

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT (March 19, 2017)

First Reading: (Exodus 17.3-7)

Second Reading: (Romans 5.1-2, 5-8)

Gospel: (John 4. 5-42)

## 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.

This weekend 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](mailto:anitaferns@hotmail.com)

## A LENTEN PRAYER

Fast from judging others; feast on Christ in them.

Fast from wanting more; feast on being thankful.

Fast from anger; feast on patience.

Fast from worry; feast on trust.

Fast from complaining; feast on enjoyment.

Fast from negatives; feast on positives.

Fast from stress; feast on prayer.

Fast from anger; feast on forgiveness.

Fast from self-concern; feast on compassion for others.

Fast from fear; feast on truth.

Fast from discouragement; feast on hope.

Fast from gossip; feast on silence.

Fast from fighting; feast on peace.

Gentle God, during this season of fasting and feasting, gift us with your presence so we can be a gift to others in carrying out your will.

**Monday 12:15 p.m.**

+Editha Villegas, +Adolorata & Pasquale Disorbo

## Mass for the Intentions Week

Sp. Int. for Janina Paszyn

**Tuesday 7:00 p.m.**

+Dan Aranda, +Mercedes Rivas,

Sp. Int. for Paul Ofili & Family

**Wednesday 12:15 p.m.**

+Fioravante D'Orazio, +Noreen Lucas,

Thanksgiving by Barbara D'Souza

**Thursday 7:00 p.m.**

+Margaret John, +George Wannappa, +Connie Custodio

**Friday 12:15 p.m.**

+Sp. Int. for Arlen DeVries, Ryan Prince,

Thanksgiving by Donna Lazarus

**Friday 7:00 p.m.**

+Waimun Gerra, +Jesus Cabagnet

**Saturday**

+Nellie Ng, +Joseph Ching Han Woo, +Efren Paguio,

+Aleyamma & George Varkey, +Marianne Kalapaca

Sp. Int. for Mokus Family

**Saturday 5:00 p.m.**, +Matthew Riordan, +Teotonio

Francisco Goes, +Richard Walsh

**Saturday 7:00 p.m.**, +Madeline Harris, +Maureen

Abelardo, +Jesus Concepcion

**Sunday 8:30 a.m.**, +Andy Laskowski, +Frank Carigal,

Thanksgiving by Cherry P.

**Sunday 11:30 a.m.**, +Henry Selby, +Sebastian Baretto,

Sp. Int. for Ngwaba Family

**Sunday 7:00 p.m.**, +Alan Walter Lobo, +Paolo Di Biasio,

+Rick Perez

## EWTN'S FAMILY CELEBRATION

You are invited to the event in Ottawa on Saturday, April 1 at Centrepoint Theatre. Meet and hear your favorite EWTN speakers. Admission is free. The doors at 8:30 a.m. Sunday Mass will be celebrated at 5 p.m. If you are interested in travelling to Ottawa, please email Vicki: [vbaronowsk@yahoo.com](mailto:vbaronowsk@yahoo.com).

## DON'T FORGET

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

STEUBENVILLE YOUTH CONFERENCE

The Conference will be held on Friday July 28-30 at UOIT Campus in Oshawa. Students attending

Grades 8-12 during the 2016-2017 school year are invited to attend. The cost is \$150 per youth which includes transportation, accommodation and food. *The parish is subsidizing 50% off the original conference registration fee of \$300 per youth, as well as the cost of transportation and t-shirts.* In order for youth to reserve a possible spot, they must make a \$50 deposit no later than Saturday April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Spots are very limited, so don't delay! Cheques should be made out to Merciful Redeemer Parish.

For more information contact Marc Puigmarti, Youth Coordinator: [mercifulredeemerym@gmail.com](mailto:mercifulredeemerym@gmail.com)

### EDGE ADVENTURE CAMP

Edge Adventure Camp will be held from Aug 27-31 at Camp White Pine in Haliburton, ON. Students currently in grades 6-8 are invited. Join us for 5 days, 4 nights of canoeing, kayaking, giant rope swing, Mass, Praise and Worship and great friends! The cost is \$400 for 5 days, four nights, and includes transportation, accommodation, food, t-shirt and camp gear. Reserve a spot at:

<https://edgencamp.campbrainregistration.com/> and register for *Edge Camp West* then contact Marc for a form and bring in a \$100 deposit.

Deadline for registration is Friday, March 31, 2017.

Contact Marc at [mercifulredeemerym@gmail.com](mailto:mercifulredeemerym@gmail.com)

### TASTES OF HEAVEN GALA 2017

His Eminence, Thomas Cardinal Collins, Apostolic Chancellor of Catholic Missions In Canada requests your presence at the Tastes of Heaven Gala 2017.

**Thursday, April 6, 2017 /Cocktails 6 pm./Dinner 7 pm**

In 2017, our gala will celebrate Love of Neighbour. Pope Francis has said that Love of God and Love of Neighbour are one and the same thing. We cannot love one without loving the other.

For sponsorship or tickets, visit [www.cmic.info](http://www.cmic.info) or contact 416-934-3424 or email [tastesofheaven@cmic.info](mailto:tastesofheaven@cmic.info)

### FLOWERS FOR EASTER

If you would like to donate lilies or Hydranges in memory of a relative or friend, please bring them to the church on Holy Saturday between the hours of 9-1pm. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

## SHARELIFE

**Living the Gospel by providing for homeless youth....**

On a given night, 6,000 people across Canada between 16-14 have nowhere to call home. This represents 20 per cent of the total homeless population. In Toronto, estimates of homeless youth range from 900 to 2,000 nightly. The ShareLife-supported Rights of Passage program at Covenant House have been active in making a positive difference in the lives of homeless youth on the streets of Toronto. 75% of these youth have been matched with mentors and have also made progress in strengthening their life skills and family relationships, getting them ready for life on their own. In addition, the ShareLife funded Youth in Transition programs helps youth in foster care to transition to independent living.

**Sunday April 2, 2017 is ShareLife Sunday  
Please give generously**

## WELCOME FR. JIMMY

We welcome Fr Jimmy Joseph as our new Associate Pastor. Fr Jimmy was Associate Pastor at Our Lady of the Airways Parish. Fr Jimmy is from Kerala, India, and has been in Toronto for several years. I welcome Fr Jimmy to our parish, and look forward to working with him to serve each of you. If he receives a welcome even half as generous at 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!

**Msgr Owen Keenan**