

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT (March 12, 2017)

First Reading: (Genesis 12.1-4)

Second Reading: (2 Timothy 1.8b-10)

Gospel: Matthew (17.1-9)

PRIESTHOOD DISCERNMENT

COME & SEE WEEKEND

**St. Augustine's Seminary, Scarborough
Friday, March 17 – March 19**

The Office of Vocation is hosting a Come and See weekend for single Catholic men 18 years and older to cultivate a deeper prayer life and relationship with Jesus Christ, leading to better discernment of God's call for their lives. Time for prayer, reflection and information on the process of becoming one of Christ's disciples as a Catholic priest. For more information email: vocations@archtoronto.org

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

**Merciful Redeemer Conference
'Turning Concern Into Action'**

We welcome new members to help us serve Christ in the neighbourhood's needy

If you are:

Willing and able to devote a few hours a month to doing charitable work

Looking for a meaningful, hands-on opportunity to live your faith by serving the needy in our parish community

then, you are just the person we are looking for!

Please consider becoming a member of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul to assist us with helping the needy in our parish.

On March 18/19, our members will be available after all masses to provide more information about our work and how you can become a member. You can also contact us by email at anitaferns@hotmail.com

DON'T FORGET

If you have a change of address or telephone number, send us an email to: office@mercifulredeemer.org

Monday 12:15 p.m.

+Antonietta Malfara, +Members of Bahaminie
Sp. Int. for Fr. Abraham

Mass for the Intentions Week

Tuesday 7:00 p.m.

+Felix Reveredo, +Maria Isabel Nunes, +Elizabeth Ellazar

Wednesday 12:15 p.m.

+Carmen & Steven Sultana, +Elba Gonzales,
+Francesca Fantauzzi

Thursday 7:00 p.m.

+Maria Pereira, +Kazimiera Laskowski, +Dr. Ralph Schlosser

Friday 12:15 p.m.

+Lazarus Fernandes, +Nestor Nunez,
+Thanksgiving by Cynthia D'Souza

Friday 7:00 p.m.

+Rita Romano, +Kamaldeep Kaur, Sp. Int. for Ngwaba Family

Saturday

+Manuel Steves, +Joseph Diaz, +Antonio Vincente, +Dorothy Uku, Thanksgiving to our Blessed Mother and Thanksgiving by Derek Katter, Sp. Int. Alyssa

Saturday 5:00 p.m., +June +Joseph Fernandes
+Ryan Gozum

Saturday 7:00 p.m., +Stephen Nogueira,
+Gertruda Kozlowski, +Sydney D'Souza

Sunday 8:30 a.m., +Jack Canlas, +Dan Aranda,
Thanksgiving by Jacqueline Douglas

Sunday 11:30 a.m., +Greg Guerra, +Agustin Fatarado,
+Rose Vaz, Thanksgiving by Josefina Comprado

Sunday 7:00 p.m., +Aden Ralph Peake, Sp. Int for Alicia Perez Fuentes, Ngwaba Family

LENT RECONCILIATION

Mark your calendars for our Lent reconciliation service with individual confessions on **Wednesday MARCH 29, 2017 from 7 – 9 p.m.**

Other Parishes:

St. Joseph's Parish Tues. March 28 – 7-9 pm

St. Ignatius Loyola Thur. March 30 – 9:30-11:30
4-6 pm & 7-8:30 pm

St. John of the Cross Mon. April 3 – 7-9 pm

St. Francis of Assisi Tues. April 4 – 7 pm

St. Francis Xavier Thur. April 6 – 7 pm

FAREWELL AND GOD BLESS!

This weekend will be Fr Scott's last here at Merciful Redeemer. Cardinal Collins has asked Fr Scott to

begin studies toward a Doctorate in Spirituality at the Catholic University of America and to become director of Serra House (a residence for men discerning a vocation to the Diocesan Priesthood). Our sadness at his departure is exceeded only by our gratitude for his almost three years of prayer, dedicated ministry, humility, intelligence and sheer hard work for this parish, particularly in regard to our Youth Programs. Though I have only been here for several weeks, I can say with confidence that I speak for each one in the parish when I say that all of us are better people and better Catholics for his presence. Fr Scott will be greatly missed; I ask each of you also to continue to pray for Fr Scott and his future service to the Archdiocese, asking that the Lord bless him at least as much as he has blessed us. Fr Scott, you will always have a home here at Merciful Redeemer; you are always welcome: our doors and our hearts are open. Thank you again, Fr Scott!

I wish also to thank all those who prepared Fr Scott's farewell reception last week, and to all those who came to wish him well. It is a measure of his hard work and your goodness as parishioners that the reception was so well organized and attended. God bless you all!

Next weekend we welcome Fr Jimmy Joseph as our new Associate Pastor. Fr Jimmy is currently Associate Pastor at Our Lady of the Airways Parish. Fr Jimmy is from Kerala, India, and has been in Toronto for several years. I look forward to welcoming Fr Jimmy to our parish, and working with him to serve each of you. If he receives a welcome even half as generous as that extended to me since January, he will be in very good stead as he takes up his responsibilities here at Merciful Redeemer. A warm and blessed welcome to you, Fr Jimmy!

BIRTHRIGHT CALLING

Know the joy of helping new human life flourish. Join us at Birthright in saving the life of the unborn and helping mothers who have chosen LIFE. Three hours a week required. Training starts week of March 13. CALL BIRTHRIGHT: 905-273-9409.

HOLY WEEK & EASTER MASS SCHEDULE

Holy Thursday, April 13

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

7:00 p.m. followed by Adoration until midnight

Good Friday, April 14

Passion of the Lord

9:00 a.m., 12 noon & 3:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

Saturday, April 15

Midday Prayer & Blessing of Food - **11:00 a.m.**

Easter Vigil

8:00 p.m (No Mass at 5 & 7 p.m.)

Easter Sunday, April 16

Resurrection of the Lord

8:30, 10:00 & 11:30 a.m. & 1:00 & 7:00 p.m.

Divine Mercy Feast, April 23

8:30, 10:00 & 11:30 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

With a Feast Day Mass at 3:00 p.m.

SHARELIFE

Living the Gospel by providing for vocations to the priesthood...

"Living and studying at St. Augustine's can bring untold blessings into the lives of those entering ministry," shares Matt McCarthy, a current Seminarian. Matt's interest in sports and his desire to enter the priesthood and minister to those in his community, gives him an opportunity to serve the Church in a unique way. As ShareLife-funded agencies such as Serra House. St. Augustine's and Redemptoris Mater Seminaries, individuals undergo extensive theological education and practical field training. Through ShareLife, you are helping to sustain vocations to the priesthood and inspire discernment for God's call. Last year ShareLife helped support 70 seminarians in their formation studies.

**Sunday April 2, 2017 is ShareLife Sunday
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