gmail.com)



  
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