



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

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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 21, 2017

First Reading: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17

Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:15-18

Gospel: John 14:15-21

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, May 22, 12:15 PM

+ Gerardus Nurwandi, + Domingos D'Souza
+ Albert Ivanschitz

TUESDAY, May 23, 7:00 PM

+ Ferdinand Mejilla, + Sandra Sammut
+ George Rudder

WEDNESDAY, May 24, 12:15 PM

+ Rose & Paul Falzon, + Ferdinand Mejilla
+ Helen & Emmanuel Attard

THURSDAY, May 25, 7:00 PM

+ Brenda Geroche, + Carmen Agoncillo
Special intention for Mabel Almeida

FRIDAY, May 26, 12:15 PM

+ William Bardswich, + Kay du Quesnay
Thanksgiving by Aurora Eusebio

SATURDAY, May 27, 9:00 AM

+ May Chan, + Jace Owen Catibog
+ Manda Mudrinic, + John Paul Arago
+ Ravarra & Casipit
Special intention for Pawel Ratajczak

SATURDAY, May 27, 5:00 PM

+ Sheila & Earl Ilogon, + Elena Dinulescu
+ Zdzislawa Sienko

SATURDAY, May 27, 7:00 PM

+ Antonio Costantini, + Imelda Avestruz
Thanksgiving by Goan Soccer League

SUNDAY, May 28, 8:30 AM

+ William Li, + George & Victoria Medawar
Special intention for Courbet family

SUNDAY, May 28, 11:30 AM

+ Arthur Fetalvero Sr., + Belchior De Melo
+ Ricardo Perez

SUNDAY, May 28, 7:00 PM

+ Consolacion Bustillo, + Faustino Almeida
+ Deceased members of Almeida family

REFLECT ON THE GOSPEL

“There was great joy in that city.” ACTS 8:8

Today's first reading tells us three things: evil exists (Acts 8:7); we have the Holy Spirit in us (8:14-15); and we can experience “great joy” as God manifests his power (8:8).

Ever since the time of the Enlightenment, there has been a tendency to dismiss belief in the devil. An overemphasis on reason and science led people to believe that there was no reality beyond the material universe.

Yet Scripture gives us plenty of evidence to the contrary. Jesus confronted demonic forces when he met a man with an unclean spirit (Mark 1:21-28), a blind demoniac (Matthew 12:22-29), and the daughter of a Canaanite woman (15:21-28).

Evil spirits are real, and they are most effective when we are indifferent to them.

There are real-life situations of people who are possessed by evil spirits through witchcraft, curses, and the like. These people need the help of an exorcist. But those are rare cases. For the rest of us, Satan tends to harass us, not possess us. He whispers thoughts that tempt us to be negative, resentful, or self-condemning. We may think these thoughts come from ourselves, and partly they do. But at the same time, they are fostered by Satan's negative accusations.

So what can you do? First, have faith that the Holy Spirit is in you, helping you fight Satan's temptations. Second, pray. Hold on to the words of the Lord's Prayer, “Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.” Then, pay attention to what is going on in your heart. Look for signs of how the temptation is diminishing. Rejoice in even the smallest sign of freedom!

Jesus has already conquered Satan. Now he wants us to step into the freedom he has won for us. By following these three simple steps, we can begin to know the “great joy” that comes when we resist Satan's temptations.

Lord, lead me not into temptation. Deliver me from every evil harassment.

Retrieved from **The Word Among Us: Daily Meditations**
(www.wau.org/meditations)

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.

TRAINING FOR LAY PASTORAL VISITORS & ALL INTERESTED

On Saturday, May 27, there will be a short training session to prepare lay people who bring communion to the sick and homebound of our Parish community. It will begin at 10:00 AM and conclude at 1:00 PM. The session will include a review of pastoral visits, prayers and guidelines for bringing Communion to the Sick. New and seasoned Lay Pastoral Visitors and those who are interested in this ministry are welcome to attend. Please note that the parishioners who currently take the Eucharist to their family and friends are required to attend if they have not gone through such a formation.

CATHOLIC FAMILY SERVICES

Catholic Family Services of Toronto offers **walk-in counselling services** at two locations:

Central Office: 1155 Yonge St. Suite 100, Toronto
Every Tuesday, 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM
Phone: (416) 921 1163

North Office: 5799 Yonge Street. Suite 300, North York
Every Thursday, 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM
Phone: (416) 222 0048 | Email: info@cfstoronto.com

The single-session consultation is aimed at helping individuals, couples, or family clients address their concerns. No appointment required.

Catholic Family Services of Toronto offers a **6-8 week professional psycho-educational group** for people who have faced relationship loss, separation & divorce.

The sessions are held in a safe, supportive context and facilitated by a clinical social worker will utilize evidence based information aimed at assisting each participant in their healing journey.

For more information about topics, dates and fees and to register for an upcoming group, please contact **Alpana Das**, MSW, RSW at (416) 921 1163 ext. 2232 or email adas@cfstoronto.com.

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!

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 caring for the elderly...

"Words cannot convey our gratitude to Elizabeth and to the Society of Sharing for giving our mother a new meaning to her life. Before the friendly visit program started, our mother was very depressed and unmotivated. However, her life changed when Elizabeth started to visit her. Elizabeth is a very kind, energetic and enthusiastic volunteer and her hobby is artwork. She decided to share her talent with our mother and has been giving her art lessons in acrylic painting. The intellectual stimulation has been tremendous and, as a result, has enhanced her health and her quality of life as she relaxes and focuses on her art projects. Thank you again, for all your support." Last year ShareLife-supported agencies provided outreach programs that met the needs of over 2,200 seniors.

Next ShareLife Sunday is June 4, 2017.

Please give generously.

SUPPORT OUR 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. Please drop them off by 4:00 PM at the Youth Office in the Parish basement.



SHOWCASE YOUR GOD-GIVEN TALENT!

We are in need of brave youth in Grades 7-12 who would like to showcase their God-given talents! If you would like to join our Talent Show line-up, please register online at the following link: <https://goo.gl/forms/bmxdC0v84QCQL7gZ2>, or visit our website at www.mercifulredeemerym.com and find "Bake Sale & Talent Show Fundraiser" under our Events to find the online registration link.



Please contact Marc Puigmarti no later than Monday, May 22nd at mercifulredeemerym@gmail.com.

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.



Serenity Prayer

God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change,
Courage to change the things I can, and wisdom to know the difference.

Living one day at a time, enjoying one moment at a time,
Accepting hardships as the pathway to peace,

Taking, as Jesus did, this sinful world as it is, not as I would have it
Trusting that You will make all things right if I surrender to Your Will,

So that I may be reasonably happy in this life,
And supremely happy with you forever in the next. *Amen.*

REINHOLD NIEBUHR (1892-1971)



"Special! Trivia of the Week: Marian Devotions" Answer Sheet: 1. D | 2. B | 3. C | 4. C | 5. B

NAME THE SAINT!

Which beloved saint fits the description within each box?

Answers found under "Trivia of the Week"

1

Known as the "Lily of the Mohawks," she was scarred and nearly blinded by small pox as a child and was persecuted by her tribe for her Catholic faith

2

The patron saint of joy who once experienced a vision of a "globe of fiery light" entering his mouth and sinking into his heart

3

While pregnant with her fourth child, she was diagnosed with uterine tumor and resolved to risk her own life to save the life of her unborn child

4

He is the patron saint of Canada

SAINT OF THE WEEK

St. Rita of Cascia

Feast Day: May 22

Patron Saint of impossible cases, difficult marriages and parenthood



St. Rita, born in 1381 as Margherita Lotti, wanted to become an Augustinian nun from a young age, but she followed her parents' wishes of an arranged marriage. At the age of 18, she married Paolo Mancini — a cruel man with an adulterous heart, a violent temper, and many enemies because of his family's feud with the Chiqui family. Still, Rita stayed faithful and prayerful, with their twin sons as her only source of joy aside from God. Paolo eventually became a better man, but he was still ambushed and murdered by his enemies. Their sons wanted to avenge their father's death, but Rita's prayers converted their hearts. Within a year, both her sons fell ill and died.

After these tragedies, Rita once more discerned and pursued her calling to join the Augustinian nuns. She was denied at first, and was only approved when she successfully brought peace between the Mancinis and Chiquis. At the age of 36, Rita became an Augustinian nun! One day, while strongly meditating on Christ's Passion, Rita asked the Lord to let her share in his suffering. Suddenly, a small wound appeared on her forehead, as if a thorn from Jesus' crown pierced her. This wound never healed, and caused her suffering until the day she died.

A few months before her death, Rita asked a visiting relative for a rose from the garden of her old home. Even though it was the middle of winter, her cousin miraculously found a single rose in that garden and brought it to Rita who gave thanks to God for this sign of love.

We can all learn from St. Rita's inspiring witness. She always approached God with her requests even if the odds were against her, because she believed that He makes all things possible. And even though her life was full of trials and tragedies, she never lost faith. Instead of these hardships breaking her spirit, they purified her heart and led her closer to God.

YOUCAT CORNER

May we worship Mary?

No. Only God can be worshipped. But we can revere Mary as the Mother of our Lord [971]. By worship we mean the humble, unconditional acknowledgement of the absolute superiority of God over all creatures. Mary is a creature like us. In faith she is our Mother. And we should honour our parents. There is a biblical basis for this, since Mary herself says, "For behold, henceforth all generations will call me blessed" (Luke 1:48b). So the Church has Marian shrines and places of pilgrimage, feast days, hymns, and prayers, for instance, the Rosary. It is a compendium of the Gospels.



Special!

Trivia of the Week: Marian Devotions

Q1: Which Feast of Mary is celebrated on January 1st?

- a. Annunciation
- b. Our Lady of the Sorrows
- c. Immaculate Conception
- d. Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Q2: Which of these is *not* one of the Luminous Mysteries?

- a. The Baptism in Jordan
- b. The Presentation at the Temple
- c. The Transfiguration
- d. The Institution of the Eucharist

Q3: What colour is your scapular if you have a devotion to the Immaculate Conception?

- a. White
- b. Green
- c. Blue
- d. Brown

Q4: Which Pope used the phrase "Totus Tuus" as his apostolic motto and as an expression of his personal Consecration to Mary?

- a. Pope Leo XIII
- b. Pope Paul VI
- c. St. Pope John Paul II
- d. Pope Benedict XVI

Q5: Which title/invocation of Mary is *not* in the Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary?

- a. Mystical Rose
- b. Our Lady of the Way
- c. Queen of Apostles
- d. Virgin Most Powerful

Answers found under "Name the Saint"!

"Name the Saint" Answer Sheet

- 1. St. Kateri Tekakwitha, 2. St. Philip Neri,
- 3. St. Gianna Molla, 4. St. Joseph

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

PARISH TRIPS & EVENTS

Women's SPA (Spiritual Personal Awakening)
Merciful Redeemer Parish Hall
Every Wednesday, May 10 - June 14, 7:00-9:00 PM

Feast of the Ascension of our Lord: May 25

Parents & Tots Group Meetings
Every Friday, May 26 - June 30, 10:30 AM - 12:15 PM
Please check page 7 of the bulletin for more details.

Training for Lay Pastoral Visitors
May 27, 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Please check page 3 of the bulletin for more details.

Knights of Columbus Bottle Drive
Parish Parking Lot (Side of Glen Erin Drive exit)
May 27 & 28, 2017

Mother's Day Afternoon Tea
May 28, 2:30 - 4:30 PM
Please check page 7 of the bulletin for more details.

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 Visitation: May 31

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

Youth Ministry Fundraiser: Bake Sale/Talent Show
June 3, Details TBA
Please check page 4 of the bulletin for more details.

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

Solemnity 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

YOUNG ADULT EVENTS

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.

Young Adults Retreat: Theology of the Body
Manresa Spiritual Renewal Centre, Pickering
July 21-23, 7:00 PM

Join the Sisters of Life for a weekend retreat! The retreat will include opportunities for prayer, fellowship, confession, Mass and conferences on the topic of St. John Paul II's Theology of the Body. Retreat is open for men and women ages 18 to 35. We hope to see you there!

To register, please visit www.sistersoflife.org. For more information, call the Sisters of Life at (416) 463 2722 or email toronto@sistersoflife.org.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ACTIVITIES

Knights of Columbus Bottle Drive
Parish Parking Lot (Side of Glen Erin Drive exit)
May 27 & 28, 2017

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.

CATHOLIC FAMILY SERVICES: NEW BEGINNINGS EVENTS

**BEGINNING THE HEALING JOURNEY
AFTER SEPARATION AND DIVORCE**
St. Roch's Church (2889 Islington Ave, North York)
May 27 (Saturday), 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Speaker, Fr. Fred Scinto will expand on this topic which was last presented as an evening talk at St. Elizabeth Seton in Newmarket. A light lunch will be provided. For more information, please call (416) 921 1163 ext. 2230 or 2235.

LOST AND FOUND ON THE PATH OF THE SPIRIT
Holy Family Church (60 Allan Dr., Bolton)
June 3 (Saturday), 9:30 AM - 3:30 PM

A New Beginnings Retreat led by Deacon Curtis Boone and Joanne La Mere-Boone. A light lunch will be provided. For more information, call (416) 921 1163 ext. 2230 or 2235, or email Deacon Curtis and Joanne at newbeginnings.stpadrepiochurch@gmail.com.

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 (<https://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!

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 26th 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!

THEOLOGY OF THE BODY IS BACK! DISCOVERING THE MASTER PLAN FOR YOUR LIFE

*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.

Singles, engaged couples, married couples, and youth 18+ are encouraged to attend. A fee of \$20.00 per person (includes workbook) or \$25.00 per couple (includes workbook) or \$5.00 for repeat participants will be collected at the first session on May 30.

For information and pre-registration, please contact **Anthony** at (416) 302 4253, **Tod** at TOB@bell.net, or **Melvin** at marquesm2020@gmail.com.

"Be not afraid, for I am with you."

ISAIAH 41:10

