



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 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 Mondays, 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 16, 2017

First Reading: Isaiah 55:10-11

Second Reading: Romans 8:18-23

Gospel: Matthew 13:1-23

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, July 17, 12:15 PM

+Lazarus Fernandes, +Hieronimo

+Matthew Michael Penney

TUESDAY, July 18, 7:00 PM

+Stephen Nogueira, +John Hanan

Thanksgiving by Vincent Moraes & Family

WEDNESDAY, July 19, 12:15 PM

+Rocco & Marianna Raschilla, +Jose Castro

+Stephen & Carmen Sultana

THURSDAY, July 20, 7:00 PM

+Lino Anupol, Special intention by Adrian & Julieta

Thanksgiving by Antonia & Juanita & Family

FRIDAY, July 21, 12:15 PM

+Clarice Elizabeth Penney, +Roland Pimenta

Thanksgiving by Daniel Capistrano

SATURDAY, July 22, 9:00 AM

+Jaime De Melo, +Victoria Moccia

+Mary Rita Santandrea

Special intention for Leonard McCarthy

Thanksgiving by Dial Family, Tony & Flavia Pereira

SATURDAY, July 22, 5:00 PM

+Rita Soto-Lee, +Jaime De Melo

Special intention by Angela Kraljevic

SATURDAY, July 22, 7:00 PM

+John Hoare, +Agatha Kassim

Thanksgiving by Sylvia D'Souza

SUNDAY, July 23, 8:30 AM

+Charles & Salvina Cuschieri, +Petronilo Bumanlag

Special intention for Evan & Emily & Raul Pilz

SUNDAY, July 23, 11:30 AM

+Frank Cairo, +Marione Gonzalves-Ng

Special intention for Lisa Cairo & family

SUNDAY, July 23, 7:00 PM

+Orville Gonsalves, Special intention for Kazia Matas

Thanksgiving by Murette Fernandes

REFLECT ON THE GOSPEL

“My word shall not return to me void.”

ISAIAH 55:11

In today's Gospel, Jesus uses the image of seed sown on different kinds of soil to teach his listeners about the fruitfulness of God's word (Matthew 13:1-23). Every seed has the same potential for growth; it is the type of soil that determines how abundant the yield will be. The prophet Isaiah seems to say the same thing: God's word, like the seed, always remains fruitful—it will not return void. So it seems that our human response determines the harvest.

Perhaps this explains why some people seem to bear more spiritual fruit than others. The Old Testament story of King Saul and King David offers us a dramatic illustration of this principle (1 Samuel 9–2 Samuel 12).

Saul was chosen by God to rule over Israel, but because of his fear and selfishness, he disobeyed the Lord. He didn't make a good return to God or bear lasting fruit. As a result, God chose someone else—a man after his own heart—to replace Saul: the shepherd David.

Now, David did what God asked him to do. He fought Israel's enemies, he rescued the ark of the covenant from the Philistines, and he even danced joyfully before the Lord for all to see.

Of course, we all know that David was far from perfect. He committed adultery and let himself get caught up in a web of deception and murder. But he also repented (Psalm 51). Despite his serious failings, David's humility allowed God to continue to use him. It wasn't because he was perfect that David could bear fruit for the Lord; it was because he loved God and tried to follow him with his whole heart.

David and Saul's story shows that God can work with flawed people who are humble, dedicated, and willing to turn back to him. Through repentant sinners like David—through repentant sinners like us—the seed of God's word doesn't return empty; it can bear much fruit.

Have mercy on me, God, in your goodness.

Help your word to bear fruit in my life today.

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!

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.



Prayer to St. Jude for the Unemployed

Lord Jesus, my desire to work is itself Your gift. You gave me talents so I could shine Your light to others in the world. Send Your Spirit to guide me

to work that will provide security and joy, and most of all the ability to serve You in love.

St. Jude, I do not know where I am going — and so I call upon you in my need.

Bless my spirit with the determination to press on. Give my heart patience and fortitude.

Help me, dear friend, to know that God's plan for me is forged out of love. *Amen.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ARCHDIOCESE LOOKING FOR RETIRED CPA (CHARTERED PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTANT)

The Parish Operational Review program has been active in the Archdiocese of Toronto for more than 10 years. During that time, reviewers from the Archdiocese have visited parishes and provided valuable resources to support the Pastors in their stewardship of the parishes. We are looking at this point to add reviewers to our group. If you are a retired CPA (Chartered Professional Accountant) who may be interested in assisting parishes through the review process, please contact Marie Watts, Manager, Parish Operational Reviews at (416) 934 3400 ext. 627 or mwatts@archtoronto.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.

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 THE UNEMPLOYED

Lord, we pray for those in our community who are struggling to find meaningful work. Please lift the burden of concern from their hearts. May they be reminded of your incomparable love and generosity. Grant them the grace to stay patient and hopeful as they wait for Your blessings to come. In the mean time, please provide for those whom You have entrusted to their care.

SAINT OF THE WEEK

St. Camillus de Lellis

Feast Day: July 18

Patron Saint of doctors, nurses, hospitals and the sick

This week's saint reminds us that our past does not define our future — it is never too late for us to turn a new leaf! Before he started caring for others, St. Camillus de Lellis was anything but saintly. He was lazy, hated school, had a fierce temper, and got in a lot of trouble for excessive gambling and fighting. However, after the death of both of his parents, Camillus finally resolved to mend his ways. He went back and forth between joining a Franciscan Order, working at San Giacomo hospital in Rome, and joining the Venetian army — every time being kicked out either for a wound on his leg that refused to heal, or for his problem with gambling and fighting. Years later, in his role as superintendent of San Giacomo hospital, he realized that it is only when there is genuine love from the nurses to the patients that they would provide adequate treatment; thus, raising the standard of care. After realizing that both laymen and priests ought to be in this field of work, he felt his calling to the priesthood. He was ordained in 1584 and started a group that would care for the sick and dying on the streets. They wore red crosses on their clothing to be distinguished in a crowd. By the time of his death in 1614, Camillus had founded more than 30 hospitals. Talk about a change of heart!



“Think well. Speak well. Do well. These three things, through the mercy of God, will make a man go to Heaven.”

ST. CAMILLUS DE LELLIS

PRAYER TO ST. CAMILLUS DE LELLIS

Glorious St Camillus, turn your merciful eyes upon those who suffer and those who care for them. Grant to the sick Christian resignation and trust in the goodness and power of God. Make those who take care of the sick be generous and lovingly dedicated. Help me to understand the mystery of suffering as a means of redemption and the way to God. May your protection comfort the sick and their families and encourage them to live together in love. Bless those who dedicate themselves to the infirm. And may the good God grant peace and hope to all. *Amen.*

Trivia of the Week

Q1: Which pope issued *Humanae Vitae*?

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

Q2: All of these are Sacraments of Initiation, except for:

- a. Baptism b. Confession c. Eucharist d. Confirmation

Q3: What are the first 5 books of the Bible called?

- a. Pentecost b. Pentathlon c. Pentagram d. Pentateuch

Q4: Which saint translated the Bible from Greek to Latin?

- a. St. Augustine b. St. Anthony c. St. Jerome d. St. Bridgit

Q5: Name 2 other Creeds besides the Apostles' Creed and the Nicene Creed that are recited in the Catholic Church:

- a. Eucharistic Creed & Liturgy Creed b. Baptismal Creed & Eucharistic Creed
c. Athanasian Creed & the Lord's Prayer Creed d. Baptismal Creed & Athanasian Creed

Answers found under “Old or New?” on opposite page

“Old or New?” Answer Sheet: 1. Old (Isa 53:5) | 2. Old (Ps 27:1) | 3. New (Heb 11:1) | 4. New (Rev 1:8) | 5. Old (Song 2:10)

YOU CAT CORNER

Why did God have to show himself in order for us to be able to know what he is like?

Man can know by reason that God exists, but not what God is really like. Yet because God would very much like to be known, he has revealed himself. [50-53, 68-69] God did not have to reveal himself to us. But he did it — out of love. Just as in human love one can know something about the beloved person only if he opens his heart to us, so too we know something about God's inmost thoughts only because the eternal and mysterious God has opened himself to us out of love. From creation on, through the patriarchs and the prophets down to the definitive revelation in his Son Jesus Christ, God has spoken again and again to mankind. In him he has poured out his heart to us and made his inmost being visible for us.

"If today you hear His voice, harden not your hearts."
PSALM 95:8

CAMP MERCIFUL ANNOUNCEMENTS

REGISTRATION STILL OPEN FOR GR. 8-12

Lifeteen Week registrations are still open for students currently in Grades 8-12. Please register at our 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 WEEK 2

A friendly reminder to all participants joining us for our summer day camp. Week 2 is from July 17-21, 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.

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 from now until August 9th as we prepare for a tournament on Saturday, August 12th. Hope to see you there!

OLD OR NEW?

Can you guess correctly if these verses are from the Old or New Testament? Answers found under "Trivia of the Week"

1

But he was pierced for our sins, crushed for our iniquity. He bore the punishment that makes us whole, by his wounds we were healed.

2

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom should I fear? The Lord is my life's refuge; of whom should I be afraid?

3

Faith is the realization of what is hoped for and evidence of things not seen.

4

"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "the one who is and who was and who is to come, the almighty."

5

My lover speaks and says to me, "Arise, my friend, my beautiful one, and come!"

"Trivia of the Week" Answer Sheet:

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

ARCHDIOCESE OF TORONTO

**Archdiocesan Pilgrimage to Martyrs' Shrine
Martyrs' Shrine in Midland, ON
September 9 (Saturday), 10:30 AM - 4:00 PM**

All are welcome to join Cardinal Thomas Collins for an Archdiocesan Pilgrimage to Martyrs' Shrine in celebration of the 175th anniversary of our archdiocese. The gathering will take place on Saturday, September 9 from 10:30 AM - 4:00 PM and will include the Rosary, Mass with Cardinal Collins and personal time to visit the shrine grounds. For more information, please visit www.archtoronto.org/175.

Check page 7 of the bulletin for the day's schedule.

CONFERENCES & RETREATS

**Young Adults Retreat: Theology of the Body
Manresa Spiritual Renewal Centre, Pickering
July 21-23 (Friday to Saturday), 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 (Saturday), 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!



*“O God, you are my God
— it is you I seek!”*

PSALM 63:2

PARISH EVENTS AT A GLANCE

Camp Merciful

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 5 of the bulletin for more details.

Baptism Course (Parents & Godparents)

July 25 (Tuesday), 7:30 - 8:30 PM

Regional Celebration of the Archdiocese of Toronto's 175th Anniversary

September 12 (Tuesday), 7:00 PM

Our parish will be hosting the Western Region Celebration that will include Mass and a reception. All parishioners are invited to attend.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ACTIVITIES

Electronic Waste Recycling Drive

Merciful Redeemer Parish, Parking Lot (North End)

Friday, August 25: 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Saturday, August 26: 9:00 AM - 7:00 PM

Sunday, August 27: 8:00 AM - 7:00 PM

A bin will be set up in the north end of the Merciful Redeemer parking lot where the Knights will be available to receive your e-recyclables. Wipe your drives. Clear your SIM cards. This will not be done for you on site!

What's accepted? Old (large) TVs, tablets, computer towers, cameras, video cameras, monitors, cellphones, pagers, videogame systems, laptops, stereo systems and speakers, fax machines, radios, projectors, printers, scanners, photocopiers, car radios, DVD players, VCRs and home theatre peripherals.

Dinner/Dance in Honour of the Feast of St. Faustina Merciful Redeemer Parish, Church Hall

October 6 (Friday), 6:00 PM to midnight

Doors open at 6:30 PM, and dinner will start at 7:30 PM. Tickets are \$35 each and includes a beautiful Italian meal, non-alcoholic drinks, dessert, dancing and door prizes. All are welcome!

For tickets please contact: **Dom Cianflone** (Grand Knight) at (416) 791 0302 or domc@synergymgt.ca; **Stefano Pascucci** (Deputy Grand Knight) at (416) 508 5543 or stefano.pascucci@gmail.com.

3 Things to Know about Our Lady of Mount Carmel

July 16 is the Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, the patron of Chile and the Carmelite religious order.

1. EARLY HISTORY OF THE CARMELITES

The Carmelite Order originated on Mount Carmel in the Holy Land. They do not have a particular founder. Early historical accounts find Christian hermits already settled on Mount Carmel around the year 1200. The hermits dwelt near the fountain or well of Elijah (1 Kings). In 1204, the hermits were given a Rule of life by St. Albert of Jerusalem.

2. OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL AND THE BROWN SCAPULAR

Invasion by the Saracens caused the hermits to flee to Europe by the end of the 13th century. One of these hermits, St. Simon Stock, returned to his native England, entered the Carmelite order and was eventually named prior of his community. He appealed to Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, the patroness of their order, on July 16, 1251, with the following prayer:

Flower of Carmel, Blossoming vine, Splendor of Heaven, Mother Divine, None like to thee, Peerless and fair, Thy children of Carmel, Save by thy care, Star of the sea.

The Blessed Virgin, accompanied by many angels and the child Jesus, appeared to St. Simon Stock and presented him with the brown scapular. She made him this promise: "This shall be the privilege for you and for all Carmelites that whoever dies piously wearing this scapular, shall not suffer eternal flames." The brown scapular is one of the most popular sacramentals in the Church.

3. CARMELITE NUNS

The first community of Carmelite nuns was founded in Belgium in the 14th century. The nuns soon also spread throughout Europe. In 1534, St. Teresa of Avila, a great reformer and Doctor of the Church, entered the Carmel of the Incarnation in Avila, Spain. After almost three decades as a Carmelite nun, St. Teresa became convinced that the nuns had become too worldly and needed to return to the primitive rule of Carmel with its emphasis on silence, solitude, strict enclosure and a small, sisterly community life of manual labour, prayer, penance and joyful recreation, where all would strive to live "the evangelical counsels as perfectly as possible." She founded the first monastery of Discalced Carmelite nuns under the patronage of St. Joseph in Avila, Spain. The Carmelite nuns have since spread throughout the world with 60 Carmelite monasteries in the U.S. alone.

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

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

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! To register, please email us at m4m.ministry@gmail.com. We hope to see you there!

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

*"No one knows the Son
except the Father,
and no one knows the Father
except the Son and anyone to whom
the Son wishes to reveal him."*

MATTHEW 11:27

SCHEDULE OF ARCHDIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO MARTYRS' SHRINE ON SEPTEMBER 9, 2017

10:30 AM Prayers and veneration of the relics at the Papal Altar centered upon the Jesuit martyrs as the first pastors of the Archdiocese of Toronto.

11:30 AM - 2:30 PM Time for parish or personal activity including: Walking pilgrimage to the grave of St. Jean de Brébeuf and St. Gabriel Lalemant at Sainte-Marie among the Hurons; Stations of the Cross; Confessions; Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in new St. Ignatius Chapel; Quiet reflection beneath the Shrine church; Lunch

2:30 PM Archdiocesan Mass at the Polish Altar

4:00 PM End of formal programme

To help with planning and logistics, we ask organizers of each parish/group to send a group RSVP online at <http://bit.ly/175massRSVP> by **Friday, September 1**.

We will ask for the name of your parish/group, an estimated number of pilgrims attending, as well as how many priests will be in attendance to help plan for concelebrants and confessors. We will also ask if you plan on arriving by bus or car to assist with parking.