



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

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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
Youth Group www.mercifulredeemerym.com
Follow us! @mryouthministry

TODAY'S READINGS: AUGUST 6, 2017

First Reading: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

Second Reading: 2 Peter 1:16-19

Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, August 7, 12:15 PM

+Edmundo Sotto Sr, +Gretta D'Cunha, +Lisa Chen

TUESDAY, August 8, 7:00 PM

+Rita & Jose Romano, +Oscar Anacta
Special intention for Dorothy Odukale

WEDNESDAY, August 9, 12:15 PM

+Antonio Uy, +Elidio Barrera, +Nellie Ng

THURSDAY, August 10, 7:00 PM

+Oscar Anacta
Thanksgiving by Eugene Oliver, Elvis & Indira Antao

FRIDAY, August 11, 12:15 PM

+Ellen Riordan, +Roman Muyargas
Special intention for Paul Roldan

SATURDAY, August 12, 9:00 AM

+Oscar Anacta, +Luz & Juan Blanco
+Romuald Remplakowski, +Andre Fuggan
Special intention for Dr. Ahmed & Staff of Trillium Hospital
Thanksgiving by Tony & Flavia Pereira

SATURDAY, August 12, 5:00 PM

+Mary Lopez, +Terry & Darcy
Special intention for Mirabelle & Al Rodrigues

SATURDAY, August 12, 7:00 PM

+Lydia Casibang-Querubin, +Olinda Menezes
+Victor, Winnie & Lancelot Gonsalves

SUNDAY, August 13, 8:30 AM

+Oscar Anacta, +Ricardo Claudio
Special intention for Ula Lenartowicz

SUNDAY, August 13, 11:30 AM

+Lina Peritore, +Lucy Sykes
Special intention for Maikel & Iskandara Michriky

SUNDAY, August 13, 7:00 PM

+Elena Ona, +Fred Menezes
+Swampillai Anthonypillai

REFLECT ON THE GOSPEL

“He was transfigured before them.”

MATTHEW 17:2

A radiant Messiah, an out-of-body experience, time-traveling superstars from the past, and talking clouds—the transfiguration is one of the most memorable stories in Scripture. We know this story: Jesus takes Peter, James, and John up the mountain, where he is transfigured right before their eyes.

So often, we approach growing in our faith as something we have to do. We say, “I need to be more kind and generous to people, especially to the poor. I need to get to Mass more often.” To a certain extent, this is true. Growing in faith does require a change in the way we think and act. But that is only part of it.

There is another side to the equation—God’s side. We need his grace. And that grace can move mountains! At the transfiguration, Jesus, the divine Son of God, wanted to give his disciples a glimpse of his glory before he entered into his passion. He wanted to help them grow in their faith, just as he wants to help us.

The mystics of the Church, saints like Bernard of Clairvaux, Catherine of Siena, and Teresa of Ávila, remind us that words fail when we perceive even the slightest glimpse of the glory of God. Just as Peter rattled on excitedly, we can find ourselves reaching for the right words to describe what God’s presence feels like. But that’s okay. Our actions—the witness of our peace and our joy—can speak much louder than our words.

So dwell on this great Mystery of Light today. Imagine the glorified Jesus appearing before you. Let his love, his majesty, and his mercy render you speechless. Let him remind you that your faith is not just a matter of what you have to do. Let him remind you that he is always pouring out divine grace, always revealing his love. And that revelation can soften even the hardest of hearts.

Jesus, show me your glory.

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

*“So faith, hope and love abide, these three;
but the greatest of these is love.”*

1 CORINTHIANS 13:13

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.

INTERCESSION FOR THOSE IN POVERTY

God of Justice, open our eyes to see You in the face of those in poverty. Open our ears to hear You in the cries of those exploited. Open our mouths to defend You in the public squares as well as in private deeds. Remind us that what we do to the least ones, we do to You.

God of Mercy, we are Your hands and feet. Transform our hearts to be as generous and compassionate as Yours, especially to those less fortunate and in need of our help — not only in distant countries, but also those in our local community.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW EMAIL ADDRESSES FOR MARC & CHAI

Please note that, effective since 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!

POPE FRANCIS' MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTIONS: AUGUST – ARTISTS

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

Prayer of an Expectant Mother

Lord Jesus, I lovingly pray for this sweet hope that I keep within my womb. You have granted me the immense gift of a tiny little life, living in my own life, and I humbly thank You for choosing me as an instrument of Your love.

In this sweet waiting, help me to live in a constant attitude of self-surrender to Your Will. Grant me a motherly heart that is pure, steadfast and generous.

I hand over to you my own concerns; any anxious fears that may come, my own wishes for the little person that I still have no knowledge of. Grant that it may be born healthy in body, keep far from it every peril to its soul.

Mary, you have known the ineffable joy of a holy motherhood; give me a heart that can transmit an ardent, living faith. Sanctify my waiting, bless this joyful hope that is in me, grant that the fruit of my womb may open out in virtue and in holiness through your working with that of your divine Son. *Amen.*



SAINT OF THE WEEK

St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross

Feast Day: August 9

Fun Facts: Her birth name is Edith Stein; Sister Teresa Benedicta of the Cross is the religious name she received when she became a Carmelite nun

Born in 1891 to a devout Jewish family in Germany, Edith Stein was accustomed to praying at home and attending religious services with her parents and six older siblings. However, at the age of 13, she gave up believing in God. She became fascinated in phenomenology, and pursued a doctorate degree in philosophy. It wasn't until 1922 when she read the autobiography of St. Teresa of Ávila that she, at last, found the truth she had been looking for. She was so captivated by this book that she finished it in one night, then bought a book on Catholic Catechism the next day and read it. She then converted to Catholicism, and discerned to become a Carmelite nun. Worried of how her Jewish mother will react to the news, she took her time discerning. Finally, in 1934, she entered the convent and became a Carmelite.

In 1938, Edith and her sister Rosa, who had also become Catholic, fled to Holland because the persecution of Jews in Germany made it so dangerous for the sisters to stay in the convent. Four years later, Holland was occupied by the Nazis, and Edith and Rosa were taken and sent to the concentration camp at Auschwitz in Poland where they died a few days later in a gas chamber.

The life of Edith Stein is inspiring, but it's her bold and insightful views on women and women's vocations that make her a fitting saint for modern times. In her written works, she affirms motherhood as an irreplaceable and noble vocation while also emphasizing the endless list of professions available to woman in which her soul finds its true dignity and purpose.

YOUCAT CORNER

Why was Christ transfigured on the mountain?

The Father wanted to reveal the divine glory of his Son even during Jesus' earthly life. Christ's Transfiguration was meant to help the disciples later to understand his death and Resurrection [554-556, 568]. Three Gospels relate how Jesus, on the mountaintop, begins to shine (is "transfigured") before the eyes of his disciples. The voice of his heavenly Father calls Jesus his "beloved Son", to whom they are supposed to listen. Peter would like to "make three booths" and capture the moment. Jesus, however, is on the way that leads to suffering. The vision of glory is only to strengthen his disciples.

Trivia of the Week

Q1: Who is allowed to vote in a papal conclave (papal election)?

- a. All Archbishops
- b. Members of the College of Cardinals
- c. All Bishops
- d. All Catholics

Q2: Who wrote the spiritual classic "Dark Night of the Soul"?

- a. St. Thérèse of Lisieux
- b. St. Augustine
- c. Thomas Á Kempis
- d. St. John of the Cross

Q3: Which founding member of the Jesuits traveled to India and East Asia?

- a. St. Francis Xavier
- b. St. Benedict
- c. St. Aloysius Gonzaga
- d. St. Paschal Baylon

Q4: What colour did the clothes of Jesus turn when Peter, James and John saw his appearance altered in the Transfiguration?

- a. Dazzling white
- b. Deep purple
- c. Deep red
- d. As yellow as the sun

Q5: What is the principal punishment of hell?

- a. The torments
- b. The fire
- c. Separation from God
- d. The demons

Answers found under "Name the Saint!"

"Name the Saint!" Answers:

1. St. Anne Line, 2. St. Charles Lwanga
3. St. Blaise, 4. St. Roch

MINISTRY

THE WORLD
DOESN'T NEED WHAT
WOMEN HAVE
**IT NEEDS WHAT
WOMEN ARE**

DO NOT ACCEPT
ANYTHING AS **LOVE**
WHICH LACKS **TRUTH**

**LET GO OF
YOUR PLANS**
THE FIRST HOUR
OF YOUR MORNING
BELONGS TO GOD
TACKLE THE DAY'S
WORK THAT HE
CHARGES YOU WITH
**AND HE WILL GIVE YOU
THE POWER TO
ACCOMPLISH IT**

USUALLY ONE GETS A
HEAVIER CROSS
WHEN ONE ATTEMPTS TO
GET RID OF AN OLD ONE

— St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross —

Prayer for my Mom

Lord, thank you for blessing me with my Mom.
I know that I am far from being a perfect child sometimes,
but I also know that You have given me to her so that
we can be an instrument of Your love for one another.

Continue to bless her with patience for me as I grow older.
Guide our conversations to allow us to talk about
the things that sometimes come between us.
Please comfort her and give her happiness in the
areas of her life where she needs You most —
her relationships, her work, her hopes and dreams.

Lord, bless me with wisdom, love, and understanding
for my Mom. Teach my heart to love and respect her.
Let me not take for granted the sacrifices she has made for me.

I pray for continued blessings on my family,
and that we may always be united in Your love. *Amen.*



NAME THE SAINT!

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

1

A widow from London who lost her husband, was banished from England for being Catholic, and was hanged for sheltering clandestine priests

2

A member of the Society of Missionaries of Africa, known as the White Fathers, who was responsible for the evangelization of that continent, and martyred along with 20 companions for not renouncing their faith

3

The blessing of throats is a Catholic custom on this saint's feast day because, according to legend, his prayers healed a boy choking on a fishbone stuck in his throat

4

He became the patron saint of dogs because he was miraculously healed of the bubonic plague when a dog kept licking his wounds

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

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 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.

PARISH EVENTS AT A GLANCE

Altar Server Trip to Canada's Wonderland August 17, 8:45 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 8:00 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

A group especially for moms to support each other where we are at with our family and our faith! We will be starting up in the Fall. For more information, please contact Jane Scamurra at jane@mercifulredeemer.org.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) September 21, 7:00 – 9:00 PM

If you are interested in becoming Catholic or just want to enquire about the process and explore a little about faith and God, please contact Jane Scamurra at jane@mercifulredeemer.org because the RCIA is for you! We begin the process on Thursday, September 21st.

Marriage Course

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

For more information, please 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 at jane@mercifulredeemer.org.

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.

6 Ways to Improve Family Mealtime

1. Aim for once a day, or at least once a week: Family time is important. Try to coordinate schedules so that everyone can be together for a family meal every day, or at least one day per week.

2. Goodbye, technology! It's a good idea for everyone to turn off their cell phones, or to put them someplace far away from the table. It's important to remember that parents should be the first to keep this rule: example is the best way to teach.

3. Pay more attention to content than to form: Although it is true that a family meal is the time to teach good table manners, we can't let that be our main goal. What is truly important is that there be an atmosphere of trust in which family members can talk and share their experiences. The meal should be an enjoyable time for all. We can correct some table manners, but let's try not to interrupt quality time by nagging.

4. Teach consideration: Family meals are good moments to pay attention to others' needs. We can do that by filling the glass of the person next to us, or helping clear the table. We must know how to serve if we want to help others.

5. A little bit of preparation isn't a bad idea: We can be creative with what dishes to prepare as a way of learning more about geography and different cultures. Or we can simply think ahead about good topics of conversation that are important and relevant today. Creativity and preparation can make the ordinary extraordinary.

6. Always be thankful: Whether it be by saying grace to thank God for the food, or simply by mentioning reasons why we are thankful at that moment — gratitude is more than good manners; it's an attitude that acknowledges that many of the things we have were given to us.

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