



# MERCIFUL REDEEMER PARISH

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## OFFICE HOURS

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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

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**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

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**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

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**Open Everyday** 7:00 AM - 10:00 PM

## ✝ PARISH TEAM

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## PARISH SCHOOLS

**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** Inactive, will resume in the Fall

**Catholic Cemeteries** (416) 733 8544

**Knights of Columbus** Dom Cianfloane, [info@sfc16254.ca](mailto:info@sfc16254.ca)

**Legion of Mary** Tuesdays, 7:45 PM

**Prayer Group** Inactive, will resume in September

**Pastoral Care** For hospital/shut in, call parish

**Volunteers** Always welcome, call parish

**Youth Group** [www.mercifulredeemerym.com](http://www.mercifulredeemerym.com)

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

## TODAY'S READINGS: JULY 2, 2017

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**First Reading:** 2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16

**Second Reading:** Romans 6:3-4, 8-11

**Gospel:** Matthew 10:37-42

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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**MONDAY, July 3, 12:15 PM**

+ Ted Patricio, + Terry McDonald, + Luz & Juan Blanco

**TUESDAY, July 4, 7:00 PM**

+ Mathew Joseph Tobin

Thanksgiving by Flores family

Special intention for Ibtisam Jajo

**WEDNESDAY, July 5, 12:15 PM**

+ Gabriela Barrios, + Nellie Ng, + Monika Jasnika-Bechard

**THURSDAY, July 6, 7:00 PM**

+ Ryan Gozum, + Rita & Jose Romano, + Barbara Alves

**FRIDAY, July 7, 12:15 PM**

+ Ferdinand Mejilla, + Mary Perris

Special intention for Flavia Fernandes

**FRIDAY, July 7, 5:00 PM**

+ Mark Frankland

Thanksgiving by Evangeline & Aldwin Pangilinan

Thanksgiving by Charisse Anne Sarmiento

**SATURDAY, July 8, 9:00 AM**

+ Victor D'Souza, + Antido Esposto

+ Agnelo Mendonca, + Elena Ona, + Mila Panganiban

Special intention for Daphne Broniek

**SATURDAY, July 8, 5:00 PM**

+ Richard Aleong, + Maria Jose Lopes, + Fred Meneses

**SATURDAY, July 8, 7:00 PM**

+ Paul David Ornelas, + Agostinho Rocha, + Fred Meneses

**SUNDAY, July 9, 8:30 AM**

+ Victor, Winnie & Lancelot Gonsalves

+ Peter Rodrigues

Special intention for Loretta

**SUNDAY, July 9, 11:30 AM**

+ Archimedes Flores Sr.

Special intention for Mark & Justin Beairsto

Thanksgiving by Bruno family

**SUNDAY, July 9, 7:00 PM**

+ Primo Martin, + Domenico Urlando, + Donna Daroqui

## REFLECT ON THE GOSPEL

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*“Can something be done for her?”*

MATTHEW 10:33

In a farewell speech at the end of his September 2015 trip to the United States, Pope Francis told the people gathered at the Philadelphia International Airport, “Your care for me and your generous welcome are a sign of your love for Jesus and your faithfulness to him.”

That sounds like something Elisha the prophet would have said to the woman we meet in today’s first reading. She and her husband extended to Elisha an open invitation to come and stay with them whenever he was in town. They even went so far as to offer him a furnished room free of charge whenever he needed a place to stay.

Generous giving without expecting a reward seemed to be this family’s motto. And yet, even if they didn’t expect it, this elderly couple did receive a reward. Grateful for their hospitality, Elisha prayed, and God gave them a child.

Now, Scripture is clear that we are saved by Jesus alone, not by our actions. But it’s also clear that God rejoices when we give our time, our treasure, and our talents in service to his people. Our acts of generosity move his heart, and he responds by pouring out his grace.

Does this mean that we should try to be generous so that God will reward us? Not exactly. Our generosity is a response, a reflection of the good he has done for us. We give generously so that we can show the world what God’s generosity looks like. We go out of our way for people because we want to bring his love to them. This is why Pope Francis keeps urging us to give, to reach out, and to show God’s love.

So sit down today, and try to come up with some ways you can give more to the poor, serve more in your parish or community, or be a more loving witness to the people around you. Know that the Lord rejoices in whatever you do for him.

***Lord, show me how to be a witness of generous love.***

Retrieved today’s reflection from **The Word Among Us: Daily Meditations** ([www.wau.org/meditations](http://www.wau.org/meditations))



*“Forever I will sing  
the goodness of the Lord.”*

PSALM 89:2a



## My Daily Offering

O Jesus, through the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I offer You my prayers, works, joys and sufferings of this day, in union with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass throughout the world. I offer them for all the intentions of Your Sacred Heart: the salvation of souls, reparation for sin, and the reunion of all Christians. I offer them for the intentions of our bishops and of all Apostles of Prayer, and in particular for those recommended by our Holy Father this month. *Amen.*

### REMINDERS

#### CHANGE OF ADDRESS

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

### MINISTRY OF CONSOLATION & HOPE

It is our hope that no member of the community grieves alone. This bereavement ministry is here to offer support as you mourn the loss of a loved one.

As well, with permission from the families, details of visitations and funeral masses will be posted on the parish bulletin board in the narthex just outside the sacristy. If you have any questions or would like to speak with a minister, please call the parish office or email [hope@mercifulredeemer.org](mailto:hope@mercifulredeemer.org).

## Types of Prayer

According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church, there are 3 types or “expressions” of prayer in Christian life:

**Vocal:** “By words, mental or vocal, our prayer takes flesh.” It is the spoken prayer, through which we translate our feelings externally.

**Meditative:** “Meditation is above all a quest” to discover what the Lord wants from us. It engages thought, imagination, emotion, and desire.

**Contemplative:** “Contemplative prayer is silence.” As the type of prayer in which we are one with Christ, it is a communion of love and a gaze of faith.

Retrieved from **Catholic-Link** ([www.catholic-link.org](http://www.catholic-link.org)).

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### 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!

## WHO AM I? PEOPLE OF THE NEW TESTAMENT

Can you guess which person from the New Testament is describing himself/herself in each box? Match 'em up!  
*Answers found under "Trivia of the Week"*

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|--------------------------|---------------------|
| <b>A.</b> Lazarus        | <b>E.</b> Thomas    |
| <b>B.</b> Paul           | <b>F.</b> Martha    |
| <b>C.</b> Mary Magdalene | <b>G.</b> Peter     |
| <b>D.</b> Pontius Pilate | <b>H.</b> Zacchaeus |

**1**

When my sister and I hosted Jesus in our home, I was the one burdened with serving instead of being with Jesus

**2**

Being influenced by the Pharisees and angry crowd, I sentenced Jesus to death by crucifixion.

**3**

When I attempted to walk on water to get to Jesus, I got scared of the strong wind and started to sink.

**4**

I was originally named Saul, but changed my name after my conversion and baptism.

**5**

Due to my short stature and the crowds, I had to climb a sycamore tree to see Jesus.

**6**

After dying and being buried in a tomb for 4 days, Jesus raised me from the dead back to life.

**7**

I am the first person whom the Resurrected Jesus appeared to.

**8**

I didn't believe that Jesus had risen from the dead until I saw the wounds on his hands and put my hand into his side

## 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 28<sup>th</sup> through August 9<sup>th</sup> as we prepare for a tournament on Saturday, August 12<sup>th</sup>. Hope to see you there!

## CAMP MERCIFUL ANNOUNCEMENTS REGISTRATION STILL OPEN FOR GRADES 8-12

Lifeteen Week registrations are still open for students currently in Grades 8-12. Please register at our Youth Ministry website ([www.mercifulredeemerym.com](http://www.mercifulredeemerym.com)) under "Events." The camp will run from July 24-27 from 6:00 - 9:30 PM, and cost is \$25. Dinner provided!

### REMINDER FOR WEEKS 1 & 2

A friendly reminder to all participants joining us for the summer day camp. Week 1 is from July 10-14 and Week 2 is from July 17-21. Both weeks run from 9:00 AM - 3:30 PM. If you are interested in before or after care, please contact Emma Graham for further details about times and rates at [emmagraham.merciful@gmail.com](mailto:emmagraham.merciful@gmail.com).

Parents, please make sure that your child brings the following items to camp: water bottle, hat, sunscreen, snacks, lunch, running shoes and appropriate clothing. Also, please ensure that you drop off and pick up your child by coming to the basement and signing them in and out with an adult leader.

### *Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel*

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle.  
Be our defense against the wickedness  
and snares of the Devil.  
May God rebuke him, we humbly pray,  
and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts,  
by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan,  
and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world,  
seeking the ruin of souls. *Amen.*



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



## SAINT OF THE WEEK

### St. Maria Goretti



**Feast Day:** July 6

**Patron Saint** of youth, young women, purity, and victims of rape

St. Maria Goretti proves that there is no such thing as “too young” when it comes to living out our faith and becoming the person God calls us to be. Not enough can be said about her incredible example of faith, purity, and mercy in her short but inspiring life. Maria was born to Luigi and Assunta Goretti, and was followed by 5 younger siblings. In 1900, their family moved in with Giovanni Serenelli and his son, Alessandro. Soon after the move, Maria’s father died, leaving her mother as the sole breadwinner of the family. Without hesitation, Maria cheerfully stepped up and supported her mother by taking on the household duties at the young age of 10.

At 12 years old, Maria was already a beautiful young woman. Alessandro, 19, started noticing her beauty and made inappropriate advances towards her, but Maria resisted because she knew they would be committing a sin. One day, out of desperation, Alessandro attempted to rape Maria, but she still resisted and fought back with all her strength. In anger, he stabbed her 14 times. She was brought to the hospital, and endured the pain from her wounds for 24 hours before finally passing away. Her final words were that of forgiveness and mercy — she forgave Alessandro, and prayed for God to have mercy on him. Alessandro was imprisoned soon after. Approximately 8 years after Maria’s death, Alessandro dreamt that Maria handed him a bouquet of lilies as a sign that she has forgiven him. This inspired Alessandro’s reformation and conversion to the faith. In 1950, Maria was canonized by Pope Pius XII — an event that Assunta was present for, making it the first time in history that a mother was present when her child was declared a saint.

## YOUCAT CORNER

*Why are we supposed to accept suffering in our lives and thus “take up our cross” and thereby follow Jesus?*

Christians should not seek suffering, but when they are confronted with unavoidable suffering, it can become meaningful for them if they unite their sufferings with the sufferings of Christ: “Christ... suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps” (1 Peter 2:21). [618] Jesus said, “If any man would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me” (Mark 8:34). Christians have the task of alleviating suffering in the world. Nevertheless, there will still be suffering. In faith we can accept our own suffering and share the suffering of others. In this way human suffering becomes united with the redeeming love of Christ and thus part of the divine power that changes the world for the better.

## Trivia of the Week

**Q1: According to the Gospel of Mark, what insect did John the Baptist eat in the wilderness?**

- a. Beetles
- b. Gnats
- c. Locusts
- d. Crickets

**Q2: Which of these was *not* one of the Magi’s gifts given to Jesus at His birth?**

- a. Myrrh
- b. Silver
- c. Frankincense
- d. Gold

**Q3: In the Story of Creation (Genesis 1), what did God create on the fourth day?**

- a. Plants and fruit-bearing trees
- b. Creatures of the sea
- c. Human beings made in His image
- d. Sun, moon and stars

**Q4: What is the shortest book in the Old Testament?**

- a. Obadiah
- b. 2 Kings
- c. Lamentations
- d. Habakkuk

**Q5: Who was the king of Judea at the time of Jesus’ birth?**

- a. Caiaphas
- b. Herod
- c. Saul
- d. Caesar

*Answers found under “Who Am I?” on opposite page*

**“Who Am I?” Answer Sheet:**

- 1.F | 2.D | 3.G | 4.B
- 5.H | 6.A | 7.C | 8.E

# 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](mailto: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](http://www.sistersoflife.org). For more information, call the Sisters of Life at (416) 463 2722 or email [toronto@sistersoflife.org](mailto: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!

## PARISH EVENTS AT A GLANCE

**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 (Grades 8-12)

Registration for Week 3 is still open! Please see page 4 of the bulletin for more details.

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

## 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](mailto:rita.venantius@hotmail.com).

## POPE FRANCIS' MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTIONS: JULY – LAPSED CHRISTIANS

That our brothers and sisters who have strayed from the faith, through our prayer and witness to the Gospel, may rediscover the merciful closeness of the Lord and the beauty of the Christian life.

*“... and whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me. Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.”*

MATTHEW 10:38-39



## INTERCESSION FOR ALL GRADUATES

Congratulations to all those who are graduating this year! As a community, let us keep all graduates in our prayers that they may always know the love of God, be bold and courageous in living out their faith, and remain open to the leading of the Holy Spirit in their lives. We pray that their hopes and dreams may be blessed and united with the Will of the Father. We remember to give glory to God for all that He has done for us, and offer Him thanks for the many blessings that are yet come.

### Prayer of a Graduate

Father, I have knowledge, so will You show me now  
How to use it wisely and find a way somehow  
To make the world I live in a better place,  
And make life, with its problems, easier to face.  
Grant me faith and courage,  
and put purpose in my days,  
And show me how to serve Thee in effective ways.  
So that my education, my knowledge, and my skill  
May find their true fulfillment  
as I learn to do Thy Will.  
And may I ever be aware in everything I do,  
That knowledge comes from learning,  
and wisdom comes from You. *Amen.*

## CAMPUS MINISTRIES IN THE ARCHDIOCESE OF TORONTO

Are you looking to connect with young adults on your campus who share your faith and values? Here are some college and university groups in the Archdiocese of Toronto:

### McMaster University Chaplaincy Centre

[www.mcmaster.ca/chaplain](http://www.mcmaster.ca/chaplain)  
[chaplain@mcmaster.ca](mailto:chaplain@mcmaster.ca)

### Newman Centre, University of Toronto

[www.newmantoronto.com](http://www.newmantoronto.com)

### Ryerson Catholic Students Association

[www.ryersoncatholic.ca](http://www.ryersoncatholic.ca)  
[rucatholics@gmail.com](mailto:rucatholics@gmail.com)

### St. Michael's College Campus Ministry

[stmikes.utoronto.ca/campusministry](http://stmikes.utoronto.ca/campusministry)  
[campusministrysmc@gmail.com](mailto:campusministrysmc@gmail.com)

### Catholic Chaplaincy @ York University

[www.yorkcatholic.ca](http://www.yorkcatholic.ca)

If your school isn't listed here, visit the Canadian Catholic Campus Ministry website for more info: [www.cccm.ca](http://www.cccm.ca).

## Welcome aboard!

I wish to welcome to our parish staff Mrs Jane Scamurra. Jane is no stranger to most of us here at Merciful Redeemer, being a lector and coordinating the Women's SPA and RCIA Programs. Jane will be starting in mid-July to assist in coordinating existing and developing new programs, ensuring that Fr Ryan and myself have time to visit our parish schools and care for the home-bound and those in area nursing home. Welcome aboard, Jane!



**FAUSTINA  
COUNCIL 16254**  
[www.sfc16254.ca](http://www.sfc16254.ca)



It has truly been an honour and a privilege to be your Charter Grand Knight of the St. Faustina Council 16254, affiliated with the Merciful Redeemer Parish. My time has been a rewarding experience, both emotionally and spiritually. I am proud of the things we have accomplished. The lists of accomplishments in this council are incredible. Here are a few of the highlights:

- Installation – We were installed as officers twice during the Jubilee Year of Mercy
- Road to Bethlehem – Sponsored a bus for the youth
- Thanksgiving Mass for Mother Teresa's canonization – Collaborative experience with other ministries
- Flag day – Distributed over 13,000 flags and pins in Merciful Redeemer and Erin Mills
- Shrove Tuesday – Donated \$1000 to the parish
- Veneration of the Cross – Assisted in all services on Good Friday
- 40 Cans for Lent – Over 5000lbs of food was donated to the Eden food bank for Change
- Bottle drive – \$2600 was raised, from which \$1000 was donated to a Merciful Redeemer seminarian this month, and the remaining balance will be donated before the end of the year
- Parish Picnic – Net profit was approximately \$200 despite the unpredictable weather conditions

My thanks go out to all the parishioners, council members and clergy for your unconditional love and support. Thank you for supporting our organization and have a safe blessed summer. "Dev bhorem khorun! God bless!"



**JOSE FERNANDES**