



MERCIFUL REDEEMER PARISH

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Friday
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
1:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Saturday 9:30 AM - 1:30 PM

Sunday 9:30 AM - 1:30 PM

MASS TIMES

Monday 12:15 PM
Tuesday 7:00 PM
Wednesday 12:15 PM
Thursday 7:00 PM
Friday 12:15 PM, *7:00 PM
(*Every First Friday of the Month)

Saturday 9:00 AM,
5:00 PM (Sunday Vigil)
7:00 PM (Youth Mass)

Sunday 8:30 AM, 10:00 AM
11:30 AM, 7:00 PM

CONFESSION TIMES

Tuesday 6:00 - 6:50 PM
Saturday 4:00 - 4:50 PM

First Friday of the Month
11:30 AM - 12:00 PM

Anytime by Appointment

ADORATION CHAPEL

Open Everyday 7:00 AM - 10:00 PM

✝ PARISH TEAM

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Divine Mercy 2840 Duncairn Dr. | (905) 812 5445

Our Lady of Mercy 5820 Glen Erin Dr. | (905) 814 9216

St. Aloysius Gonzaga 2800 Erin Centre Blvd. (905) 820 3900

St. Rose of Lima School 4590 The Gallops | (905) 828 4076

St. Sebastian School 3460 Aquinas Ave. | (905) 607 0107

PARISH COMMUNITY

Bible Study Tuesdays, 7:30 PM

Catholic Cemeteries (416) 733 8544

Knights of Columbus Jose Fernandes, info@sfc16254.ca

Legion of Mary Tuesdays, 7:45 PM

Prayer Group Monday, 7:30 PM

Pastoral Care For hospital/shut in, call parish

Volunteers Always welcome, call parish

Youth Group www.mercifulredeemerym.com

You must complete the Edge/LifeTeen registration forms to join groups

TODAY'S READINGS: MAY 7, 2017

First Reading: Acts 2:14a, 36b-41

Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:20b-25

Gospel: John 10:1-10

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, May 8, 12:15 PM

+Percy Rodrigues Sr., +Helen Grace Israel

+Ernedo Calcetas

TUESDAY, May 9, 7:00 PM

+Lilian Fernandes, +Hector Sarmiento

Special intention for family unity

WEDNESDAY, May 10, 12:15 PM

+Katerina Ksiezopolski, +Zoilo Figueroa

Thanksgiving by the Urbanowicz family

THURSDAY, May 11, 7:00 PM

+Jeremy Michael Gauvin

Special intention for Christopher

Special intention for happy employment

FRIDAY, May 12, 12:15 PM

+Julieta Patricio, +Lina Peritore, +Vera Kelly

SATURDAY, May 13, 9:00 AM

+Deceased members of Luk, Fung, Chui & Lam families

+Lina Deritore, +Vinko Maric

Thanksgiving by Catherine Chui

Thanksgiving Mass for Blessed Virgin Mary

Special intention for Nathaniel James Uy

Special intention for Marco Commisso

SATURDAY, May 13, 5:00 PM

+Gertruda Kozlowski, Thanksgiving by Francis family

Special intention for Luk & Chui families

SATURDAY, May 13, 7:00 PM

+Beatrice Gonsalves, +Marianne & Stephen Nogueira

+Maria & John Mascarenhas

SUNDAY, May 14, 8:30 AM

+Rita Aldana, +William Li, +Yolanda Pesaressi

SUNDAY, May 14, 11:30 AM

+Ida Sorge, +Greg Sarniak, +Fernanda Linhares

SUNDAY, May 14, 7:00 PM

+Cecil Chaudhry, +Fe Chaudhry

+Cyril & Sandra Chauhdry

REFLECT ON THE GOSPEL

This fourth Sunday of the Easter season is sometimes called Good Shepherd Sunday because in each of the three lectionary cycles, the Gospel reading invites us to reflect on Jesus as the Good Shepherd. In each cycle the reading is from the tenth chapter of John's Gospel. This chapter sets the framework for Jesus' teaching about himself as the Good Shepherd.

Today's reading falls between the stories of Jesus' healing of the man born blind and the raising of Lazarus. Both of these stories were proclaimed in the Gospels found in this year's season of Lent. Following the controversy that ensued when Jesus healed the man born blind, Jesus directs his allegory about the sheep and the shepherd toward the Jewish religious leaders of his time, the Pharisees.

Throughout John's Gospel the Pharisees fail to accept Jesus' ministry and teaching. They show themselves to be "robbers and thieves" because they try to lead the sheep without entering through the gate, Jesus. Through these metaphors, Jesus is telling his listeners that those who follow him and his way will find abundant life. He identifies himself both as the shepherd and the gate. The shepherds who are faithful to him are the ones whom the sheep (Jesus' disciples) should follow.

The relationship between the sheep and their shepherd is based on familiarity. Sheep recognize their shepherd and will not follow a stranger. At the end of the day, shepherds lead their sheep from pastures to a common gated area called a sheepfold. There, one shepherd protects all of the sheep until the next day when each shepherd returns to lead his own sheep to pasture. As shepherds move among the sheep, the sheep follow only their shepherd.

Today's Gospel also gives us the opportunity to reflect on Christian leadership. Jesus' words suggest to us that those who will lead the Christian community will be known by their faithfulness to Jesus. The leaders will recognize that Jesus is the gate for all of the sheep and that having a good relationship with Jesus is the primary characteristic of a Christian leader. Jesus' allegory also suggests that faithful Christian leadership requires a good relationship with the community: the shepherd knows his sheep, and they know him. Christian leaders follow the example of Jesus, the Good Shepherd, by being faithful to him and by being a good shepherd.

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REMINDERS

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

If your home address or telephone number has changed, please send us an email at office@mercifulredeemer.org.

NEW PARISHIONERS: WELCOME!

Welcome to our Parish! Please complete a registration form found on the table in the entrance hall, and submit to the Parish Office. Please do not hesitate to introduce yourself and your family to the priests as soon as possible.

A NOTE FROM MSGR OWEN

The peace of the Risen Christ be with you all!

I express my gratitude to the many people who generously offered time and talent to make our Holy Week and Easter celebrations so special. The staff, the RCIA team and candidates, the musicians, readers, ushers, decorators, altar servers and everyone who did anything – and there are many of you – gave much to help us all really rejoice. For this, I and the entire parish, thank you.

I wish also to offer my apologies for the difficulties experienced by some in the parking lot, particularly on Palm Sunday. I should have taken into account the longer services and the challenges that would be posed by people leaving one Mass and entering for the next, with little time to spare. I am still new to the Parish and am learning how things work “on the ground.” To those who experienced excessive frustration, I ask for your pardon and continued patience. A few people reached out to offer advice on how to improve, and I am grateful for your input. Further to this, note that parking space is limited. We are fortunate to have a high school and a shopping mall across the street, which together provide more than enough parking space for everyone wishing to attend Mass. Be advised that some people have received tickets for double parking and for parking in the fire escape routes in the parish parking lot. Park illegally at your own risk.

Finally, and perhaps I am writing to the wrong people, but very often requests for Sacraments or reference letters are made, and neither the staff nor Fr Jimmy or I have any idea who the person making the request is. It is extremely helpful that you (and your family members who attend here) be registered with the Parish. I cannot write an honest letter of reference for someone I don't know and don't recognize. Fr Jimmy and I, and all the volunteers and staff, are here to serve everyone who comes. For the sake of efficiency, courtesy and community spirit, please help us to help you by registering with the Office.

God bless you!



SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM

Parent/s are to be registered parishioners and participate in a preparation program. Contact the Parish Office for more information.

MARRIAGE

Couples planning to be married must contact a priest one year in advance. They must also take a marriage course. Contact the Parish Office for more information.

RECONCILIATION

Individual confessions on Tuesdays at 6:15-6:45 PM and Saturdays at 4:00-4:45 PM, or by appointment. Contact the Parish Office for more information.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Call the Parish Office to schedule.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ATTENTION ALL PARISH GROUPS!

If your parish group would like to include an announcement in the bulletin, please email Chai at mrparishcommunications@gmail.com. All submissions will be reviewed and approved by Msgr Owen. Note that the deadline to send your announcements is the Monday prior to the weekend. Thank you!

VOLUNTEERS FOR WEDDING REHEARSALS

We are looking volunteers to conduct Wedding Rehearsals. Please call the Parish Office for more details.

SEARCHING FOR ENVELOPE BOX OWNERS

We request the owners of the following envelope boxes to please give the Parish Office a call at your earliest convenience: 1890, 2368, 771, 1492. No names or addresses are available to credit donations.

SHARELIFE

Living the Gospel by providing for those in need...

“One of the core components of our Pastoral Plan is Catholic Outreach in Justice and Love. As a Catholic community we are called to be the hands and face of Jesus in our communities. One of the ways that we do this is through our annual ShareLife appeal, which provides resources to agencies serving the poor and marginalized not only in our archdiocese, but also around the world. ShareLife is a tangible way that we can put the Gospel value to love one another as I have loved you into action, and I invite all parishioners to support the mission work of the Catholic Church by making a sacrificial gift to ShareLife.”
– Thomas Cardinal Collins, Archbishop of Toronto

Today is ShareLife Sunday. Please give generously.

Trivia of the Week

Q1: What is the name of Jesus' Grandfather?

- a. David
- b. Joachim
- c. Abraham
- d. Joseph

Q2: Who was the last of the 12 Apostles to die?

- a. Peter
- b. Matthew
- c. Philip
- d. John

Q3: If you can't drive or you're sick at home, you can call the priest and confess your sins over the phone.

- a. True
- b. False

Q4: Which of these books is not in the New Testament of the Bible?

- a. Hebrews
- b. Jude
- c. Job
- d. Titus

Q5: What was the occupation of St. Luke who was one of the four Gospel writers?

- a. Doctor
- b. Tax Collector
- c. Fisherman
- d. Carpenter

Check next week's bulletin for the answers!

Last week's Trivia of the Week Answer Sheet

1. C | 2. C | 3. A | 4. B | 5. B

"Name the Saint" Answer Sheet

- 1. St. Clare of Assisi, 2. St. Anne,
- 3. St. Maximilian Kolbe,
- 4. St. Anthony of Padua



MAY IS THE MONTH OF MARY! IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO GROW CLOSER TO OUR HEAVENLY MOTHER THIS MONTH, HERE ARE A FEW TIPS TO HELP YOU OUT:

1. MAKE SURE YOU SEE HER EVERY DAY

Have her as the background image on your phone or laptop, print a picture of her and place it on your study desk at home, use a bookmark with her face on it... Any place that gives you the opportunity to see her beautiful face every day, and remind you to say a prayer each time. The ideas are endless! Get creative!

2. READ BIBLE PASSAGES ABOUT HER

Whether it's a story you've never heard before or one that you've heard a million times, stories about Mother Mary never get old! There is always something new and beautiful to learn when we read the Bible, especially if we ask for her intercession and the help of the Holy Spirit. A few stories to search up are the Annunciation, the Birth of Jesus, the Presentation at the Temple, and the Wedding at Cana.

3. PRAY THE ROSARY

Praying the rosary is one of the main prayers of the Church, and one of the most beautiful and fruitful! It was Mother Mary herself who taught St. Dominic how to pray it. When you do, don't forget to reflect on each mystery and ask Mary to help you understand and appreciate them.

4. RECEIVE THE SACRAMENTS

Mother Mary's mission is to lead us closer to her Son, Jesus Christ! She delights when she sees us receiving the sacraments regularly, especially Confession and the Eucharist, because she knows that Jesus is waiting to receive us and embrace us.

YOUCAT CORNER

What sort of preparation do I need in order to be able to receive Holy Eucharist?

Someone who would like to receive Holy Eucharist must be Catholic. If he has a serious sin on his conscience, he must first make a confession. Before approaching the altar, one should be reconciled with his neighbours. [1389, 1417]

Until a few years ago, the practice was to eat nothing for at least three hours before Mass; that was how people prepared to encounter Christ in Holy Communion. Today the Church requires at least one hour of fasting. Another sign of reverence is to wear one's finest clothing — after all, we have a rendezvous with the Lord of the world.

MINISTRY

**ARE YOU YOUNG & FREE?
DO YOU WANT TO KNOW JESUS?
DO YOU LIKE FOOD & GAMES?
WE WOULD LOVE TO MEET YOU!**

EDGE NIGHTS FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL (GR. 7-8)

Merciful Redeemer Parish, Basement Hall
Every Friday, 6:45-9 PM

YOUTH ALPHA FOR HIGH SCHOOL (GR. 9-12)

St. Aloysius Gonzaga Secondary School
Every Tuesday, 2:30-3:30 PM

LIFE NIGHTS FOR HIGH SCHOOL (GR. 9-12)

Merciful Redeemer Parish, Basement Hall
Every Saturday, 7-10:30 PM

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Calling out all young adults (18-35) from the area!
We come together every 2nd and 4th Tuesday at
different parishes. Please contact **Marc Puigmarti**
for details at mercifulredeemerym@gmail.com.



SAINT OF THE WEEK *Sts. Nereus & Achilleus*

Feast Day: May 12

Everything we know about Sts. Nereus and Achilleus comes from St. Damasus who, in the 4th century, wrote a memorial tablet commemorating the lives of these two 1st century martyrs.

Sts. Nereus and Achilleus were both soldiers in the Roman army. They followed orders in persecuting Christians even if they didn't have anything against them because they were afraid of being punished and killed for their disobedience. However, after a "miracle of faith" caused their conversion, they threw down their weapons and escaped from their camp to start a new life with their newfound faith in Christ. Even though they knew that they would be persecuted for their faith just like every other Christian, their love for the Lord and the victory of faith was greater than the fear of death.

Prayer *Saints Achilleus and Nereus, pray for those in the military and armed forces throughout the world that they may always see God as their authority and obey God's orders first. Amen.*

NAME THE SAINT!

Figure out which of our beloved saints fit the description within each box.
Answers found under "Trivia of the Week"

1

After listening to St. Francis of Assisi preach, she was moved to imitate him and serve Jesus. She is the foundress of the Poor Clares, an order of nuns.

2

Wife of Joachim,
Mother of Mary,
Grandmother of Jesus.

3

A Polish priest taken prisoner by the Nazis and taken to a concentration camp. There, he offered himself in place of a man who had been condemned to death by starvation.

4

A follower of St. Francis of Assisi who became famous for preaching, especially to those who had lost their faith. Known as the patron saint of lost things, he is often depicted with the child Jesus in his arms.

A Student's Prayer

God of Light and Truth, thank You for giving me a mind that can know and a heart that can love.

Help me to keep learning every day of my life,
for all knowledge leads to You.

Let me be aware of Your presence
in all things and at all times.

Encourage me when work is difficult and when I am tempted to give up; encourage me when my brain seems slow and the way forward is difficult.

Grant me the grace to put my mind to use
exploring the world you have created,
confident that in you there is
a wisdom that is real. *Amen.*

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

PARISH TRIPS & EVENTS

Marriage Course

Every Wednesday, April 19 - May 24, 7:30-9:30 PM

Baptism Course (Parents & Godparents)

May 9, 7:30 - 8:30 PM

Women's SPA (Spiritual Personal Awakening) Merciful Redeemer Parish Hall

Every Wednesday, May 10 - June 14, 7:00-9:00 PM

March For Life at Parliament Hill, Ottawa May 11, 2017

If you are interested in joining us and would like to reserve a spot, please contact Danielle at (416) 655 0508 or John at (905) 820 9232.

Adoration & Rosary for Vocations May 12, 9:00 PM - 12:00 Midnight

On this day, parishes across the Archdiocese of Toronto have prayer events dedicated specifically for vocations to the priesthood, religious and consecrated life. We ask you to keep our five candidates in your prayers along with all those who are discerning or are currently in formation.

Mother's Day Mass: May 14, 8:30 AM

Parish Mission with Fr. Wade Menezes May 15-18, 7:00 PM

Includes Mass, Adoration, Reflection, and Confession.

Theology of the Body

Every Tuesday, May 30 - June 20, 7:30 - 9:30 PM

Please check page 7 of the bulletin for more details.

Feast of the Ascension of our Lord: May 25

Feast of the Visitation: May 31

Year-End Mass for St. Aloysius Gonzaga S.S. May 30, 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM

St. Vincent de Paul Garage Sale June 3, 8:00 AM - 12:00 Noon

ShareLife Sunday: June 4

Pentecost Sunday: June 4

Holy Trinity Sunday: June 11

Baptism Course (Parents & Godparents) June 13, 7:30 - 8:30 PM

Year-End Mass for Divine Mercy School June 15, 9:30 AM

Feast of Corpus Christi: June 15

St. Vincent de Paul "Bundle Up Sunday" June 17-18, 8:00 AM - 12:00 Noon

Father's Day - Parish Picnic Streetsville Memorial Park June 18, 11:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Year-End Mass for St. Sebastian School June 19, 10:00 AM

Year-End Mass for St. Rose of Lima School June 21, 10:15 AM

Feast of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus: June 23

Nativity of St. John the Baptist: June 24

Daughters of St. Paul Book Sale June 24 & 25, After All Masses

Mississauga Right to Life June 27, 7:00 PM Mass & Followed by AGM

ARCHDIOCESE OF TORONTO

Mass of Ordination St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica, Toronto May 13, 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Join us in celebration and thanksgiving for the men in our Archdiocese who have responded to the call to priestly vocation. This is an open event, so we hope you can join us for this joyous occasion!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ACTIVITIES

General Membership Meeting May 9, 7:00 PM

Mother's Day Mass May 14, 8:30 AM

Father's Day - Parish Picnic Streetsville Memorial Park June 18, 11:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Please email the Knights of Columbus on info@sfc16254.ca to inquire about membership and/or activities.

YOUNG ADULT EVENTS

**Theology on Tap West:
Discernment of God's Will in Daily Life
Boston Pizza (50 Courtney Park Dr. E, Mississauga)
May 8, 7:00 PM**

Faith Connections, the Office of Catholic Youth, and the local parishes invite young adults (19-39) to join an evening of thought-provoking theological discussion in a relaxed setting, with special guest: John O'Brien, SJ. Munchies provided. Cash bar. Come and bring a friend!

For more information, please contact the Office of Catholic Youth at (416) 599 7676, or visit the Faith Connections website on www.faithconnections.ca.

**Theology on Tap: Serving with
Absolute Respect... Unconditional Love
Duke of York Pub (39 Prince Arthur Ave., Toronto)
May 29, 7:00 - 9:00 PM**

Faith Connections invites young adults (19-39) to join us for an evening of thought-provoking theological discussion in a comfortable and relaxed setting, with special guests: Bruce Rivers, Executive Director of Covenant House. Munchies provided, cash bar, come and bring a friend!

For more information, please contact Kataryna Kuzar at (416) 467 2645, or visit the Faith Connections website on www.faithconnections.ca.

YOUTH MINISTRY FUNDRAISER: BAKE SALE / TALENT SHOW

The Youth Ministry will be having a Bake Sale/Talent Show fundraiser for the Steubenville Toronto Conference on Saturday, June 3. We are looking for donations for the bake sale, as well as acts for the Talent show.

Any youth in Grades 7-12 who are interested in auditioning should contact Marc at mercifulredeemerym@gmail.com. More details to follow in coming weeks.

MAY 21: ADORATION + ROSARY

On May 21, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Rosary has been rescheduled for 1:00 - 2:00 PM after 12:15 Mass. Join us if you can. We hope to see you there!

NEW! PARENTS & TOTS GROUP

Our parish is thrilled to finally have our Parents & Tots group set in motion. The purpose of the group is to provide an atmosphere of prayer, friendship and support for young parents and their children. Parents and their young children would meet in the Basement Hall to provide them with opportunities for fellowship, faith deepening, and sharing wisdom.

Starting on May 27th until the end of June 2017, this group will meet every Friday from 10:30 AM - 12:15 PM (prior to 12:15 Mass). If you are interested in joining our group or volunteering to help, please contact Andria Lewis at parentsandtots@mercifulredeemer.org. Please bring snacks to share with parents and children! We hope to see you there!

INVITATION TO ALL MOMS!

Please join us on Sunday, May 28th from 2:30 - 4:30 PM for a lovely afternoon of tea, treats and "time-off" in celebration of motherhood. Come and listen to an inspiring talk, meet other moms in our parish community, and relax over a cup of tea and some delicious sweets.

Show Mom how much you love her by registering her today, or by encouraging her to register either at the Parish Office or online (www.mrpparentstots.typeform.com/to/mLAn69). Cost is only \$5 (payable at the door). Moms of all ages, grandmothers, aunts, godmothers and moms-to-be are all welcome!

THEOLOGY OF THE BODY IS BACK!

*Are you the person you want to be?
Are you happy and fulfilled?*

If you're wondering if there is more to life than just "getting by" and are ready to focus on what really matters, then discover this extraordinary Catholic teaching called **Theology of the Body**.

Given to us by St. John Paul II, author and presenter Christopher West unpacks this teaching in his DVD series, "Discovering the Master Plan for Your Life." It will be presented for adults in DVD format with open discussion.

There will be 4 consecutive sessions **every Tuesday from May 30 to June 20 at 7:30 - 9:30 PM**, held in the Merciful Redeemer Parish Hall. This will be a great opportunity to prepare for Level 2, which will be offered next spring.

A fee of \$20.00 per person or \$25.00 per couple, which includes a workbook, will be collected at the first session. For information and pre-registration, please contact either Anthony at (416) 302 4253 or Tod at TOB@bell.net.