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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

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TODAY'S READINGS: AUGUST 13, 2017

First Reading: 1 Kings 19:9, 11-13

Second Reading: Romans 9:1-5

Gospel: Matthew 14:22-33

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, August 14, 12:15 PM

+ Antonio Costantini, + Jose Castro
Special intention for Yenny Gunadi

TUESDAY, August 15, 7:00 PM

+ Stephen Nogueira
+ Deceased members of Luk, Fung, Chui & Lam Families
Special intention for Luk & Chui Families

WEDNESDAY, August 16, 12:15 PM

+ Frederico Castro, + Dorota Kucharska, + Lisa Chen

THURSDAY, August 17, 7:00 PM

+ Lazarus Fernandes, + Benedetto D'Amato
+ Philomena Vannitamby

FRIDAY, August 18, 12:15 PM

+ Stephen Nogueira, + Domingo Fernandes, + Lisa Chen

SATURDAY, August 19, 9:00 AM

+ Oscar Anacta, + Mary Selby, + Manda Pala
Special intention for Nathaniel James Uy
Thanksgiving by Tony & Flavia Pereira

SATURDAY, August 19, 5:00 PM

+ Rocky Turner, + Natasha Cardoz
+ Rufina & Teotonio Goes

SATURDAY, August 19, 7:00 PM

+ Fe Sola, + Leo, Joan & Josephine, + Josefa Memoracion

SUNDAY, August 20, 8:30 AM

+ Silver & Babs Queano, + Lydia & Cely Queano
+ Billy Peregood

SUNDAY, August 20, 11:30 AM

+ Janet Menzies, + Earl Ilogon
Special intention for Maikel & Iskandara Michriky

SUNDAY, August 20, 7:00 PM

+ Henry Padriga, + Cathy Rocca, + Marcelle Younan

REFLECT ON THE GOSPEL

“O you of little faith.”

MATTHEW 14:31

Have you ever seen a toddler take a few wobbly steps and then tumble to the ground? You would probably be shocked if you saw his mother or father angrily rebuke him for falling. That's not what parents do. They bend down with a smile to lift the child up, embrace him, and encourage him to try again.

That's a great way to understand Jesus' words to his disciples in today's Gospel. He loves them. He loves Peter's bold attempt to walk toward him on the waves. He knows that Peter is taking an important step toward a confident mature faith. He also knows that Peter's flop into the water won't be the end of the story. Far from being a failure or a disaster, it will become a milestone on his journey of discipleship. Yes, Peter had "little faith," but he did have faith!

Jesus looks at us with love when he sees our attempts to follow him. He applauds our successes, and he reaches out to help us when we fail. He is quick to come to our aid if we take a misstep or start to doubt. He knows that each step reflects our growth toward maturity.

Try something new today, just as Peter did. You probably won't want to step out onto your nearest body of water, but there are plenty of other things you can do. Just choose one. Think about something that might have arisen in your thoughts recently. Perhaps you would like to help the less fortunate; try it. You could set up one time to volunteer to serve meals to the homeless. You don't need to have the perfect words to say to the people you'll meet. Just take that first step. Jesus will be with you, ready to lift you up if you stumble.

You may be surprised to find that trying something new strengthens your "little faith" and brings you closer to Jesus.

Thank you, Jesus, that you look at me with love. Make me bold to try to follow you in a new way today. I believe that you will be with me.

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

*“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you;
before you were born I dedicated you, a prophet to the nations I appointed you.”*

JEREMIAH 1:5



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

JOIN US ON THE ARCHDIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO MARTYRS' SHRINE

Our parish has arranged a bus that will leave in the morning and return in the evening. The fee is \$30/person which includes the entrance fee to the grounds. Payment is required to reserve your seat. Please bring your own lunch, or purchase lunch at the grounds.

We hope you can join us! Please register as soon as possible — seating is limited.

For more details on this event, check page 6 of our bulletin.

POPE FRANCIS' MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTIONS: AUGUST – ARTISTS

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

INTERCESSION FOR THE END OF ABORTION

Lord God, we thank you for the precious gift of life. Please protect us from the culture of death, and ready our hearts to do our part in ending abortion. Together, we say this prayer to St. Maximilian Kolbe asking for his help and guidance in the ongoing battle for life.

Prayer to St. Maximilian Kolbe to End Abortion

St. Maximilian Kolbe,
patron of the pro-life movement,
hear this prayer of supplication that
I address to you with confidence.

St. Maximilian, I honour your life that was
guided by the unshakable faith in the mystery
of the Incarnation. I admire your public witness
for the sanctity of life and your ultimate sacrifice
for the life of another when you offered
yourself to save a fellow prisoner.

I pray, please move the consciences of those
contemplating abortion. Please move to
repentance and healing, for the women and men
who have chosen abortion over the gift of life.

Please intercede for all the unborn children.
Pray that their mothers will see, hear and know
that what they carry in their womb is a person,
a special and unique gift from God our Creator.

Please comfort the women who suffer from the
post-abortion trauma and inspire them to
seek spiritual and psychological help.

Please sustain the courage and wisdom of the
pro-life movement, so that they may be peaceful
witnesses to the sanctity of life. Intercede for our
young people who march and witness for life today
that God may bless and protect them.

Please move the hearts of our lawmakers, judges
and fellow citizens so the scourge of abortion
will no longer be the law of the land.

We ask this in the name of
Jesus Christ the Lord. *Amen.*



SAINT OF THE WEEK

St. Maximilian Kolbe

Feast Day: August 14

Patron Saint of families, journalists, drug addicts, prisoners, and the pro-life movement

When you think of Marian Devotion, a handful of saints stand out because of their genuine love and intense dedication to the Blessed Mother — one of them being St. Maximilian Kolbe.

Born in 1894 as Raymond Kolbe to a poor, Polish family, he used to drive his mother crazy with his mischievous behaviour. Out of frustration, she once yelled at him, “Raymond, what will become of you?!” This shook young Kolbe to the core that he immediately turned to the Blessed Mother and pleaded her for an answer to this question. He went to a church and asked her again. Kolbe recounted what happened next:

Then the Virgin Mother appeared to me holding in her hands two crowns, one white and one red. She looked at me with love and she asked me if I would like to have them. The white meant that I would remain pure, and red that I would be a martyr. I answered yes, I wanted both. Then the Virgin looked at me tenderly and disappeared.

This encounter was a foreshadowing of his life to come. In 1917, he founded an organization called “Militia Immaculata” whose goal was to bring the whole world to God through Christ under the generalship of Mary Immaculate. In 1918, he was ordained a priest and he professed his religious vows (one of which was chastity) — this confirmed the first crown: purity.

In 1941, after decades of fruitful apostolic labours in Poland and Japan, Kolbe was arrested by the Nazis and taken to the Auschwitz concentration camp where he endured beatings that almost killed him. Still, he would secretly hear confessions and speak to other prisoners about God’s love. One day, a prisoner escaped, so the officers agreed to kill 10 men as punishment; they would be dropped into a pit and left there to starve. Kolbe volunteered to take the place of a man who had a wife and children. On the eve of the Feast of Mary’s Assumption, the second crown of martyrdom was confirmed when the officers found Kolbe still alive and praying, and finished him off with a lethal injection. After his death, the news of Kolbe’s great love spread to the whole world. Pope John Paul II canonized him in 1982, and declared him to be the Patron Saint of the 20th Century.

Trivia of the Week

Q1: What does the Book of Genesis say that Eve gave Adam to eat?

- a. Fig leaves b. Apple
- c. Fruit d. Flesh of the serpent

Q2: What is a prayer service often held the night prior to a Christian funeral called?

- a. Petition b. Mass
- c. Vigil d. Litany

Q3: What are priests and deacons collectively called in Canon Law?

- a. Friars b. Clerics
- c. Bishops d. Reverends

Q4: Which of these is not sung during Lent, except on solemnities?

- a. Lamb of God b. Lord, Have Mercy
- c. Holy, Holy, Holy d. Gloria

Q5: How does God describe the place to which He will bring His people out of Egypt?

- a. “A land flowing with milk and honey”
- b. “A land of figs and bananas”
- c. “A city on a hill”
- d. “An emerald city”

Answers found under “Name the Saint!”

“Name the Saint!” Answer Sheet:

1. St. Rose of Lima, 2. St. Josephine Bakhita
3. Blessed Oscar Romero, 4. St. Barnabas

KOLBEAN PRAYER FOR THE GRACE TO BE AN INSTRUMENT

Almighty and Eternal God, you gave us in the person of St. Maximilian an example of true devotion to the Immaculate Mother of our Savior and of unselfish love for our neighbor. Grant we beseech you through his intercession, that we may grow in our understanding of love of the Immaculata; that we may recognize her presence, her voice, her love and her power with us and be filled with an ardent desire and will to fulfill her will in every detail, and thus become sharers and true instruments of her most perfect response to you, in the Holy Spirit through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

YOU CAT CORNER

Why does Mary have such a preeminent place in the communion of saints?

Mary is the Mother of God. She was united with Jesus on earth as no other human being was or could be — in an intimacy that does not cease in heaven. Mary is the Queen of Heaven, and in her motherhood she is quite close to us [972]. Because she committed herself, body and soul, to a divine yet dangerous undertaking, Mary was taken up body and soul into heaven. Anyone who lives and believes as Mary did will get to heaven.

Can Mary really help us?

Yes. Since the beginning of the Church, experience has taught that Mary helps. Millions of Christians testify to it [967–970]. Being the Mother of Jesus, Mary is also our Mother. Good mothers always stand up for their children. Certainly this Mother does. While still on earth she interceded with Jesus for others; for example, she protected a bride and groom in Cana from embarrassment. In the Upper Room on Pentecost she prayed in the midst of the disciples. Because her love for us never ceases, we can be sure that she will plead for us in the two most important moments of our life: “now and at the hour of our death.”

NEVER BE AFRAID OF LOVING THE BLESSED VIRGIN TOO MUCH **YOU CAN NEVER LOVE HER MORE THAN JESUS DID**

IF ANGELS COULD BE JEALOUS OF MEN THEY WOULD BE SO FOR ONE REASON: **HOLY COMMUNION**

ST. MAXIMILIAN KOLBE

BE A CATHOLIC: WHEN YOU KNEEL BEFORE AN ALTAR DO IT IN SUCH A WAY THAT OTHERS MAY BE ABLE TO RECOGNIZE **THAT YOU KNOW BEFORE WHOM YOU KNEEL**

NAME THE SAINT!

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

1

Her parents’ wish was for her to get married, but instead this saint joined the Third Order of Saint Dominic; to help her parents financially, she sold her embroideries and the flowers she grew in their garden

2

She was kidnapped as a child and sold into slavery, eventually working in Italy as a nanny for a wealthy family; it was during this time that she was introduced to the Catholic faith

3

Beatified for being a martyr of the Catholic faith, he was the Archbishop of San Salvador who used radio broadcasts of his sermons to raise awareness of the violence in their country and offer hope to his listeners

4

His given name was Joseph, but the apostles called him by a different name that meant “son of encouragement” — he accompanied Paul to many missionary journeys to preach to the gentiles

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

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

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 on Saturday, October 14 at St. Joseph's Church 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 any of our CGCG representatives (contact information found 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

**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.

CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

Pre-LSS Retreat by Fr. Charles Anang
Merciful Redeemer Parish
August 26, 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

We invite you and your family for a retreat on Saturday, August 26. The retreat will be conducted by Fr. Charles Anang, Director of Spiritual Formation at St. Augustine's Seminary, Toronto. Schedule of activities is as follows:

9:00 AM Mass

9:45 AM – 3:00 PM Retreat (Parish Hall)

Topic: Three Loves – Church, Mary, Eucharist

Light refreshments will be available for free. Please bring your own lunch. There will be a love offering collection. All are welcome!

LEGION OF MARY

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.

Meditation on the Assumption of Mary

“And a great sign appeared in heaven: A woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet...” (Rev 12:1). This holy vessel, this Ark of the Covenant, she whom all generations will call blessed because of the great things God has done for her, has completed her life on earth. Mary wants nothing more than to be once again with her Son. How could God honor her more than He already has by choosing her to be the Mother of God?

He has one final gift in this life for His most humble of servants — Mary's body shall not suffer the corruption of death, but shall become the first fruits of Christ's Resurrection. Her body, as well as her soul, will be assumed into Heaven and be a symbol for us of the resurrection of the body. Though we know that, at our death, our body will suffer decay, we can still look forward with hope because we know that Mary's life in the world to come will one day be ours as well, so long as we unite ourselves to her Son.

Retrieved from **ThoughtCo** (www.thoughtco.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.