

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
January 15, 2017

HERE I AM, LORD; I COME TO DO YOUR WILL!

This is a time to reflect on the extent to which Christ has penetrated our thoughts and influenced our behavior. How many of us can honestly say that we are leading lives which are worthy of our baptismal calling? The power of God shines out where we least expect it and in the most unlikely places. His spirit will be at work and incredibly active in the depth of our person when we open our hearts to those who have lost their dignity through poverty or hard times. We preach not by words only but by the way we live and by the effort we exert to make the world a better place by our presence. The practice of charity and humility spotlights what is wrong with selfishness and arrogance. It exposes evil and sinfulness for what they are. The example we display in our everyday activities paves the way for Christ in others. Today we pray for a greater insight into our role in Christ's mission. God works through ordinary people like ourselves. As the baptism ceremony states, 'We are to walk always as children of the light, keeping the flame of faith burning brightly within our hearts'. Being a disciple of Christ demands outstanding service. It costs no less than everything.

**BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY
TRAINING**

Office of Formation for Discipleship is offering the Bereavement Ministry Training for those interested to begin ministering to the bereaved in a parish setting. This training is also ideal as enrichment for those who are currently ministering to the bereaved. This training will be held at Saviour of the World Chinese Church, Mississauga on Saturdays February 11, 18 and 25, 2017 from 10:00am to 3:30pm. For further information and registration forms please visit: <https://www.archtoronto.org/our-catholic-faith/programs-and-workshops> or call (416) 934-3400 ext.523.

INFANT JESUS OF PRAGUE

The Annual Feast of Infant Jesus of Prague will be celebrated next Saturday January 21, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. with Holy Mass. All are welcome.

Monday 12:15 p.m.

**Mass  for the
Intentions Week**

+Myrna Sanders, Thanksgiving Ibtisam Jajo
Sp. Intentions for Lee Hoy Family

Tuesday 7:00 p.m.

+Laz Fernandes, +Roque & Luiza Rodrigues
Sp. Int. for Violette Family, Thanksgiving by Enza Fenech

Wednesday 12:15 p.m.

+Stephen Nogueira, +Domingo Armas, +Karel Liem

Thursday 7:00 p.m.

+Jesse Francis, +Sheila & Earl Ilogon
Thanksgiving to the Sacred Heart of Jesus & Immaculate Heart of Mary

Friday 12:15 p.m.

+Umberto & Salvatore Taddeo, Sp. Int. for Madeline Gracias &
Family, Sp. Int. for Patsy Gracias & Family

Saturday

+Wah Hang Mak, +Members of Coutinho & Monteiro Families,
+Marivnic Danganan, +Domenico Romagnulo, Special
Intentions. Sp. Int. Ana

**Saturday 5:00 p.m., +Aki Vaporidis, +Diomedes Madera,
+Luka & Tereza Dragic**

**Saturday 7:00 p.m., +Madeline Petrielli, +Virginia
Borja, +Evaristo D'Souza**

**Sunday 8:30 a.m., +Christopher Colaso, Sp. Int. for
Loretta Fernandes, Thanksgiving by Andy Maxner**

**Sunday 11:30 a.m., +Fioravante D'Orazio, +Gerald
Lobo, Thanksgiving Lisa Cairo**

**Sunday 7:00 p.m., +Fulvio Boem, Sp. Int. for Mateo
Difolco and Family, Lourdes Mendes**

THEOLOGY OF THE BODY

"Discover the Master Plan for Your Life" will be presented to adults over 2 consecutive Saturdays beginning January 21st from 9:30am to 1:00pm in St Ignatius Loyola RC Parish Hall, Mississauga. Request an information flyer or pre-register at TOB@bell.net. Fees apply.

INCOME TAX RECEIPTS

Our financial year closed on December 31, 2016.
Tax receipts will be issued in January 2017.

WELCOME - MSGR. OWEN KEENAN
OUR NEW PASTOR

The parish extends a warm welcome to Msgr. Owen Keenan our new pastor. Monsignor joins us from Rome where he recently obtained his Doctorate in Canon Law and where he was assigned to the Sectary of State at the Vatican (English Section). He was named a Chaplin of His Holiness in 2015.

Msgr. Owen was born in Edmonton, Alberta, to Owen Sr. and Carmel Keenan. He moved to Toronto when he was 13 and he graduated from St. Michael's College of the University of Toronto. He attended St. Augustine's Seminary in Toronto and was ordained a priest in 2002. He has served as an Associate Pastor at St. Ignatius of Loyola (Mississauga) and St. Michael's Cathedral (Toronto). Prior to his work in Rome he was Pastor of St. John the Evangelist (Toronto).

One of the major impetus for Msgr. Owen's vocation came when he attended World Youth Day in Manila, Philippines in 1995. This experience greatly impacted him so much so that he returned to the Philippines to teach philosophy. We are happy to welcome Msgr. Owen Keenan to the parish and we know that his wide range of experiences will serve the parishioners of Merciful Redeemer well in the years to come.

THE BIBLE & THE SACRAMENTS

Presented by Deacon Brian

The sacraments are “the masterworks of God” and “are powers that come forth” from the Body of Christ, which is ever-living and life-giving.

Date: January 24, 2017 – April 4, 2017

Time: Tuesdays; after the 7 pm Mass

Place: Merciful Redeemer Parish Hall

Registration:

*Please email **Rosie Uy** at ruy2930@gmail.com with name, phone number and email address, as soon as possible.*

I thirst. Hear your own name, not just once – if you listen with your heart, you will hear, you will understand. Jesus's thirst hidden in the distressing disguise of the poorest of the poor. This thirst is a reality.

He thirsts, I quench.

ST. MOTHER TERESA

SOLICITATION OF DONATIONS IN THE PARKING LOT

Recently, persons have been soliciting parishioners for monetary donations in the parking lot during

Sunday Masses. We are aware of the situation and have offered assistance to such individuals through official channels. At this time, such persons have refused our assistance and continue to seek significant donations from parishioners. Such persons are known for extracting significant donations from parishioners and we recommend that in the future parishioners **do not** give any money to such individuals, but refer them to office staff or to the parish priests immediately so we can ensure that those who are truly in need of our help receive the assistance they require. On a similar note, if you know someone who truly requires the assistance of the Church please let the office staff know. Thank you for your co-operation.

1ST COMMUNION CLASSES

Communion classes for children in private, public and other schools will begin this Saturday from 11 am – 12 noon in the parish hall.

IMPORTANT!!!!

We should respect God's house which is also your house. There are a few things that we should take under consideration:

1. **Come to church on time** (a few minutes before, not after the Mass has started).
2. **Participate** in the Sunday Liturgy by responding and singing.
3. **Do not leave the church before** Mass is completed. (Final Hymn).
4. **Take care of our church.** Do not chew gum or eat in the church. Take your garbage with you when you leave. Remember it is **your church** and **God's house**.
5. Continue **to be generous** in your financial support of your church.
6. Please keep the church and the facilities tidy.
7. Use the **offertory envelopes**. If you are not registered, please consider doing so.