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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.

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD



MON, MAY 18 9:15 am	For the health & intentions of Ozzy & Hazel Colaco
TUES, MAY 19 7:00 pm	
WED, MAY 20 9:15 am	Daniel & Andrew Grima †; For the health and intentions Silvana Tuzi; In thanksgiving for the birthday of Cecilia Tan
THUR, MAY 21 7:00 pm	
FRI, MAY 22 9:15 am	Cristina Diaz †; Reginald Whelan †
SAT, MAY 23 9:15 am	Vincent Alarcon †
5:00 pm	Alphonsa Camoens †; Amado Dematos †; Terry Andrade †; Deceased members of the Dematos & Pontes family †; Steve Binger & John Kuzmich †
SUN, MAY 24 9:00 am	For the People of the Parish
10:30 am	Honorato Bettencourt †; Aleca Spada †
12:30 pm	Angelito Olindan †; Juanito & John Elmer Go †; In thanksgiving for the 50th anniversary of Barbara & Nick Malfara
8:00 pm	

THIS WEEK AT SMDY

Monday, May 18th
10:00 am - Stiches from the heart

Tuesday, May 19th
1:00 pm - 55 Plus club
4:30 pm - Legion of Mary - Vietnamese
6:00 pm - Legion of Mary - English

Wednesday, May 20th
7:00 pm - Baptism Class
7:00 pm - SGFM
7:30 pm - 9am Choir practice

Thursday, May 21st
6:30 pm - Alpha
7:30 pm - 1030am Choir practice

Friday, May 22nd
7:00 pm - EDGE

Saturday, May 23rd
10:00 am - Marriage Prep

Sunday, May 24th

Fear not! Thy crown is readied and the Saints await thy arrival in Heaven. - testimony of Abbé Jaud, reassurance of Our Lord offers St. Gatian of Tours, as he lay on his deathbed in the year 301

Throughout the Easter season, the Church invites us to share in the mystery of the Risen Lord's time spent with his disciples. During the 40 days leading up to his Ascension, the faithfuls' conviction deepened as to understanding all that was contained in the Scriptures and their mandate to instruct all nations was fortified. Seeing him lifted triumphantly into heaven, the early Church was galvanized so as to endure all sufferings to come - confident that in persevering in fidelity, they too would follow in turn - knowing that He would forever be interceding on their behalf.

The cited quote is a sign of Christ's pledge extended in the ensuing generations. While St. Gatian is not one of the most recognized saints, his story is edifying. In the waning years of the 3rd century, Gatian, together with seven other missionaries, were sent into the land of France. Among those commissioned was St. Denis, who paid the price of his witness by decapitation in the famed Montmartre district of Paris. Gatian went to the Roman colony of Tours along the Loire valley, already renowned for its rolling hills and ideal climate that produced exceptional wheat fields and vineyards. Rather than meet the same grim fate of his Parisian confrere, Gatian tried to preach the gospel to an uninterested audience by patiently enduring rejection, praying assiduously, and offering his penances in the hope of conversions. Living in a cave along the Loire river, he eventually took in the poor and infirm and offered hospitality and care. That he found favour with heaven is evidenced in the consolation of Jesus' promise.

Subsequently, this first bishop of Tours' witness left a lasting impression. The neighbouring city of Poitiers became the home of the Church Doctor, St. Hilaire. Notably, St. Martin of Tours, upon his conversion and baptism, established himself in the monastery that was founded in the location of St. Gatian's make-shift cave/hospital. From the 12th to the 16th centuries, a spectacular Gothic Cathedral was built in his honour. With its soaring walls that embrace violet stained-glass windows, the interior is bathed in a reverent hue of purplish-pink penitential bliss. While we all would long to hear the words of glory of Jesus Christ at the time of our death - acknowledging and rewarding the sacrifice of our lives, a wonderful fantasy, in the meantime, would be to visit the charm of the Loire Valley and pay tribute to the Churches' magnificent heritage.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



Today's First Reading begins by giving us a time frame—the events take place during the days between Christ's Ascension and Pentecost. We're at the same point in our liturgical year. This Sunday we celebrate His being taken up in glory, and next Sunday we will celebrate His sending of the Spirit upon the Church. Jesus' prayer in the Gospel today also captures the mood of departure and the anticipation. He is telling us today how it will be when He is no longer in the world.

By His Ascension, the Lord has established His throne in heaven, as we sing in today's Psalm. His kingdom is His Church, which continues His mission on earth. Jesus fashioned His kingdom as a new Jerusalem and a new house of David (see Psalm 122:4-5; Revelation 21:9-14). He entrusted this kingdom to His Twelve Apostles, who were to preside at the Eucharistic table, and to rule with Him over the restored twelve tribes of Israel (see Luke 22:29-30).

The Twelve Apostles symbolize the twelve tribes and hence the fulfillment of God's plan for Israel (see Galatians 6:16). That's why it is crucial to replace Judas—so that the Church in its fullness receives the Spirit at Pentecost. Peter's leadership of the Apostles is another key element of the Church as it is depicted today. Notice that Peter is unquestionably in control, interpreting the Scriptures, deciding a course of action, even defining the nature of the apostolic ministry. No one has ever seen God, as we hear in today's Epistle. Yet, through the Church founded on His Apostles, the witnesses to the resurrection, the world will come to know and believe in God's love, that He sent His Son to be our savior. Through the Church, Jesus' pledge still comes to us—that if we love, God will remain with us in our trials and protects us from the evil one. By His word of truth He will help us grow in holiness, the perfection of love.

F. Roger

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Tuesdays, May 25th, June 2nd, June 9th and June 16th Time: 6:30 to 8:30 pm. At St. Marguerite D’Youville Parish Hall To Register: Sign up at parish office or call to register: 905 792 7497 Or use the QR Code *Together, we support each other on the journey towards healing. All are welcome*



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

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.

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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CATHOLIC WOMEN’S LEAGUE

Join us on the 3rd Monday of the month for our General meeting from September - June at 7pm. For further information please contact league by email at cwl.smdy@gmail.com



PARISH BOOK STORE

The Parish bookstore will be open on May 9/10 & 23/24 after all Masses. If you are interested in volunteering please contact Linda at LYeh@archtoronto.org

THE 55+ CLUB

The 55+ group meets weekly on Tuesdays from 1:00pm - 4:00pm. For more information contact Sandy at 905-791-7315 or email: sandyrob-in22@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.

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

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)
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For more information email dyouvilleyouth@gmail.com

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