



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 Inactive, will resume in the Fall
Catholic Cemeteries (416) 733 8544
Knights of Columbus Dom Cianfloane, domc@synergymgt.ca
Legion of Mary Tuesdays, 7:45 PM
Prayer Group Monday, 7:30 PM (View Summer schedule on page 3)
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: JULY 9, 2017

First Reading: Zechariah 9:9-10

Second Reading: Romans 8:9, 11-13

Gospel: Matthew 11:25-30

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, July 10, 12:15 PM

+ Antonio Constantin, + Flavia & Donato Bianchi
Thanksgiving for Amalia Agoncillo

TUESDAY, July 11, 7:00 PM

+ Bruce Knill, +Philomena Vannitamby
+ Nelly Laguerita

WEDNESDAY, July 12, 12:15 PM

+ Kevin Hosey, +Jose Rubio
Special intention by Yolanda Bertrand

THURSDAY, July 13, 7:00 PM

+ Lina Peritore, +Lorenzo & Crescencia Feniza
+ Clemente & Jorgia Gentapa

FRIDAY, July 14, 12:15 PM

+ Rachael Michael, +Hedline Cruz, +Pedro Visperas Jr.

SATURDAY, July 15, 9:00 AM

+ Vincenta Saraum Uy, +Luis Calixto
+ Maria R. Nepomuceno
Thanksgiving by Enrique A. Gabriel
Thanksgiving in Honour of St. Blaise

SATURDAY, July 15, 5:00 PM

+ Fred & Flory Mascarenhas, +Anthony Kurein Benjamin
+ Bernie Estrada

SATURDAY, July 15, 7:00 PM

+ Stephanie Demola, +Helena Ken Young Lee
+ David Young

SUNDAY, July 16, 8:30 AM

+ Edwin Trinidad, +Maria Ofimies
Special intention for Norm Fernandes

SUNDAY, July 16, 11:30 AM

+ Carmen Parada de Pizzaro
Special intention for Mabel Almeida
Special intention for Joshua Christian McDonald

SUNDAY, July 16, 7:00 PM

+ Beatrice Gonsalves, +Lily Gulati
+ Florine Rasquinha

REFLECT ON THE GOSPEL

“You have revealed them to little ones.”

MATTHEW 11:25

Life is an adventure for little children. Give a young boy a toy fire engine, and he'll spend hours putting out a giant fire. Give a young girl a doll, and she'll treat it as her own child. Children are also imaginative. Give them the box from a large appliance, and they'll quickly turn it into a rocket ship, a sports car, or a house. Children also keep things simple. They believe everything their parents tell them. They make friends almost immediately. They give affection freely and without suspicion.

We adults, on the other hand, ask far too many questions. We like to think things through. We weigh the pros and cons of a decision carefully and examine every angle. While that's generally a good thing, too much examination can become a hindrance. This is especially true when it comes to issues of faith. That's why Jesus encourages us to be “little ones” (Matthew 11:25).

Following Jesus should be simple and adventurous as well. For instance, we might try using our imagination in prayer by picturing ourselves in biblical times. We can imagine Jesus as he multiplies the loaves or walks on water. We can cross the Red Sea and journey to the Promised Land with the Israelites. We can place ourselves on the battlefield and witness David slaying the mighty Goliath. Using our imagination this way, we can imitate an inquisitive child and ask all manner of questions: “How can Jesus be everywhere at the same time? What does an angel look like?”

Don't settle for the same old routine! Be bold, and launch yourself on a new adventure. Try this experiment when you're at Mass today. During the Eucharistic prayer, ask Jesus to take you to the upper room with him. Watch as he celebrates the very first Eucharist with his apostles. What does the scene look like? What is Jesus saying to you?

Go ahead and dare to be a child again.

***Here I am, Jesus, ready for
a new adventure with you today.***

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

 *“I will never leave you until I have done what I promised you.”*
GENESIS 28: 15c

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!

ALL PARISHIONERS MUST BE REGISTERED

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!

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.



“Seek out the Lord and his strength.”

PSALM 105:4a

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

PRAYER GROUP SUMMER SCHEDULE

Our Prayer Group ministry will be taking a 3-week break between July 24th to August 13th. Apart from these weeks, our regular meeting schedule remains the same — Mondays, 7:30 PM. In addition, take note that our Life in the Spirit Seminar begins on September 18th.

SUMMER ATTIRE

As we enter the summer months and vacation time, we are all grateful for a time of rest and relaxation. The coming months might best be characterized as “casual.” However, we respectfully ask that all parishioners make an effort to dress appropriately for the Sunday Eucharist. Beach and gym attire (e.g. tank tops, low cut blouses, leggings, yoga pants, short skirts, etc.) are inappropriate for the Sunday Eucharist. Our respect for the Lord and the other members of Christ’s body demands that we dress appropriately. Please also remember to turn your cell phones off as you enter the church.

10 Obstacles to Hearing God’s Voice

Complaint: When we complain to God for everything that goes wrong in our lives.

Resentment: Without a reconciled heart, it is difficult to hear the voice of God.

Envy: That silent noise that can’t see the gifts and talents God has given us.

Fear: It prevents us from trusting God. We even think that he doesn’t care about us.

Worries: They absorb our attention and create uneasiness.

Weakness: We think that our prayer isn’t working and we decide to abandon it altogether.

Vanity: We conform to the world’s frivolity and remain on the surface of our lives.

Mediocrity: We get used to our sins and make little or no progress in our spiritual life.

Our Past: The memory of our sins makes us feel guilty and we feel unworthy of a relationship with God.

Fantasies: An imagination that distracts us may prevent us from listening to God’s voice.

Retrieved from **Catholic-Link** (www.catholic-link.org).

SAINT OF THE WEEK

St. Kateri Tekakwitha

Feast Day: July 14

Patron Saint of ecology and the environment

Fun Facts: Kateri, or Catherine, was her Christian name; Her name Tekakwitha means “putting things in order”

If you’ve ever felt out of place amongst your family or friends for being Catholic and living out your faith, you and St. Kateri have that in common. Known as the “Lily of the Mohawks,” Kateri endured the death of her family, illness, persecution and exile before she even turned 25! She is the daughter of a Christian Algonquin and a pagan Mohawk chief. She became an orphan at the age of 4 when both her parents and only brother died of smallpox. Although she survived and recovered from this disease, Kateri was left partially blind with many scars on her face. From a young age, Kateri made a vow not to marry because she was convinced that the only one she could love is God. What she knew of the Christian God were from stories that her mother’s friend would share with her, and from a Jesuit missionary named Fr Jacques de Lamberville who eventually baptized her on Easter Sunday of 1676.

Kateri’s decision not to marry was already counter-cultural amongst her people, but even more so was her conversion to the Christian faith. Her entire village persecuted her for her faith — children would throw stones at her, they expected her to work on the fields on Sundays, and sometimes they didn’t feed her. She endured this for 2 years before finally leaving to go to Montreal, Canada to be with other Christians, as advised by a priest. For the next 3 years, she lived an outstanding Christian life — went to Mass daily, visited the Blessed Sacrament frequently, prayed the rosary often, fasted frequently as penance, cared for the sick and elderly, and taught children. Due to her poor health, she died at the age of 24. When she died, the scars on her face disappeared. Her last words were, “Jesus, I love you.” Kateri Tekakwitha is the first Native American to have been beatified and canonized as a saint.

TRUTH OR MYTH?

There are many misconceptions about Catholicism going around nowadays. Would you be able to spot the truth from the myth? Let’s find out!

Answers found under “Trivia of the Week”

1

The Catholic Church believes and teaches that women are inferior to men, which is why they only allow men to become priests.

2

The Catholic Church teaches that the soul is good but the body is bad because the body is constantly tempted and causes us to sin.

3

The bread and wine Catholics receive during Holy Communion are not only symbols of Jesus Christ’s body and blood, but actually becomes His body and blood through transubstantiation.

4

The Catholic Church teaches that only Catholics can go to heaven.

5

Catholics venerate and ask for the intercession of Mary and the saints, but they do not worship them. They worship God alone.

“Trivia of the Week” Answer Sheet:

1. B | 2. D | 3. C | 4. D

5. A | 6. B | 7. A | 8. C

YOUCAT CORNER

What is grace?

By grace we mean God’s free, loving gift to us, his helping goodness, the vitality that comes from him. Through the Cross and Resurrection, God devotes himself entirely to us and communicates himself to us in grace. Grace is everything God grants us, without our deserving it in the least. [1996-1998, 2005, 2021] “Grace,” says Pope Benedict XVI, “is being looked upon by God, our being touched by his love.” Grace is not a thing, but rather God’s communication of himself to men. God never gives less than himself. In grace we are in God.

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!

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) 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.

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.

Special! Trivia of the Week: The Beatitudes

Q1: How many Beatitudes are there?

- a. 5 b. 8 c. 10 d. 12

**Q2: Blessed are they who mourn,
for they will be _____.**

- a. Relieved b. Consoled c. Delighted d. Comforted

Q3: Blessed are the meek, for _____.

- a. They will see God
b. Theirs is the kingdom of heaven
c. They will inherit the land
d. They will be satisfied

Q4: Blessed are _____, for they will see God?

- a. The Merciful
b. The Peacemakers
c. The Poor in Spirit
d. The Clean of Heart

**Q5: Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of
_____, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**

- a. Righteousness
b. Truth
c. Mercy
d. Jesus

Q6: Who will be called children of God?

- a. The Merciful
b. The Peacemakers
c. The Poor in Spirit
d. The Clean of Heart

Q7: In which of the four Gospels can you find The Beatitudes?

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

**Q8: Which other Gospel writer mentions the Sermon
on the Mount, including 4 of the Beatitudes?**

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

Answers found under "Truth or Myth?" on opposite page

"Truth or Myth?" Answer Sheet:

1. Myth | 2. Myth | 3. Truth | 4. Myth | 5. Truth

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

CONFERENCES & RETREATS

**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.

To register, please email m4m.ministry@gmail.com.

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

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.

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

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ACTIVITIES

E-waste Drive: August 25-27, 2017
Information and details to follow.

Dinner Dance in Honour of the Feast of St. Faustina

October 6, 6:00 PM to midnight
Information and details to follow.

ATTENTION! TO ALL UNDERGRADS: 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
chaplain@mcmaster.ca

Newman Centre, University of Toronto
www.newmantoronto.com

Ryerson Catholic Students Association
www.ryersoncatholic.ca
rucatholics@gmail.com

St. Michael's College Campus Ministry
stmikes.utoronto.ca/campusministry
campusministriesmc@gmail.com

Catholic Chaplaincy @ York University
www.yorkcatholic.ca

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

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.

INTERCESSION FOR HEALING

We sincerely pray for those in our community who are in need of healing from pain, sickness, mental illness, loss and tragedy. May the Divine Healer grant healing, comfort and peace unto them and their loved ones. We pray that they may experience the fullness of God's love amidst their trial and grief. Lord, remind us all that our suffering, when offered up and united with Your Passion, can be a source of great redemptive graces.

Healing Prayer of Surrender

Dear Lord Jesus, it is my will to surrender to you everything that I am and everything that I'm striving to be. I open the deepest recesses of my heart and invite your Holy Spirit to dwell inside of me.

I offer you my life, heart, mind, body, soul, spirit, all my hopes, plans and dreams. I surrender to you my past, present and future problems, habits, character defects, attitudes, livelihood, resources, finances, medical coverage, occupation and all my relationships.

I give you my health, physical appearance, disabilities, family, marriage, children and friendships. I ask you to take Lordship over every aspect of my life. I surrender to you all my hurt, pain, worry, doubt, fear and anxiety, and I ask you to wash me clean.

I release everything into your compassionate care. Please speak to me clearly, Lord. Open my ears to hear your voice. Open my heart to commune with you more deeply. I want to feel your loving embrace. Open the doors that need to be opened and close the doors that need to be closed. Please set my feet upon the straight and narrow road that leads to everlasting life. *Amen.*



5 Simple Tips on How to Make Every Day Holy

1. Pray immediately after waking up: Saint Josemaria Escriva called this the "heroic minute" and wrote in *The Way*, "Many good Christians develop the habit of giving their first thought of the day to God... it facilitates the Morning Offering and getting the day off to a good start."

2. Schedule five minutes to pray during the day: Again, nothing earth shattering, but something that we too often forget. The important part about this is to schedule time for prayer. It can be 5 minutes, 15 minutes or even 30 minutes. Whatever it is, the key is to block off that time in your daily schedule and not let anything touch it.

3. Pray the "Jesus Prayer": Another way to incorporate God into your everyday life is to recite the short "Jesus Prayer": 'Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on us sinners.' Saying this prayer over and over again is a great way to meditate on the beauty and mercy of God.

4. Carry a rosary with you wherever you go: You don't even have to pray the rosary, just carry one in your pocket or purse. This might seem odd, but it can be a source of inspiration or consolation throughout the day. It is a simple reminder of God and may serve as a reminder to pray at a moment you need God the most.

5. Pray before going to bed: If you started off the day with God, the only way to end it is with God. Prayers at bedtime don't have to be complex, but should generally revolve around thanksgiving. Be thankful for what God has given you this day and make a resolution to do better tomorrow.

Retrieved from **Aleteia** (www.aleteia.org).

JOIN US AT THE MADE4MORE WOMEN'S RETREAT IN AUGUST!

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When: August 5, 2017

Location: Merciful Redeemer Parish

Time: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Age Range: 19-35

Fee: \$10/person

Meal/s: Potluck lunch. Please bring a dish to share — either an entrée, salad, fruits, or a peanut-free dessert

Things to bring: Journal/notebook, Pen, Bible, Rosary