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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.

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



MON, FEB 23 9:15 am	Honorato Bettencourt †; Paula Crisostomo †
7:00 pm	In thanksgiving - Knights of Columbus; Edmundo, Amado & Armando Lacaba Sr. †; In thanksgiving for favours received
TUES, FEB 24 7:00 pm	Clara D'Mello †
WED, FEB 25 9:15 am	Beatriz, Juan Salalila Sr & Jr †; Paula Crisostomo †; In thanksgiving - Patricia Okorie †
7:00 pm	Sheally Mathew †; In thanksgiving for the birthday - Delia Carating
THUR, FEB 26 7:00 pm	Agnes Joseph †
FRI, FEB 27 9:15 am	David McPherson †; Rudolph Mathias †
7:00 PM	
SAT, FEB 28 9:15 am	Beatriz, Juan Salalila Sr & Jr †
5:00 pm	Alphonsa Camoens †; Rochard D'souza †; Vincent Alarcon †; Mabel Francis Ajax & deceased family †; Victorino & Francisca Busog & deceased family †; Levy & Esperanza Alarcon †; For the intentions of Mrs. Noronha
SUN, MAR 1 9:00 am	For the People of the Parish
10:30 am	Madalena, Saverio, Michael, Cecilia & Vito †; In thanksgiving - Okorie family
12:30 pm	Angelito Olindan †; Sixto Viduya †; Juanito & John Elmer Go †
8:00 pm	

THIS WEEK AT SMDY

Monday, February 23rd
10:00 am - Stiches from the heart
10:00 am - Rosary Apostolate
6:30 pm - Knights of Columbus
6:30 pm - Catholic Women's League

Tuesday, February 24th
1:00 pm - 55 Plus club
5:30 pm - Legion of Mary - English
7:00 pm - RCIA

Wednesday, February 25th
7:00 pm - Confirmation Class
7:30 pm - 9am Choir practice

Thursday, February 26th
7:30 pm - 10:30am Choir practice

Friday, February 27th

Saturday, February 28th
10:00 am - Confirmation Class
3:30 pm - Children's Choir practice

Sunday, March 1st
8:00 am - Legion of Mary - Vietnamese
6:30 pm - YAG

Penance! Penance! Penance! Pray to God for sinners. Kiss the ground as an act of penance for sinners!

*Our Lady of Lourdes,
message to Bernadette Soubirous, February 24, 1858*

The 11th of the month is the more familiar liturgical memorial for the events that took place at the famous grotto of Massabielle; however, it was only the first of 18 apparitions that make up the total of the amazing phenomena that concluded months later, on the Feast of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, July 16. As we find ourselves in the season of Lent, the cited exhortation represents very much the heart of what our Blessed Mother urgently requested. In a France that was thrown into turmoil by anti-Christ revolutionary violence and apostasy, the call to offer sacrificial atonement for the callous disregard for all that is sacred is as necessary now as it was then. For those fortunate to have ever been a pilgrim to the cherished sanctuary of Lourdes, the prayerful rhythm of a typical day can provide inspiration to our own Lenten observance. As Our Blessed mother also subsequently requested that a chapel be built to host processions of pilgrims, the scheduled itinerary emphasizes how one can choose to sanctify one's day. Whether it be a contemplative walk through the basilicas and the baths, the demanding ascent up the steep Via Crucis, a sacramental moment of Confession with the numerous priests available in all languages, masses celebrated from sunrise to sunset, afternoon solemn exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with many infirm and elderly present, topped off by the evening recitation of the Rosary in candle lit procession, one can enter into this request for penance and experience a day that leaves an imprint forever. Obviously, these spiritual practices are not intended to be limited to the Lourdes confines; Lourdes stands out as a vivid example that such generous observance to Our Lady's request makes up an important part of the Churches' piety and practice. The interest of so many international visitors reveals its expansive Catholic appeal and how Lourdes remains a blooming spiritual oasis to refresh those depleted from an otherwise widespread weary landscape of indifference and secularism.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Lent bids us to return to the innocence our baptism. As Noah and his family were saved through the waters of the deluge, we were saved through the waters of Baptism, Peter reminds us in today's Epistle.



And God's covenant with Noah in today's First Reading marked the start of a new world. But it also prefigured a new and greater covenant between God and His creation.

We see that new covenant and that new creation begin in today's Gospel. Jesus is portrayed as the new Adam—the beloved son of God, living in harmony with the wild beasts, being served by angels.

Like Adam, He too is tempted by the devil. But while Adam fell, giving reign to sin and death, Jesus is victorious. This is the good news, the "gospel of God" that He proclaims. Through His death, resurrection, and enthronement at the right hand of the Father, the world is once again made God's kingdom.

In the waters of Baptism, each of us entered the kingdom of His beloved Son. We were made children of God, new creations. But like Jesus, and Israel before Him, we have passed through the baptismal waters only to be driven into the wilderness—a world filled with afflictions and tests of our faithfulness.

We are led on this journey by Jesus. He is the Savior—the way and the truth we sing of in today's Psalm. He feeds us with the bread of angels, and cleanses our consciences in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

As we begin this holy season, let us renew our baptismal vows—to repent and believe the gospel.

Fr. Roger

CARDINAL LEO'S MESSAGE FOR LENT

As we begin this Lenten season, we pray for the grace not only of conversion, but for the healing of our relationships; not only to examine our consciences, but to rebuild communion; not only to walk toward Easter individually, but to arrive there together. For it is together—as one Body in Christ—that we are led from the desert to the joy of the Resurrection. May the Blessed Mother be our inspiration, guide, model and companion on this journey of spiritual and social renewal.



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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

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.

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.

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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, Join us for 7:00 pm Mass followed by the Stations of the Cross.

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

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Meets on the 3rd of Monday of the month from September through June. For further information please contact league by email at cwl.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

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

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



Next night:
FRIDAY, MARCH 6TH 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



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