

# St. Marguerite D'Youville Parish

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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:** Begins with 9:15 AM Mass and is followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament for the remainder of the day. Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3:00pm. Adoration concludes at 7:00pm followed by Mass.

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.*

## SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



<b>MON, FEB 16</b> 9:15 am	Edmundo Lacaba †; All souls in Purgatory †; Nino Campitelli †; In thanksgiving - Thomas & Dias family
<b>TUES, FEB 17</b> 7:00 pm	David Dychuk †
<b>ASH WED, FEB 18</b> 9:15 am	Marjorie Puran †; In thanksgiving - Johny family; In thanksgiving - Patricia Okorie †;
12:00 pm	
7:00 pm	Federico Flores †
<b>THUR, FEB 19</b> 7:00 pm	
<b>FRI, FEB 20</b> 9:15 am	Daniel & Andrew Grima †
7:00 PM	Dave Furlani †
<b>SAT, FEB 21</b> 9:15 am	B. L. & Francina Thomas †
5:00 pm	Alphonsa Camoens †; Mary Chummar †; Lino, Margarita & Edna Dinglasan †
<b>SUN, FEB 22</b> 9:00 am	P. C. John & Annamma John †
10:30 am	Nino Campitelli †; Tomaso, Madalena, Nicola & Frank †
12:30 pm	Angelito Olindan †; Sixto Viduya †; Juanito & John Elmer Go †; Valentina & Bernardo Lacaba †; Steven Michael Harpaul †
8:00 pm	For the People of the Parish

### THIS WEEK AT SMDY

#### **Monday, February 16th**

10:00 am - Stiches from the heart

#### **Tuesday, February 17th**

1:00 pm - 55 Plus club

5:30 pm - Legion of Mary - English

7:00 pm - RCIA

#### **Wednesday, February 18th**

7:30 pm - 9am Choir practice

#### **Thursday, February 19th**

7:30 pm - Bereavement Ministry

7:30 pm - 10:30am Choir practice

#### **Friday, February 20th**

7:00 pm - EDGE

#### **Saturday, February 21st**

10:00 am - SGFM

10:00 am - First Communion Class

3:30 pm - Children's Choir practice

#### **Sunday, February 22th**

8:00 am - Legion of Mary - Vietnamese

6:30 pm - YAG

*Carnival has been a mirror of the nation's soul. When the nation is healthy, Carnival is healthy. When Carnival is unhealthy, it signals all is not well with the nation. If my thesis is right, the Carnival is a mirror of the soul of society. What we now call Carnival is a hedonism that harkens back to pagan days. It is a glorification of pleasure and making pleasure your highest good. We are exporting hedonism to the rest of the Caribbean and out into the world. And what is Lent about? Reflecting on the soul. Not just the individual soul, but the collective soul. Because the collective soul does impact the individual.*

*-His Grace Charles Jason Gordon, Archbishop of Port of Spain, from his 2024 book, Rekindling Our Carnival Rhythm*

With a Catholic heritage stretching back to Christopher Columbus, Spanish missionaries planted roots sufficiently deep to preserve the faith even when the island of Trinidad and Tobago was forced to capitulate to the British at the start of the 19<sup>th</sup> century. The original Carnival festivities are credited with helping promote acceptance of the gospel and social communion. Traditionally, to transition liturgically from the joy of the Christmas season to the austerity of Lent, three Sundays prior to Ash Wednesday, the Church would already commence her time of penitential preparation. Referred to as Septuagesima Sunday (signifying 70 days before Easter), the custom of Carnival was meant to announce the “farewell to the flesh” discipline. Historical records describe parades and processions that happily harmonized the native islanders, emancipated Africans, and the Europeans settlers all swaying to the jubilant West Indies Calypso melodies resonating from the world-famous steel drummed “panyards.”

The Archbishop's obvious and pastoral message is that like so many other parts of the Western World, a drift from the more meaningful Catholic identity has occurred, with a much more secular, corrupted and gaudy celebration have supplanted the original intent. Apart from the tragic fall away from faith in Christ, the Archbishop also makes the point that the current iteration of Carnival has even led to the social breakdown of his people with most of the festivities being reserved for the tourists and foreigners who flood the island making the celebration too expensive and exclusive for locals to participate in. Archbishop Gordon's call to conscience has merit far beyond his Caribbean home.

### FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Jesus tells us in the Gospel this week that He has come not to abolish but to “fulfill” the Law of Moses and the teachings of the prophets. Outward observance of the Law is not enough. It is not enough that we do not murder, commit adultery, divorce, or lie.

The law of the New Covenant is a law that God writes on the heart. The heart is the seat of our motivations, the place from which our words and actions proceed. Jesus this week calls us to train our hearts, to master our passions and emotions. And Jesus demands the full obedience of our hearts. He calls us to love God with all our hearts and to do His will from the heart.

God never demands more than what we are capable of doing. That is the message of this week's First Reading. It is up to us to choose life over death, to choose the waters of eternal life over the fires of ungodliness and sin. As we do in this week's Psalm, let us pray that we grow in being better able to live His Gospel and to seek the Father with all our heart.

*Fr. Roger*



### ASH WEDNESDAY

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent for Catholics. The ashes we receive on our forehead in the shape of a cross serve as an outward sign of our sinfulness and need for penance. The ashes also symbolize our mortality, a reminder that one day we will die and our bodies will return to dust. Hence the traditional words, "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return".

The tradition of receiving ashes has its origins in the Old Testament, where sinners performed acts of public penance. It was Pope Urban II who in the 11th century recommended that all Catholics take part in the practice of receiving ashes on Ash Wednesday. In the 12th century it became customary that the ashes used on Ash Wednesday were made by burning the previous year's palm branches. Ash Wednesday is also a day of fasting and abstinence for Catholics.

### 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. 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.

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MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16TH.**

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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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### SACRED HEART OF JESUS

The Knights of Columbus invite you to join us for prayers and devotions to the Sacred Heart of Jesus on Thursday February 19<sup>th</sup> after the 7pm Mass. The Sacred Heart Holy Hour includes readings from Sacred Scripture and reflections from Pope Francis on the Sacred Heart, as well as the Divine Mercy Chaplet, prayers to the Sacred Heart and time for silent prayer. Prayer cards and holy hour booklets will be available. The image will be available at the church for private prayer until February 25<sup>th</sup>.



### 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)

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# Lent



ASH WEDNESDAY, February 18th  
9:15 am; 12:00 Noon & 7:00 pm.  
Ashes will be distributed at all Masses

Mass Every Weekday Evening  
(Monday - Friday) at 7:00 pm.

Weekday Morning Mass (Monday, Wednesday, Friday & Saturday) Remains at 9:15 am.

**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.

### 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: [sandyrobin22@gmail.com](mailto:sandyrobin22@gmail.com)

### STITCHES FROM THE HEART

Stitches from the Heart group meet Mondays after the 10am 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 in January and February on the third weekend after all Masses. If you are interested in volunteering please contact Linda at [LYeh@archtoronto.org](mailto:LYeh@archtoronto.org)



Next night:

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20TH FROM 7-8:30PM**

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

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