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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.

MASS INTENTIONS

MON, NOV 16 9:15 am	Wilfredo Plaza Sr. †; Magdalena, Tomaso & Nicola Martino †; Deceased members of the Pellissery family †
TUES, NOV 17 7:00 pm	Rita Naysun †; For all the deceased members of the Rodricks, Braganze & Lobo families †; In thanksgiving – Evelyn Lobo
WED, NOV 18 9:15 am	For all the Persecuted Christian in the World; Rajendram, Rasiyah & Annamma †; Lourdsnayaki, Swaykinum Vethanayagam †; All Souls in Purgatory
THUR, NOV 19 7:00 pm	Nicasio Syquio †
FRI, NOV 20 9:15 am	Vincent Alarcon †; Daniel & Andrew Grima †; Brian Balthazaar †; Mike & Teresa Commisso †
SAT, NOV 21 9:15 am	For the health of Muriel & Christopher Alvares; Bernie Kreuzer †
5:00 pm	Alphonsa Camoens †; Vincent Alarcon †; Rita Naysun †; Amado Dematos †; Terry Andrade †; Deceased members of the Dematos & Pontes family †
SUN, NOV 22 9:00 am	Manuel & Maria Maida & Family †; Carloina Lindo †; All Souls in Purgatory; Lauren Stewart †; Jenine Lucero †; In thanksgiving – Natalie Pais
10:30 am	For the People of the Parish
12:30 pm	Thomas Thettayil †; Angelito Olindan†; Beatirz & Juan Salalila Jr. & Sr. †; Juanito & John Elmer Go †; Precentacion Gallon †; Thomas Thettayil †; Viviana Valenzuela †
8:00 pm	Maria Delfina Cavalho †

THIS WEEK AT SMDY

Monday, November 16th
10:00 am – Stitches from the heart

Tuesday, November 17th
1:00 pm - 55 Plus club
4:30 pm - Legion of Mary - Vietnamese
6:00 pm - Legion of Mary - English
7:00 pm - TMIY

Wednesday, November 18th
7:00 pm – Confirmation Class
7:30 pm - 9am Choir Practice

Thursday, November 19th
7:30 pm - 1030am Choir practice

Friday, November 20th
7:00 pm – EDGE

Saturday, November 21st
7:00 am - TMIY
10:00 am – Confirmation Class

Saint Martin,
You who traveled the roads of Europe,
You who lived as a true follower of Jesus
You who shared your cloak with one who was poor for love of Christ,
You who battled against evil and spent your time on earth doing good,
Intercede for us in all our difficulties, Protect us in times of distress,
Grant us to persevere and to keep calm during trials,
Be our protector and guide us along the way to eternal life. Amen.
- Prayer to St. Martin of Tours located at his tomb, feast day, Nov 11

The conversion of St. Martin had a profound and widespread impact upon the early Church of France. The 4th century Roman soldier had become disillusioned with the banality and oftentimes brutality of the pagan world. His disciplined military training did not so harden his heart when it came to offering charitable compassion for one suffering from the cold. His encounter with Jesus Christ in a dream led to an outpouring of grace that led to his baptism and elevated him into a formative leader of the Christian community. Settling along the Loire river close to the great teacher St. Hillary of Poitiers, his monastic community grew on account of St. Martin's competent ability to lead other men in the pursuit of Christian heroism. Upon his death, his chapel of repose became a major pilgrimage site for thousands including the likes of St. Genevieve, King Clovis, St. Clothilde, Emperor Charlemagne, and St. Joan of Arc. The initial monastic chapel was expanded throughout the middle ages to become one of the biggest sanctuaries in all of Christendom.

However, the fury of Protestant zealots and French Revolutionaries unleashed destructive rage against this sacred site. They destroyed its interior, seized its use as a military barrack, allowed the roof to deteriorate, and eventually demolished the nave of the church to build a road to run through it to ensure that reconstruction could never take place in the future. By the mid 19th century, misery and despair set into the Loire region. In an act of reparation against the anti-Catholic blasphemies, a devout Frenchman, a monsieur Leon Papin-Dupont, excavated the dilapidated site in the hope of rediscovering the original tomb of St. Martin. Successful in his quest, he began the work of rebuilding a new basilica perpendicular to the original location over the saint's relics. To this day, the main axis of the ancient ville of Tours displays this historical uniqueness. The original bell tower and an ancient Church portico can be seen encompassing the aforementioned streets that lead to the medieval square - all adjacent to the rededicated basilica. The ebb and flow of hostility and holiness are a keen insight into the challenge of clinging to our Catholic faith as time passes.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

This parable is confusing. Who punishes a person for returning property—unharmed—that he was pledged to protect? Where is the justice in taking from the least and giving to those with the most? What kind of person brags about harvesting where he did not plant? And what does this grasping and petulant man have to do with the God whose evenhanded generosity sends rain on the just and unjust alike?

To break open this parable, it helps to remember that Matthew was a Jew speaking to Jews about Jews. Matthew believed that Judaism was a treasure of divine grace for all humanity and that this gift was clearest in Christ. Matthew also believed that the Hebrew Scriptures contained everything necessary to believe in Jesus Christ.

In English, the word *talent* originally meant a "large sum of money," as it does in Greek. Specifically under the influence of this parable, it came over time to mean a "natural capacity for success in some mental or physical activity." This is not what Matthew used it to symbolize. Although our society calls "talents" those gifts that serve fields like art or sport, it is not a flair for painting or pole-vaulting that will provide admission to the master's joy. The "talents" of this week's Gospel passage are rooted in the word and often go overlooked. No one hands out Nobel prizes for generosity, medals of honor for forgiveness or an Olympic gold medal for loving an enemy, but this is more what Matthew had in mind. When we take risks like these, the word grows stronger in us and grows in appeal to others. When the Master returns, he will want to know what we did to further the compassion, humility, freedom and love he entrusted to us. Blessed are those who will place an abundance into his hands.

Fr. Roger

MONTH OF ALL SOULS REMEMBERING THE DEAD

During the month of November, we are especially invited to pray for our deceased loved ones. A Memorial Prayer Box will be placed in front of the Sanctuary throughout the month. Parishioners are invited to write the names of their deceased loved ones on the envelopes provided and place them in the box.
All those whose names are submitted will be remembered in prayer at every Mass throughout the month of November as we entrust our beloved deceased to the loving mercy of God.

THE SHEPHERDS' TRUST

There will be a second collection Nov 14/15, for the Shepherds' Trust. The mission of the Shepherds' Trust is to help ensure that elderly and disabled priests are provided with sufficient financial resources to lead a dignified life after many years of ministry. Your generous gift will help our priests to maintain a modest but active and independent lifestyle in their retirement years. For priests who are ill or otherwise infirm, the trust ensures they have access to nursing home facilities and medical care. Thank you for your support of this important work.

THE SOUNDS OF BETHLEHEM

The Choirs and Band of St. Marguerite d'Youville invite you to a special Fundraising Christmas Concert on Sunday, December 6th, from 4:00–6:00 p.m.
Come and enjoy an afternoon of beautiful music as we celebrate the joy and spirit of the Christmas season! Tickets go on sale November 21/22 after all Masses. $10 per person; $30 per family (3–5 children)
Join us for this special musical celebration and help support our parish choirs and band. We look forward to seeing you there!

PRE-PLANNING SEMINAR

Planning ahead is one of the most thoughtful and compassionate decisions you can make for your family. Join us for an informative seminar designed to help you understand your options and make confident, faith-informed decisions.
Learn about: Funeral and burial options; Planning in advance to ease burden on loved ones; Catholic teachings on cremation.
Flexible payment options *(including 0% financing options)*
Date & Location: Monday November 16, 2026 at 7:00 PM at Queen of Heaven Catholic Cemetery & Funeral Home. 7300 Highway #27, Woodbridge.

IMPORTANT!

As we approach the end of the year, we kindly ask that anyone who has moved or had any changes to their personal information please inform the parish office as soon as possible. We will be updating our records in preparation for the 2027 parish envelopes. Thank you for helping us keep our information accurate.
REMINDER: DO NOT USE ENVELOPES FROM PREVIOUS YEARS!!! If you use envelopes from a previous years your donation will NOT be attributed to your name!
If you wish to make a donation to the church please use the pink visitors envelopes and make sure you **write clearly** your full name and address so your donation can be assigned to your name or pick up a set for this year at the parish office during office hours.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

If you are interested in volunteering at the parish, please email Linda at LYeh@archtoronto.org with the following:
1.Your first and last, phone number and email address.
2.Are you an Adult (18+) or Minor (under 18)
3.Which ministry you are interested in.



CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

- The CWL invites all women of our parish to stop by the Narthex after Mass for a fundraiser, silent auction, samosas and baked goodies on the weekend of November 14 & 15.
- Join us on the 3rd Monday of the month for our General meeting from September - June at 7pm.

For further information please contact the league by email at cwl.smdy@gmail.com

PARISH BOOK STORE

The Bookstore will be open on: Nov 7/8 & 21/22. If you are interested in helping in the Bookstore, please emailLYeh@archtoronto.org.

BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

If you are grieving the loss of a loved one and require support, please contact the Bereavement Ministry by email atBereavement.smdy@gmail.com

THE 55+ CLUB

Next weekend, the 55 Plus Club will be hosting a raffle. Please show your support for our club by participating. Thank you for your generosity and support!
The 55+ group meets weekly on Tuesdays from 1:00pm - 4:00pm. For more information contact Sandy at 905-791-7315 or email: sandyrobin22@gmail.com

STITCHES FROM THE HEART

Stitches from the heart group meet after the 9:15 am Mass on Mondays. 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

EDGE

SMDY Youth Group
Grades 6 to 8

Meet new friends, build connections, and grow in faith! Join us for our bi-weekly Friday sessions filled with fun, fellowship, and exciting opportunities to discover what's ahead. Registration forms are available in the Narthex and Parish Office.

NEXT EDGE NIGHT:
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20TH FROM 7-8:30PM

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