



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 Tuesdays, 7:30–9:30 PM (Sept 26 – Dec 12, 2017)

Charismatic Prayer Group Mondays, 7:15–9:00 PM

Knights of Columbus Dom Cianflone, gk@sfc16254.ca

Lay Pastoral Visitors Donna Coulson, mrpastoralcare@gmail.com

Legion of Mary Wednesdays, 7:00–9:00 PM, OLOM Room

Merciful Moms Tuesdays, 9:30–11:00 AM (Starts Sept 26, 2017)

The Prime Time Club Wednesdays, after 12:15 PM Mass

Women's SPA Wednesdays, 7:00–9:00 PM (Oct 18 – Nov 22, 2017)

Youth Group www.mercifulredeemerym.com

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TODAY'S READINGS: SEPTEMBER 3, 2017

First Reading: Jeremiah 20:7-9

Second Reading: Romans 12:1-2

Gospel: Matthew 16:21-27

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, September 4, 12:15 PM

+ Virginia & Andrea Taddeo, + Pasquale Vera

MONDAY, September 4, 7:00 PM

+ Ignatius Lobo, + Maria Schosztarich

TUESDAY, September 5, 7:00 PM

+ Rita & Jose Romano, Special intention for Anthony Gunadi, Thanksgiving by Wayne & Elsa Edwards

WEDNESDAY, September 6, 12:15 PM

+ Abbie Ahern, + Oscar Anacta
+ Deceased members of Grasic family

WEDNESDAY, September 6, 7:00 PM

+ Ida D'Souza, + Julieta Avendano
+ Deceased parents of Edlyn & Vivienne D'Souza

THURSDAY, September 7, 7:00 PM

+ Sebastian & Philomena Fernandes, Special intention for Rudy Fernandes, Thanksgiving by Savanna

FRIDAY, September 8, 12:15 PM

+ Antonio Cacciaccaro, + Dr. Roland Lee, + Angeles Villar

SATURDAY, September 9, 9:00 AM

+ Francesco & Concetta Conte, + Fiorina D'Andrea
+ Azade Doucet, + Leo Valdez, + Maximo Costiniano
Thanksgiving by Tony & Flavia Pereira

SATURDAY, September 9, 5:00 PM

+ Olinda Teixeira, + Albert Sasso, + Dulcine Vaz

SATURDAY, September 9, 7:00 PM

+ Paul David Ornelas, + Czeslaw Piotrowski
+ Domingo Tio

SUNDAY, September 10, 8:30 AM

+ Grace Arenas, + Oscar Anacta
Special intention by Marina Maharaj

SUNDAY, September 10, 11:30 AM

+ Marina & Bahia, Special intention for Charles Chiang & May Liu, Thanksgiving by Poonwah family

SUNDAY, September 10, 7:00 PM

+ Wilfredo Fermin, Special intention for Maria Navarro
Thanksgiving by DeSouza family

REFLECT ON THE GOSPEL

“You are thinking...”

MATTHEW 16:23

Poor Peter! He had just confessed that Jesus was the “Messiah, the Son of the living God,” and Jesus had just congratulated him for his keen insight (Matthew 16:16). Surely Peter was elated. But just moments later, Jesus is rebuking him in the harshest terms for trying to keep him from the cross. “Get behind me, Satan,” he says. “You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do” (16:23). Can you imagine how frustrated Peter must have felt?

What caused Jesus to change his tone so quickly? On both occasions, Peter had only good intentions. On both occasions, he was trying to do the right thing. What happened?

This story tells us that our minds can be influenced by God one moment and by the devil in the very next moment, and we may not be able to tell the difference. It tells us that we need to learn how to reason in faith, or how to think “as God does,” if we want to see our spiritual lives grow (Matthew 16:23).

Peter probably reflected on these two events. He must have asked, “Why did Jesus commend me here but rebuke me there?” He must have asked Jesus to help him. Over time, he learned more and more about the way God thinks. Over time, he became more able to understand God’s mind and to live a life that reflected God’s plan. How else could he have become one of the wisest and most devoted members of the early Church?

Here is a good way to sharpen your ability to reason in faith. Every day, take one situation and ask, “Jesus, what would you do here?” This simple little prayer can open the door to God’s grace and change the way you think. Scripture promises that you can “be transformed by the renewal of your mind” (Romans 12:2). With time, patience, and practice, you can come to discern what is “good and pleasing and perfect” in every situation (12:2).

Lord, enlighten my mind. Teach me how to think as you think.

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

Jesus, help me to love as you love.



Prayer for the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary (September 8)

O Virgin Immaculate, thou who by a singular privilege of grace wast preserved from original sin, look in pity upon our separated brethren, who are nevertheless thy children, and call them back to the center of unity. Not a few of them, although separated from the Church, have kept a certain veneration for thee; and do thou, generous as thou art, reward them for it, by obtaining for them the grace of conversion.

Thou wast conqueror of the infernal serpent from the first instant of thy existence; renew even now, for it is now more necessary than ever before, thine ancient triumphs; glorify thy divine Son, bring back to Him the sheep that have strayed from the one fold and place them once more under the guidance of the universal Shepherd who holds the place of thy Son on earth; let it be thy glory, O Virgin who destroyest all heresies, to restore unity and peace once more to all the Christian people. *Amen.*

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!

PLEASE REGISTER WITH THE PARISH

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

STRENGTHS-BASED WORKSHOP: SEPTEMBER 16, 2017

As a lead-in to the Ministry Fair on September 23 & 24, the parish will be organizing a strengths-based workshop on Saturday, September 16th.

The workshop will be based on the *StrengthsFinder 2.0* Assessment Tool. This tool helps to identify each participant's Top 5 'soft' skills. The aim is to use this knowledge and self-awareness to discern how one may contribute joyfully and effectively to the various parish ministries at Merciful Redeemer. Armed with this knowledge, we hope that many parishioners will become more deeply involved in the life of the parish, thus adding to the vibrancy that is so unique to Merciful Redeemer.

All those who are interested are invited to register at the parish office by Thursday, September 7th. There is a small fee, which will be subsidized by the parish.

HELP NEEDED: MERCIFUL MOMS GROUP

If you love children, are available for a few hours on Tuesday mornings, and are willing to look after the children of those attending the Merciful Moms group, please contact Jane at jane@mercifulredeemer.org.

Kindly take a moment to reflect back on how beneficial a group of this nature would have been to you during that period in your life. Please consider making it a time of uninterrupted sharing, learning and grace for the moms that will gather together beginning on September 26th.

COMMUNION FOR ALL: LOW-GLUTEN HOSTS

Is your participation in Communion limited due to an inability to take gluten? We now have access to approved low-gluten hosts (approximately 0.01% total gluten content) that might enable you to partake more fully in the Communion Rite. Please speak with Msgr Owen or Fr Ryan if you want more information on this matter.

MATCH 'EM UP: RELIGIOUS ORDERS

Match the religious order to the description within each box.

Answers found under "Trivia of the Week"

- A. Salesians
- B. Carmelites
- C. Carthusians

- D. Dominicans
- E. Jesuits
- F. Missionaries of Charity

- G. Franciscans
- H. Augustinians
- I. Benedictines

1

Founder: St. Francis of Assisi
Motto: Peace and the good
Spirituality: Follow Jesus, Poverty, Fraternity

2

Founder: St. Bruno of Cologne
Motto: The Cross is steady while the world is turning
Spirituality: Contemplation, Mixture of Solitude & Community

3

Founder: St. Ignatius of Loyola
Motto: For the greater glory of God
Spirituality: Based on the Ignatian Spiritual Exercises

4

Founder: St. Benedict of Nursia
Motto: Pray and work
Spirituality: Prayer and daily manual work, Community and fraternal love, Obedience

5

Founder: St. John Bosco
Motto: Give me souls, take away the rest
Spirituality: Pastoral charity, Joy & optimism, Care of young people

6

Founder: St. Teresa of Calcutta
Motto: "I Thirst"
 (God thirsts for us)
Spirituality: Radiate Christ, Encounter Jesus in the needy

7

Founder: St. Dominic of Caleruega
Motto: To Praise, To Bless, To Preach
Spirituality: Prayer, Study, Preaching, Community

8

Founder: Pope Innocent IV
Motto: One heart and one soul in God
Spirituality: Live Gospel in liturgy, Search for God, Cultivate knowledge

9

Founder: Hermits on Mount Carmel
Motto: With zeal have I been zealous for the Lord God of Hosts
Spirituality: Contemplation, Prayer, Fraternity, Service

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

YOUCAT CORNER

What is freedom and what is it for?

Freedom is the God-given power to be able to act of one's own accord; a person who is free no longer acts under the influence of someone else. [1730–33, 1743–44]

God created us as free men and wills our freedom so that we might decide wholeheartedly in favour of the good, indeed for the greatest "good" —in other words, for God. The more we do what is good, the freer we become.

"Freedom consists not in doing what we like, but in having the right to do what we ought."

ST. POPE JOHN PAUL II



Memorare

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to your protection, implored your help, or sought your intercession was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, I fly unto you, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother. To you I come, before you I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in your mercy hear and answer me. *Amen.*

ST. TERESA OF CALCUTTA'S "EMERGENCY NOVENA" CONSISTED OF 10 MEMORARES (9 FOR PETITION, 10TH IS IN THANKSGIVING).

SAINT OF THE WEEK

St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta

Feast Day: September 5

Fun Facts: Her real name is Gonxha (Agnes) Bojaxhiu!

Mother Teresa of Calcutta — a tiny woman just under 5 feet tall, with no tools except prayer, love, and the unique qualities God had given her — has become the most powerful symbol of the virtue of charity known today. She teaches us that it doesn't take money, power, intelligence or talent to love; it simply takes *love*.

Her entire life was dedicated to radiating the love of Jesus. At the age of 18, she joined the Sisters of Loreto in Dublin, Ireland. She stayed there for 2 months before taking a boat to India where she would teach history and geography at an all-girls school for 15 years. She then experienced a “call within a call” to leave the convent and go into the streets and slums of India to care for the dying poor. Since then, she has established a new religious community (the Missionaries of Charity), was awarded the nobel peace prize, and has inspired hundreds of thousands to care for the poor and helpless all around the world. She was canonized last year on September 4, 2016 by Pope Francis.

PEACE
BEGINS WITH A SMILE

IF YOU ARE
JUDGING PEOPLE
YOU HAVE NO TIME TO
LOVE THEM

WHAT YOU ARE DOING I **CANNOT DO**
WHAT I AM DOING **YOU CANNOT DO**

BUT TOGETHER
WE ARE DOING SOMETHING
BEAUTIFUL FOR GOD

JOY IS A NET OF LOVE
BY WHICH YOU CAN CATCH SOULS

St. Teresa of Calcutta

Trivia of the Week

Q1: Which bishop was executed by Henry VIII for refusing to accept him as the supreme head of the Church in England?

- a. Thomas Cromwell b. St. John Fisher c. St. Robert Bellarmine d. St. Thomas More

Q2: What does St. Michael's name literally mean in Hebrew?

- a. Who is like God? b. Anger of God c. Fear of God d. Sword of God

Q3: What does the Hebrew name “Emmanuel” mean in English?

- a. God loves us b. God is good c. God is with us d. God saves

Q4: How many popes have taken the name “John”?

- a. 3 b. 13 c. 23 d. 33

Q5: Which of the following parts of the Mass belong to the Liturgy of the Word?

- a. Gospel b. Homily c. Responsorial Psalm d. All of the above

Answers found under “Match ‘Em Up: Religious Orders” on opposite page

“Match ‘Em Up: Religious Orders” Answer Sheet: 1.G | 2.C | 3.E | 4.I | 5.A | 6.F | 7.D | 8.H | 9.B

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

PARISH EVENTS AT A GLANCE

Men's Fraternity: That Man is You!

Starting September 9, 2017

Every Saturday, 8:00 – 10:00 AM

Are you looking to deepen your relationship with God? Be a better husband? Become a more loving father? Build friendships with other like-minded men? And seek to be the best man you can be?

Then Come & Join... *That Man is You!* Registration will take place on Saturday, September 9th at 9:30 AM in the Church basement.

Confirmation Parents' Session: September 11, 7:00 PM

Archdiocese of Toronto's 175th Anniversary

Western Pastoral Region Celebration

September 12, 7:00 PM

As we celebrate the 175th anniversary of the Archdiocese of Toronto, 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. For more information, please visit www.archtoronto.org/175.

StrengthsFinder Workshop: September 16, 2017

Check page 3 of the bulletin for more details.

Life in the Spirit Seminar (LSS #15)

September 18 – November 13, 2017

Every Monday, 7:30 – 9:30 PM

The Merciful Redeemer Charismatic Prayer group is sponsoring a Life in the Spirit Seminar (LSS #15) from September 18 – November 13, every Monday evening at 7:30 – 9:30 PM. You are cordially invited to come and join a Spirit-filled time of renewal. The orientation meeting will be on September 18th at 7:30 PM. Everyone above the age of 18 are welcome!

Registration forms are available in the church foyer. Our LSS team will be in the narthex after Weekend Masses with more information and to answer your questions.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Starting September 21, 2017 until Easter 2018

Every Thursday, 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!

Ministry Fair

Merciful Redeemer Parish, Basement Hall

September 23 & 24, 2017

We invite all parishioners to visit our Ministry Fair! Now is your chance to learn more about the different ministries we have at Merciful Redeemer Parish, and to meet the hard-working and dedicated volunteers who offer their time and talents to serve God and our parish community. Take this opportunity to ask your questions and show your gratitude to the men, women and youth responsible for running these fruitful ministries. See you there!

Merciful Moms

Starting September 26, 2017

Every Tuesday, 9:30 – 11:00 AM

A group especially for moms to support each other where we are at with our family and our faith! If you are interested in joining us, please contact Jane Scamurra at jane@mercifulredeemer.org.

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.

First Communion Parents' Meeting

October 18, 7:00 PM

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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.

I place all my trust & hope in You, Jesus. ✙

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.

We have arranged a bus that will leave Merciful Redeemer Parish at 7:30 AM and will be leaving Martyrs' Shrine at 4:30 PM. The fee is \$30/person which includes the entrance fee to the grounds. Payment is required to reserve your seat. You can either bring your own lunch, or purchase lunch at the grounds. We hope you can join us! Please register at our Parish Office as soon as possible — seating is limited.

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 for 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 (Canadian Goan Christian Group) representatives for tickets to the reception/cultural performance.

DISCERNMENT

**Come & See Weekend with Daughters of St. Paul
Daughters of St. Paul Convent, Toronto
September 29 – October 1, 2017**

All single young women ages 18-33 who desire to discern the vocation of religious life are invited to come and experience the community life, spirituality, and mission of the Daughters of St. Paul. For more information, please contact Sr. Helena Raphael at srhelenaburns@gmail.com or (617) 850 5584.

MINISTRY FAIR

SEPTEMBER 23 & 24, 2017

Do you want to learn more about the various ministries at Merciful Redeemer Parish?

Would you like to meet and thank our dedicated volunteers?

Are you looking for opportunities to serve and be more active in our community?

**COME ONE, COME ALL!
JOIN US AT THE MINISTRY FAIR!**

Don't forget to sign-up for our upcoming **Strengths-Based Workshop on September 16th** to find out what talents God has given you to share to the world!

*My Church is composed of people like me.
I help make it what it is.
It will be friendly, if I am.
Its pews will be filled, if I help fill them.
It will do great work, if I work.
It will make generous gifts to many causes,
if I am a generous giver.
It will bring other people into its worship
and fellowship, if I invite and bring them.
It will be a church of loyalty and love,
of fearlessness and faith,
and a church with a noble spirit,
if I, who make it what it is,
am filled with these same things.
Therefore, with the help of God,
I shall dedicate myself to the task of
being all the things that I want
my Church to be. **Amen.***