



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 - 5:30 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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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 Wednesdays, 7:00 PM
Prayer Group Mondays, 7:30 PM (On break from July 24-August 13)
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 30, 2017

First Reading: 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12

Second Reading: Romans 8:28-30

Gospel: Matthew 13:44-52

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, July 31, 12:15 PM

+Ignacia Macatangay, +Godfrey Francis
+Ignatius Fonseca

TUESDAY, August 1, 7:00 PM

+Anne Sequeira, Special intention for Luiz Gomes
Thanksgiving

WEDNESDAY, August 2, 12:15 PM

+John Topacio
Thanksgiving by Whiting Family & Mary Nguyen

THURSDAY, August 3, 7:00 PM

+Sebastian Diniz, +Amy Turner, +Mabel & John Almeida

FRIDAY, August 4, 12:15 PM

+Maria Lee, +Holy Souls in Purgatory
Special intention for Adeline Gunadi

FRIDAY, August 4, 7:00 PM

+Margharita Marino Siracusa, +Juan Miguel
Special intention for Flavia Fernandes

SATURDAY, August 5, 9:00 AM

+Milagros Galvez, +Francisco Tingcungco
Special intention for Etienna Cardenas, Manuel & Rosie Uy
Thanksgiving for successful surgery

SATURDAY, August 5, 5:00 PM

+Andrea Baron, +Ruben Esteron
Special intention for Ana Maria Vicente

SATURDAY, August 5, 7:00 PM

+Roque & Luiza Rodrigues, +Lydia Cruz Lombos
+Henriquetta & Valeriano Da Costa

SUNDAY, August 6, 8:30 AM

+George Joseph, +Teresa Campbell
Special intention for Loretta

SUNDAY, August 6, 11:30 AM

Special intention for Nathan Mariano
Special intention for Maikel & Iskandra Michriky
Thanksgiving by Errol & Arcadia de Luna
(50th wedding anniversary)

SUNDAY, August 6, 7:00 PM

+Evelyn Marbella, +Maria Stubits, +Oscar Anacta

REFLECT ON THE GOSPEL

*“The kingdom of heaven is like
a treasure buried in a field.”*

MATTHEW 13:44

Who would expect to find a treasure chest in an ordinary field? Probably nobody. We might expect to find rocks, plants, a few squirrels, or maybe an empty soda can—but not treasure. Of course, Jesus isn't talking about a physical treasure. He is talking about something far more valuable: the kingdom of heaven.

Jesus describes the kingdom as something extraordinary that is “hidden in plain sight.” In truth, the kingdom can be found anywhere because it is God himself. It's his love and his presence made manifest among us. So wherever love is, that's where the kingdom is.

Today at church you may see a longtime parishioner who has fallen ill or a family in a tight financial spot. You may also see someone new, a person who doesn't know anyone and could use a warm welcome. If you respond generously to these opportunities to reach out, you will find the kingdom of heaven!

You can also touch the kingdom as you go about your business in the world. A coworker gets cancer and receives an outpouring of support. One of your children is troubled, and you rush to their side. A neighbor's spouse dies, and you help the community organize meals. Every time you overlook someone's faults or say encouraging and grateful words to someone, you are both discovering and bringing forth God's kingdom, his presence in ordinary places. You are also discovering that these “outbreaks” of the kingdom are more valuable to God than any buried treasure.

So be on the lookout for God's kingdom in your midst. Although the treasures of heaven cannot be bought with dollars, you can “buy that field” every time you offer your love to God and his people. Remember, Jesus said it is infinitely worth it!

Jesus, help me to live in your love. Teach me to share that love as well. Lord, I want to make your kingdom present everywhere I go!

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

WE ARE SOCIAL! FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK & TWITTER

In case you haven't heard the news: 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. 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

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, live within the parish boundaries, attend Mass regularly, and participate in a preparation program. Please contact the Parish Office for more information.

MARRIAGE

Couples planning to be married must contact a priest at least one year in advance, be registered parishioners, live within the parish boundaries, attend Mass regularly, and participate in a Marriage Preparation program. Please 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. Please contact the Parish Office for more information.

ANointing OF THE SICK

Call the Parish Office to schedule.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW EMAIL ADDRESSES FOR MARC & CHAI

Effective starting August 1st, the new email address to contact **Marc Puigmarti** (Youth Minister) will be youth@mercifulredeemer.org, and the new email address to reach **Chai Bonoan** (Communications) will now be communications@mercifulredeemer.org. Our previous email addresses will be deactivated soon, so please make the necessary changes on your contact lists. Thank you!

LEGION OF MARY SCHEDULE CHANGE

Weekly meetings for Legion of Mary at Merciful Redeemer Parish will now be on Wednesdays, 7:00 - 9:00 PM at the Our Lady of Mercy room in the parish basement.

INTERCESSION FOR OUR PRIESTS

Gracious and loving God, we thank you for the gift of our priests. Through them, we experience your presence in the sacraments. Grant them the wisdom, understanding, and strength to follow in the footsteps of Jesus and spread the Gospel. Help our priests to be strong in their vocation. Set their souls on fire with love for your people. Allow them to experience joy in their ministry. We ask this through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns as our Eternal Priest.

Prayer for Priests

God, please give to your Church today many more priests after your own heart. May they be worthy representatives of Christ the Good Shepherd.

May they wholeheartedly devote themselves to prayer and penance; be examples of humility and poverty; shining models of holiness; tireless and powerful preachers of the Word of God; zealous dispensers of your grace in the sacraments.

May their loving devotion to your Son Jesus in the Eucharist and to Mary his Mother be the twin fountains of fruitfulness for their ministry. *Amen.*

ST. JOHN VIANNEY



POPE FRANCIS' MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTIONS: AUGUST – ARTISTS

That artists of our time, through their ingenuity, may help everyone discover the beauty of creation.

SAINT OF THE WEEK

St. John Vianney

Feast Day: August 4 | **Patron Saint** of priests

Have you ever had a dream that seems crazy or impossible, but you can't shake off the feeling that God placed that dream in your heart for a reason? At the time of his seminary studies, it seemed like John Vianney would never realize his dream of becoming a priest. When he entered the seminary at the age of 19, John had a difficult time understanding the Latin lectures that were part of his required studies because he lacked formal education. Instead of giving up, he asked a friend who was a priest to tutor him. After a few years, John was ordained and assigned to become the pastor of a parish in Ars, a small village in France.

Many people in this village were indifferent to the faith and comfortable with their way of living, so they disliked Fr. Vianney for wanting to lead them closer to God and challenging them to live more charitably. When some villagers started causing trouble for him in hopes that he would give up and leave, Fr. Vianney increased his prayers, fasting, and penance instead. Over time, people started attending Mass. Within a few years, John was spending 10-15 hours a day in the confessional. Pilgrims from all over France and other countries came to see him. Even with his rising fame, Fr. Vianney continued his strict routine of prayer, fasting and penance to set a good example for others. He died at the age of 73 and was canonized in 1929 by Pope Pius XI.

Thank you, Camp Merciful team & supporters!

Dear parishioners,

We are incredibly grateful for your ongoing support of Camp Merciful. This was our first year at running a parish summer day camp, and it was truly a great success. During the three different weeks of camp, we explored the Fruits of the Spirit, how to surrender our lives to God, and how to rise from earth, away from sin and go to heaven.

Thank you to those who participated as campers, who served as volunteers and as part of our staff — your presence and efforts were a real blessing. We look forward to next year and ask that you keep Camp Merciful in your prayers.

God bless,
Marc Puigmarti

PRAYER OF ST. JOHN VIANNEY

I love You, O my God, and my only desire is to love You until the last breath of my life.

I love You, O my infinitely lovable God, and I would rather die loving You, than live without loving You.

I love You, Lord and the only grace I ask is to love You eternally...

My God, if my tongue cannot say in every moment that I love You, I want my heart to repeat it to You as often as I draw breath. *Amen.*

NAME THE SAINT!

Which beloved saint fits the description within each box? *Answers found under "Trivia of the Week"*

1

He is the founder of the Carthusian Order, a community of monks and nuns dedicated to a life of contemplation, silence and solitude.

2

She is the first native-born American canonized by the Catholic Church.

3

He was put in prison for helping Christians who were going to be executed by the cruel Emperor Claudius. For unrelated reasons, he is the patron saint of lovers.

4

Mother of 8 children, including St. Catherine of Sweden, who had the gift of mystical prayer and often had visions of Christ's passion.

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

YOU CAT CORNER

What are creeds?

Creeds are brief formulas of faith that make it possible for all believers to make a common profession. [185-188, 192-197]

Brief formulas of this kind can be found already in the letters of Saint Paul. The early Christian *Apostles' Creed* has a special dignity, because it is thought to be a summary of the faith of the Apostles. The *Nicene Creed* is highly esteemed because it is resulted from the great councils of the Church when Christendom was still undivided (Nicaea, 325; Constantinople, 381) and is to this day the common basis for the Christian in the East and the West.

“Let the Creed be like a mirror for you. Look at yourself in it to see whether you really believe all that you claim to believe. And rejoice every day in your faith.” – ST. AUGUSTINE OF HIPPO

PRACTICAL GUIDE: HOW TO MAKE A GOOD CONFESSION

It is important to seriously evaluate our lives before every confession, whether it has been a while before the last confession or if you attend the sacrament regularly. These steps will not only help you prepare for confession, but also to know your weak spots and work on them every day with God's help!

HAS GOD BEEN #1 IN YOUR LIFE? You need to evaluate if God is your priority. If He's not, that's the first thing you need to admit.

ACKNOWLEDGE YOUR SIN: Sin is not a mistake or an accident; it is knowing what God wants for you but freely deciding to do something else. Ask yourself: when and how have I rejected God's plan for me?

EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE: Make an examination according to your age and vocation. Find a copy suitable for you at this link: www.thelightisonforyou.org/confession.

PRAY THE LITANY OF HUMILITY: It is a great prayer to understand your wounds and an opportunity to acknowledge that only God can fulfill your life.

LISTEN TO WHAT JESUS SAID: The Beatitudes are a great place to start. Do I strive for peace? Am I meek? Am I merciful?

EXAMINE YOURSELF: St. Ignatius of Loyola came up with a series of steps for a daily examination. This will help you reevaluate your intentions and to acknowledge the times when you turned away from God's way. The steps for the Daily Examen are as follows: 1) Recall God's presence, 2) Expressing thankfulness, 3) Looking back on your day, 4) Asking for forgiveness, and 5) Resolving to grow.

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

Trivia of the Week

Q1: What sea did Jesus walk on?

- a. The Dead Sea
- b. The Red Sea
- c. The Sea of Galilee
- d. The Mediterranean

Q2: What prayer begins with “Ave Maria” in Latin?

- a. Our Father
- b. Hail Mary
- c. Glory Be
- d. O, My Jesus

Q3: What do members of the Church do when celebrating the feast days of saints?

- a. Honour the saint
- b. Pray for the saint's intercession
- c. Remember the saint during Mass
- d. All of the above

Q4: In the process of canonization, what is the title of the candidate in the stage before sainthood?

- a. Blessed
- b. Doctor of the Church
- c. Deacon
- d. Venerable

Q5: What name is given to the military expeditions of the Middle Ages to return the Holy Land to Christendom?

- a. Jihads
- b. The Wars of Religion
- c. The Holy Wars
- d. The Crusades

Answers found under
“Name the Saint!”

“Name the Saint!” Answers:

- 1. St. Bruno, 2. St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
- 3. St. Valentine, 4. St. Bridget of Sweden

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

ARCHDIOCESE OF TORONTO

**Archdiocesan Pilgrimage to Martyrs' Shrine
Martyrs' Shrine in Midland, ON
September 9, 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 include the Rosary, Mass with Cardinal Collins and personal time to visit the shrine grounds. For more information, please visit www.archtoronto.org/175. Schedule for this event is as follows:

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**.

CANADA 150 CELEBRATION

**Celebrate our Catholic Faith in Canada 150
St. Joseph's Church (5440 Durie Rd, Mississauga)
October 14, 11:00 AM**

Please join us for a special Eucharistic celebration presided by Most Reverend Bishop Robert Kasun to give thanks for our Catholic faith in Canada and continue the festivities of our country's 150th birthday. Mass will be held at 11:00 AM, but please be there by 10:30 AM. A reception and cultural performance will follow the Eucharistic celebration. Tickets will be sold for \$15. Early bird tickets can be purchased for \$10 until September 8th.

Buy tickets online at www.eventbrite.ca/e/hallelujah-catholic-faith-in-canada-150-tickets-35747549884, or contact CGCG representatives (contact info on event poster) for tickets to the reception/cultural performance. This event is hosted by Canadian Goan Christian Group (CGCG), a collaboration of Canadians of GAME Ancestry (Goan, Anglo-Indian, Mangalorean, East Indian).

CATHOLIC CEMETERIES & FUNERAL SERVICES

**Annual Mass for the Faithful Departed
August 16, 7:00 PM**

We invite all families within the Archdiocese of Toronto to attend and participate. All are welcome! Cemetery locations and Celebrants for this year's Annual Mass are:

Assumption, Mississauga: Most Reverend John A. Boissonneau
Christ the King, Markham: Most Reverend Vincent Nguyen
Holy Cross, Thornhill: His Eminence Cardinal Thomas Collins
Mount Hope, Toronto: Reverend Monsigneur Robert Nusca
Queen of Heaven, Woodbridge: Most Reverend Robert Kasun
Resurrection, Whitby: Reverend Monsigneur John Pilkauskas
St. Mary's, Barrie: Most Reverend Wayne Kirkpatrick

In the event of rain: Mass will be held in the mausoleum at Assumption, Holy Cross, Resurrection and Queen of Heaven Cemeteries. Christ the King Cemetery will celebrate Mass on site in the Reception Centre. Mount Hope Cemetery to St. Monica's Parish (44 Broadway Ave, Toronto). St. Mary's Cemetery to St. Mary's Parish (65 Amelia St, Barrie).

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ACTIVITIES

**Electronic Waste Recycling Drive
August 25, 5:00 PM – 8:00 PM
August 26, 9:00 AM – 7:00 PM
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
October 6, 6:30 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! To purchase your 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.

5 Ways to Evangelize without seeming to

LEGION OF MARY EVENTS

Feast of the Assumption of Mary August 15, 6:15 PM (Mass at 7:00 PM)

This Feast commemorates two events: 1) the departure of Mary from this life, and 2) the assumption of her body into heaven. There will be a rosary procession around the church that will start and end at the Grotto of our Lady. The Rosary will be led by the legionaries.

PARISH EVENTS AT A GLANCE

Altar Server Trip to Canada's Wonderland August 17, 8:15 AM (Departure) - 8:30 PM (Arrival)

In appreciation of the altar servers' faithful and diligent ministry of assisting the priests at the altar, the parish will be sponsoring a trip to Canada's Wonderland on Thursday, August 17. The day will begin with Mass in the parish at 7:30 AM. Parents/guardians of altar servers are asked to pick up, fill out, and hand in the consent form by Tuesday, August 9. Parishioners who wish to show their appreciation to our dedicated young people by contributing to the cost of the trip are encouraged to contact Msgr Owen or Fr Ryan.

Confirmation Parents Session September 11, 7:00 PM

Archdiocese of Toronto's 175th Anniversary Western Pastoral Region Celebration September 12, 7:00 PM

Cardinal Thomas Collins, Archbishop of Toronto, extends an invitation for all to join him for Mass and a reception to commemorate this historic milestone. Our parish will be hosting this celebration, and all parishioners are invited to attend.

Merciful Moms: Beginning September 2017.
For more details, contact Jane Scamurra.

RCIA: For those interested in becoming Catholic, contact Jane Scamurra.

Marriage Course October 11 – November 15, 2017 Every Wednesday, 7:30 – 9:30 PM

For more information, contact the Parish Office.

Women's SPA (Spiritual Personal Awakening) October 18 – November 22, 2017 Every Wednesday, 7:00 – 9:00 PM

For inquiries or registration, contact Jane Scamurra.

1. SAYING GRACE IN PUBLIC: In the comfort and privacy of our own home it comes naturally to say grace before enjoying a meal. In a restaurant, it can seem daunting. You imagine everyone in the place staring while you make the Sign of the Cross as discretely as possible. In reality, most people aren't looking at you — get over yourself! — but for those that are, seeing a family briefly pray before eating can be a powerful witness to others about priorities and the reality of God. It can prompt a discussion, and perhaps a change for others, and have a bigger impact than we know.

2. BEING OPEN TO LIFE: Raising kids is hard work, and many of us struggle with fertility issues and child loss, but being open to life is one of the strongest witnesses to the faith one can give. Having more than two kids is an instant conversation-starter. Random people want to talk to you about it, drolly asking, "Are you finally ready to call it quits?" or "How do you even manage to get up in the morning?" When we answer with the truth — that yes, it's hard but that our children are blessings of unbelievable joy to us — it sends a message people haven't heard in quite a while: Lots of kids? Worth it!

3. WEARING A SACRAMENTAL: Evangelization can be as simple as wearing a brown scapular under your shirt; wearing a rosary bracelet on the wrist opposite your watch, or sporting an understated religious medal around your neck. It's an easy way to "let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven," without seeming to show off.

4. PUTTING A CATHOLIC RADIO BUMPER STICKER ON YOUR CAR: Many of us have benefited from Catholic radio, but haven't shared with others, Catholic-or-otherwise, where our car radio dial is typically set for those commutes to and from work. A Catholic radio bumper sticker tells the people driving behind you about Catholic radio; it's a gentle nudge to tune in and see what it's all about. You never know how the Holy Spirit will use something as simple as that. There are no limits to what may happen.

5. SAYING "GOD BLESS YOU": Have you noticed when people sneeze in public, the typical response has become "Bless You?" Making a point of saying "God Bless You" may seem silly, but I really think can be a discrete reminder of the existence of God. We've let them push God out of our public squares, let's not let him be pushed out of our sneezes, too!

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