



MERCIFUL REDEEMER PARISH

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

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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: JUNE 25, 2017

First Reading: Jeremiah 20:10-13

Second Reading: Romans 5:12-15

Gospel: Matthew 10:26-33

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, June 26, 12:15 PM

+ Michael Ryan Warren, + Juliet Mendes

Thanksgiving by Tang family

TUESDAY, June 27, 7:00 PM

+ Bienvenido S. Arellano, + Iris

Special intention for Mississauga Right to Life

WEDNESDAY, June 28, 12:15 PM

+ Clarina Barreto, + Jose Manuel Coelho

+ Maria Caetano Cabral

THURSDAY, June 29, 7:00 PM

+ Runstedt D'Lima, + Keith Ross, + Elham Afram

FRIDAY, June 30, 12:15 PM

+ Manuel Mederios, + Emil Asoera

Special intention for Helen Shanahan

SATURDAY, July 1, 9:00 AM

+ Anne Sequeira, + Anna Ksiezopolski

+ Anton Swampillai, + Benjamin & Carmen Panlaqui

+ Trinidad & Ben Cabacungan, + Holy Souls in Purgatory

SATURDAY, July 1, 5:00 PM

+ Rosario Lazaro, + Luis Tobias

Special intention for Kara Thornhill

SATURDAY, July 1, 7:00 PM

+ Roque & Luiza Rodrigues, + Lydia Cruz Lombos

+ Benedetto D'Amato

SUNDAY, July 2, 8:30 AM

+ Alexander Fernandes, + Noel Geniza

Thanksgiving by Adele Pillos

SUNDAY, July 2, 11:30 AM

+ Xavier Francis, + Nikolas Mavrommatis

Special intention for Seminarians

SUNDAY, July 2, 7:00 PM

+ Maria Amelia Machado, + Guillermo Ramirez

Special intention for Kay Arani & family

REFLECT ON THE GOSPEL

*“Whoever denies me before others,
I will deny before my heavenly Father.”*

MATTHEW 10:33

Most of Jesus' words are encouraging and inspiring. But occasionally, he says something that shakes us up. For example, Jesus told us that our righteousness had better not be like that of the Pharisees, or we will not get into heaven (Matthew 5:20). He told us that unless we eat his Body and drink his Blood, we will not have eternal life (John 6:54). He even said, “Woe to you who are rich” (Luke 6:24).

Of course Jesus is a God of mercy and love. But today's Gospel is one of those seemingly harsh messages that make us worry about our eternal happiness. What are we supposed to do with statements like these?

Let's look at St. Peter. He, the “Rock” of the Church, denied that he even knew Jesus! But rather than scolding Peter or saying, “I am going to deny you before my Father,” Jesus simply asked Peter, “Do you love me?” (John 21:15, 16, 17). He knew that Peter felt deep remorse. He knew that Peter had wept bitter tears of sadness over his weakness. So Jesus' question was clearly an invitation to reconciliation.

In a similar way, Jesus knows that we are all weak. He knows that we all betray him in one way or another. And he treats us just as he treated Peter.

The key to understanding this unsettling passage from the Gospel is this: Where is your heart? Peter loved Jesus. He wanted nothing more than to serve Jesus. He wasn't a coward. He was just a human being, and human beings can be overcome by fear and temptation at times.

So for Peter, as well as for all of us, this is the important distinction: Are you a sinner who doesn't know how to love God? Or are you a lover of God who falls into sin? Peter was a lover of God. So were all the other apostles who fled at Jesus' arrest. They may have failed Jesus at that moment, but Jesus never failed them. And he won't fail us!

Jesus, I love you. Teach me to remain steadfast.

Retrieved today's reflection 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 pick up a box of envelopes and a registration form found on the table in the entrance hall. Please complete the form and submit it to the Parish Office as soon as possible. Do not hesitate to introduce yourself and your family to the priests. We look forward to meeting 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 6:00-6:50 PM and Saturdays at 4:00-4:50 PM, or by appointment. Contact the Parish Office for more information.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Call the Parish Office to schedule.

SHARELIFE

Living the Gospel by helping youth to rebuild their lives...

Seventeen-year-old Emily arrived at Sancta Maria earlier this year having previously spent time at Whitby Shores. Her biggest surprise is the warmth and calm acceptance she feels here at her new "home". Having grown up in a home with no father, Emily spent a great deal of time in conflict with her mom, which caused a great deal of anxiety. She eventually ended up in a Toronto clinic at sixteen, and soon discovered that the lack of acceptance did nothing to build up her self-esteem. At Sancta Maria House, Emily has gained her independence and improved her confidence in cooking skills. As well, she has developed her job search skills, having applied for several positions with hopes to start a job soon. ShareLife-supported Sancta Maria House has provided life-transforming services for young women in need for over 40 years in the Greater Toronto Area.

Please make a sacrificial gift to ShareLife through your parish, or at www.sharelife.org.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We are looking for volunteers to help out with our Parents & Tots Group every Friday from 10:30 AM until 12:15 PM. Please register at the parish office if you are interested.

REMINDER TO ALL PARISHIONERS

If you have not registered at our parish, please pick up a box of envelopes and complete a registration form found on the table in the entrance hall. Submit your form to the Parish Office as soon as possible. Thank you!

LETTERS OF REFERENCE FOR CATHOLIC TEACHER APPLICANTS

If you or one of your children are planning on attending Teacher's College in the Fall to become a teacher in our Catholic schools, part of the application process for the Board includes a letter of reference from your pastor. If you are from this parish and intend to ask for a reference letter, please note that you will have to be attending Mass here regularly and involved in the life of the parish before such a recommendation can be given. If you have a son or daughter currently in Teacher's College who does not attend this parish (because they are away at school) and intends to use Merciful Redeemer as the parish from which they will request a letter of reference, they will be required to obtain a letter from the pastor of the parish where they are attending while away at school. Let us pray for our Catholic teachers, students, schools and future Catholic educators!

WE ARE SOCIAL! FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK & TWITTER

We are excited to announce that Merciful Redeemer Parish is now on Twitter and Facebook! Staying connected and up-to-date with what's going on in our parish has never been easier. Follow us now to receive notifications and reminders on upcoming events, schedule changes, volunteer opportunities, and ministry updates. In addition, you can enjoy our daily posts on Scripture readings and various Catholic resources to make each day more Christ-centered.

 www.facebook.com/MercifulRedeemerParish

 www.twitter.com/RedeemerParish

SHARELIFE UPDATE

Thank you once again to everyone who has generously donated to ShareLife! To date, our total collection is \$167,666.24, which includes all credit card transactions. We have now reached 71% of our \$236,000 goal. Help us reach 100%! For those of you who still wish to give donations, you are more than welcome to do so.

SAINT OF THE WEEK

St. Irenaeus

Feast Day: June 28

Although it may seem impossible to relate to someone who lived over 1800 years before you were born, Irenaeus is someone who lived in a time when people were questioning and altering the teachings of Jesus. Irenaeus teaches us the value of staying grounded in objective and constant truths given to us by God rather than being swayed by the personal and shifting “truths” made up by different people.

Irenaeus lived during the 2nd century, and learned the truths of the faith directly from disciples of the Apostles. He was ordained a priest in Lyons, France and became its bishop. This is where he encountered Gnosticism — a heresy claiming that eternal life could be gained only by receiving special knowledge about God, knowledge only available to a chosen few. To battle this heresy, Irenaeus taught that, according to Scripture, God wishes all people to be saved, to have eternal life, and to know the truth. His main concern was unity among the churches. Even when others were trying to convince him of other truths, Irenaeus relied on the Holy Spirit for guidance and strength to help him preserve the true teachings of Christ when it was attacked. So, next time you’re called to defend your faith from people who disagree with it, ask St. Irenaeus for help and prayers!

YOUCAT CORNER

Why do we need sacraments in the first place?

We need sacraments in order to outgrow our petty human life and to become like Jesus through Jesus: children of God in freedom and glory. [1129] In Baptism the fallen children of men become cherished children of God; through Confirmation the weak become strong, committed Christians; through **Penance** the guilty are reconciled; through the Eucharist the hungry become bread for others; through Matrimony and **Holy Orders** individualists become servants of love; through the Anointing of the Sick the despairing become people of confidence. In him we men, lost in selfishness, grow and mature into the true life that has no end.

WHO AM I?

PEOPLE OF THE OLD TESTAMENT

Can you guess which person from the Old Testament is describing himself/herself in each box? Match ‘em up!

Answers found under “Trivia of the Week”

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| A. Adam | E. Moses |
| B. Eve | F. David |
| C. Abraham | G. Esther |
| D. Noah | H. Job |

1
I revealed to my husband, the king, that I am Jewish to save my fellow Jews from being wrongly killed.

2
I was warned by God about a flood, and was instructed to build an ark.

3
I was a shepherd boy who defeated a giant enemy named Goliath with a sling and a stone.

4
I am the first human being to occupy the Garden of Eden.

5
My faith was tested through suffering the death of my children, servants & livestock, and boils all over my body.

6
God instructed me to free His people from Pharaoh, and bring them to the Promise Land.

7
God put me to the test by asking me to offer up my son as a burnt offering.

8
I was tricked by a snake to eat a fruit that I wasn’t supposed to eat.

“Trivia of the Week” Answer Sheet: 1. B | 2. C | 3. A | 4. B | 5. D



Trivia of the Week

Q1: Who prophesied that the Messiah would be born of a virgin?

- a. Daniel b. Isaiah c. Jeremiah d. Malachi

Q2: Which Archangel visited Zechariah to bring news that he and his wife Elizabeth will have a son named John (later known as John the Baptist)?

- a. Michael b. Raphael c. Gabriel d. Uriel

Q3: What is the name of the strong man whose hair is the source of his great strength?

- a. Samson b. David c. Goliath d. Abraham

Q4: Which Gospel writer did not, in any way, mention or include Jesus' birth?

- a. Matthew b. Mark c. Luke d. John

Q5: Which one of these men is *not* part of Jesus' genealogy/bloodline according to Matthew 1:1-17?

- a. Jacob b. Jesse c. Boaz d. Esau

Answers found under "Behind the Name: 12 Apostles" on opposite page

"Who Am I?" Answer Sheet: 1.G | 2.D | 3.F | 4.A | 5.H | 6.E | 7.J | 8.D | 9.C | 10.B

Congratulations!

Congratulations to all students who received their Confirmation this year. Your efforts, participation and dedication proved to be a great success. We look forward to seeing you next year to continue to keep the flame of faith alive in you at our Edge program. You are in our prayers!

Congratulations to all Grade 8 students who are completing their time in elementary school and heading off to high school in September. The entire parish wishes you all the best, and we look forward to seeing you at Mass throughout the summer and at Lifeteen in the fall. Please pray for us at Merciful Redeemer and know that we are praying for you!

Congratulations to all Grade 12 students who have completed their high school education and will be moving into the workforce or to further education in college or university. This parish community is your home and, whether you move away or stay in the GTA, know that you are always welcome.

We would like to connect you to your local Catholic chaplaincy on campus. For further details, please check our youth ministry website: www.mercifulredeemerym.com, or contact Marc, our Youth Minister, at mercifulredeemerym@gmail.com, or contact the Office of Catholic Youth at (416) 599 7676.



JOIN US FOR ULTIMATE FRISBEE WEDNESDAYS



All students currently in Grades 8-12 are welcome to join us for Ultimate Frisbee Wednesdays from 7:00 - 9:00 PM at the Gonzaga field beginning on June 28th through August 9th as we prepare for a tournament on Saturday, August 12th. Hope to see you there!

"The Lord is with me like a mighty champion."

JEREMIAH 20:11a



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

CONFERENCES & RETREATS

Shalom Retreat Toronto
Manresa Spiritual Renewal Centre, Pickering
July 7 (9:00 AM) - July 9 (7:00 PM)

A 3-day retreat that will shine the light of Christ into your heart and lead you to forgiveness, freedom and healing. Powerful talks by international preachers including Fr. George Antony and Fr. Dominic Borg. Spiritual Counselling by Sr. Gracy Varghese and Mr. Alex Antony. Celebration of the Holy Eucharist, soul-stirring music, prayer and adoration. Cost is \$250/person (includes accommodations and food). For more information, please call (416) 913 8230, or email infoca@shalomworld.org.

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.

Made4More Women's Retreat: A New Creation
Merciful Redeemer Parish, Mississauga
August 5, 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Do you need to take a day for yourself, recharge and bask in God's love? Are you in need of prayer and fellowship? Do you want to be inspired by other faithful women's stories and teachings? Join us and meet other women who desire the same thing!

This retreat is open to women, ages 19-35. The fee is \$10/person. Please bring a potluck dish — either an entrée, salad, fruits, or a peanut-free dessert.

Please do not forget to bring with you a journal/notebook, a pen, a Bible, and a rosary. We hope to see you there!

Act of Hope

O my God, relying on Your almighty power and infinite mercy and promises, I hope to obtain pardon for my sins, the help of Your grace, and life everlasting, through the merits of Jesus Christ, my Lord and Redeemer. *Amen.*



PARISH EVENTS AT A GLANCE

Parents & Tots Group Meetings
Every Friday until June 30, 10:30 AM - 12:15 PM

Year-End & Grad Mass for Our Lady of Mercy School
June 26, 10:00 AM

Graduation Mass for Divine Mercy School
June 26, 5:00 PM

Graduation Mass for St. Sebastian School
June 26, 7:30 PM

Mississauga Right to Life
June 27, 7:00 PM Mass
Followed by Annual General Meeting

Graduation Mass for St. Aloysius Gonzaga S.S.
June 28, 9:00 AM

Baptism Course (Parents & Godparents)
July 25, 7:30 - 8:30 PM

Camp Merciful
Volunteer Week: July 3-7, 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM
Camp Week 1: July 10-14 (Grades 1-7)
Camp Week 2: July 17-21 (Grades 1-7)
Camp Week 3: July 24-27 (High School)

SUPPORT ST. JOSEPHINE BAKHITA PARISH

Musical Extravaganza
The Rose Theatre, Brampton
July 15, 7:00 PM

Featuring Mississauga Big Band Jazz Ensemble, Jazz Junction (from Goa), Sophisticated Funk, Café Cubano and Raga Jazz Ensemble, plus six vocal artists from Toronto — two double albums free with the purchase of a ticket.

Cost of tickets are \$25 (Orchestra Level) and \$30 (Mezzanine Level). A portion of the ticket proceeds will be donated to St. Josephine Bakhita Parish to assist in fundraising to build a new church.

For more information and tickets, please contact Rita Venantius at (905) 824 7223 or email rita.venantius@hotmail.com.



Prayer of Husband & Wife

Lord Jesus, grant that I and my spouse may have a true and understanding love for each other.

Grant that we may both be filled with faith and trust. Give us the grace to live with each other in peace and harmony.

May we always bear with one another's weaknesses and grow from each other's strengths. Help us to forgive one another's failings and grant us patience, kindness, cheerfulness and the spirit of placing the well-being of one another ahead of self.

May the love that brought us together grow and mature with each passing year. Bring us both ever closer to You through our love for each other.

Let our love grow to perfection. *Amen.*

INTERCESSION FOR NEWLYWEDS

Please keep in your prayers all couples recently married in our parish, and have now entered a new chapter of their lives as husband and wife. May their relationships remain Christ-centered and life-giving, and may the Lord bless and guide their hearts' desires of raising a family together.

Prynne Purificacion & Christine Paredes (Jan 14, 2017)

Carlos Cedenoz Gonzalez & Tatiana Villacres Landeta (Feb 25, 2017)

Christian Bagus & Azalea Fronda (Apr 28, 2017)

Khrist Reyes & Janize Cruz (May 5, 2017)

Chinonyerem Ejiofor & Jaspreet Gill (May 12, 2017)

Fady Riad & Patricia Dabrowski (May 13, 2017)

Michael Derro & Roxanne Figueroa (May 19, 2017)

Jon Chua & Heidileen Tan (May 20, 2017)

Anthony Ledo & Katerina Calouro (May 27, 2017)

David DiPaul & Victoria Colussi (May 27, 2017)

Pawel Wilczynski & Elizabeth Copat (June 3, 2017)

Dino Sia & Ria Manansala (June 9, 2017)

Paolo Pietrelli & Betty Sousa (June 10, 2017)

Michael Chong & Ashley Lioniello (June 10, 2017)

Farewell, but not Goodbye...

For the third time this year, one of our parish Priests is leaving us for service elsewhere. First, Fr Vid left in January for a sabbatical after 14 years of ministry here as pastor; then Fr Scott left in mid-March to undertake studies for a doctorate in theology. Now, and with no shortage of sadness, we must bid "Farewell" to Fr Jimmy Joseph, who leaves us this Thursday (June 29) to begin serving as Associate Pastor in the parish of Mary Immaculate in Richmond Hill.

Fr Jimmy, I speak with confidence on behalf of us all at Merciful Redeemer, when I say that, though you have been here only three and a half months, your hard work, gentle mien, dedicated ministry, prayerful witness, and yes – your love of curried ice-cream – are and will continue to be much appreciated by those who got to know you and benefit from your service. In particular, I express my personal gratitude for his friendship and patience, his quiet and hidden efforts to ensure things get done, and for all his fraternal kindness to me as a brother Priest.

Fr Jimmy, you have our gratitude, prayers, affection and esteem. You are always welcome to come "home" to Merciful Redeemer. We will offer up praise to God for your time with us, and prayers and supplications for continued fruitful ministry in Richmond Hill.

God bless you!



FAMILY OF FAITH CAMPAIGN **ATTENTION DONORS TO OUR PARISH'S** **FAMILY OF FAITH CAMPAIGN**

Please help the Family of Faith campaign maintain its records by letting them know of any changes to your information, such as address changes, or payment method/information changes (eg. a new card or a new card expiry date).

Please contact the Donations Processing Centre at campaign@archtoronto.org or call (416) 934 3400 ext. 555.

A ROUND OF THANKS!

Huge thanks to the Knights of Columbus for putting together our Father's Day Picnic on June 18, and to all of you who generously donated clothing and household items to the St. Vincent de Paul Society on "Bundle Up" Weekend. This parish is truly blessed!
We give back all the glory to God who has blessed us all abundantly.