

# 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.*

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT



<b>MON, MAR 16</b> 9:15 am	Pete Magboo †; Amor Evidente †; May Divers †
7:00 pm	For the intentions of Kyle
<b>TUES, MAR 17</b> 7:00 pm	For the health of Irma Escobedo
<b>WED, MAR 18</b> 9:15 am	Paula Crisostomo †; Joseph, Josephine & Michael Pace †
7:00 pm	Bernadette Pathinather †; Nino Campitelli †
<b>THUR, MAR 19</b> 7:00 pm	In thanksgiving for the birthday - Jeth Go
<b>FRI, MAR 20</b> 9:15 am	Daniel & Andrew Grima †
7:00 PM	
<b>SAT, MAR 21</b> 9:15 am	For the health and intentions of Ozzy & Haxel Colaco
5:00 pm	Alphonsa Camoens †; Amado Dematos †; Terry Andrade †; Deceased members of the Dematos & Pontes family †; Vincent Alarcon †
<b>SUN, MAR 22</b> 9:00 am	Beverly Omokhua †; Joseph Moraes †; In thanksgiving for the birthday of Ad- woa, Aby & Nana Boahen
10:30 am	For the People of the Parish
12:30 pm	Angelito Olindan †; Juanito & John Elmer Go †; Sixto Viduya †
8:00 pm	

### THIS WEEK AT SMDY

**Monday, March 16th**  
10:00 am - Stiches from the heart  
7:00 pm - Knights of Columbus Executive meeting

**Tuesday, March 17th**  
1:00 pm - 55 Plus club  
5:30 pm - Legion of Mary - English  
7:00 pm - RCIA

**Wednesday, March 18th**  
9:00 am - SMDY High-school retreat  
7:00 pm - Confirmation Class  
7:30 pm - 9am Choir practice

**Thursday, March 19th**  
7:00 pm - SGFM  
7:00 pm - Baptism Class  
7:30 pm - 10:30am Choir practice

**Friday, March 20th**  
7:00 pm - EDGE

**Saturday, March 21th**  
10:00 am - RCIA Retreat  
3:30 pm - Children's Choir practice  
10:00 am - YAM Retreat

**Sunday, March 22nd**  
8:00 am - Legion of Mary - Vietnamese

*That question, 'Where does prayer fit in today?', I'd say where does your heart fit in in your body? Where does the air fit in when you breathe? It's an essential dimension in our very lives.*

*Fr. Patrick Peyton (1909-1992)*

From the global Rosary Crusade of which Fr. Patrick Peyton is renowned, his most famous quote is, "the family that prays together, stays together." Lent urges us all to make time for such intimate communal encounters. Fr. Patrick Peyton's personal conviction arose out of his own lived experience. Born into a poor farming family in County Mayo, the 6<sup>th</sup> of 9 children, the Peytons together embraced the daily practice of family recitation of the rosary. As a seminarian, he was miraculously healed of a severe bout of tuberculosis and subsequently consecrated himself to promoting Marian devotion throughout his priesthood. Blessed by Providence, Fr. Patrick became famous throughout the world inviting the faithful and the unevangelized to embrace Jesus through Mary by using the means of print, radio, television and massive prayer rallies that would number in the ten of thousands. He would recruit the help of politicians, celebrities, high finance, military, religious orders and the infirm to promote this sacred cause. For so many unfamiliar with the habit and discipline of prayer, the awkwardness of entering into the sensitive experience of spiritually unveiling conscience and heart can seem undesirable. Admittedly, some expressions of public prayer can seem off-putting and dubious...i.e. - football players on a field dropping to a knee, charismatics waving hands held high, Muslims in a city square prostrating to Mecca. The Church recognizes that while all prayer is good, having an ordained leader, with validly sanctioned structure and content can reduce the anxiety of lending oneself to such vulnerability. How beautiful it is when children can see their parents take time to share in the experience of prayer or for couples to invest in a holy hour before the Blessed Sacrament. The cited quote compels us to see prayer as vital and indispensable. Fr. Patrick Peyton's follow-up to his famous slogan of a "family that prays together..." was a subsequent piercing appeal: "A broken home is something you pray will never happen...But if it does, maybe it was because you didn't."

### FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

The healing in this week's Gospel is controversial because Jesus heals on the Sabbath. The Pharisees, the religious authorities of Jesus' time, understood that the law of Moses forbade work (including healing) on the Sabbath. They also have trouble believing that Jesus performed a miracle. To determine whether the man was really born blind, the Pharisees question him and his parents. The man challenges the leaders of the synagogue about their assessment of the good that Jesus has done. In turn, they expel the man for questioning their judgment.

The final revelation and moment of enlightenment comes when the man born blind encounters Jesus again. Having heard the news of his expulsion, Jesus seeks out the man born blind and reveals himself to him as the Son of Man. In this moment, the man born blind shows himself to be a man of faith and worships Jesus. Jesus replies by identifying the irony of the experience of many who encounter Jesus: Those who are blind will now see, and those who think they now see will be found to be blind.

As in last week's Gospel about Jesus' encounter with the Samaritan woman, today's reading has many allusions to Baptism. The washing of the man in the pool of Siloam is a prototype for Christian Baptism. Through the man's encounter with Jesus, the man born blind is healed, his sight is restored, and his conversion to discipleship begins. The man born blind gradually comes to a greater understanding about who Jesus is and what it means to be his disciple, while the Pharisees (those who should see) are the ones who remain blind.



*Fr. Roger*

**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. The same applies to donations made using the Blue Building Fund – HVAC envelopes. If your name is not written clearly on the envelope, a tax receipt cannot be issued. If you have an envelope number, we encourage you to include it as well. Thank you for your cooperation and for your continued generosity and financial support of our Parish community.



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**



Join us for Soup and Fellowship after the Stations of the Cross on Friday, March 20th. The Knights of Columbus warmly invite everyone to stay and share a simple meal together as we continue our Lenten journey in community. All are welcome!

**2026 PARISH ENVELOPES**

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**PARISH BOOK STORE**

The Parish bookstore is open in March on the 15th & 29th after all Masses. If you are interested in volunteering please contact Linda at [LYeh@archtoronto.org](mailto:LYeh@archtoronto.org)

**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)

**CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE**

Meets on the 3rd Monday of the month from September - June at 7pm. For further information please contact league by email at [cwl.smdy@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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: [vincentdepaulsmdy@gmail.com](mailto:vincentdepaulsmdy@gmail.com)

**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.

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**LENT & HOLY WEEK**



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.

**NOVENA TO ST. JOSEPH** Devotions & Mass Wednesday, March 11th - 18th at all Masses  
Feast day: Thursday, March 19th

**WEEKEND LENTEN MISSION** - March 21 & 22  
Saturday 5:00pm  
Sunday 9:00 am; 10:30 am; 12:30 pm; 8:00 pm

**CONFESSIONS**

Tuesday, March 24th: 5-7pm  
Wednesday, March 25th: 9:45am-12 & 5-7pm  
Friday, March 27th: 5-7pm

**PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 29TH**

Saturday 5:00pm  
Sunday 9:00 am; 10:30 am; 12:30 pm; 8:00 pm

**HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 2ND**

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 3RD**

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

**HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 4TH**

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

**EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 5TH**

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



Next night:

**FRIDAY, MARCH 20TH 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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