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

Youth Ministry www.mercifulredeemerym.com

TODAY'S READINGS: DECEMBER 3, 2017

First Reading: Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Gospel: Mark 13:33-37

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEKEND

MONDAY, December 4, 12:15 PM

+Bruno Wojtaszynski, +Courtney Anderson
+Deceased members of Da Silva &
Da Gandadeiros families

TUESDAY, December 5, 7:00 PM

+Malcolm Lee, +Jocelyne Eiau
+Deceased members of Summerville family

WEDNESDAY, December 6, 12:15 PM

+Sang Ho Lee, +Geraldine Ouellette
+Alice Leung Chan

THURSDAY, December 7, 7:00 PM

+Frank Weston, +Bernardita Padilla, +Louie Silang

FRIDAY, December 8, 12:15 PM

+Pierangelo & Fioravante D'Orazio, +Florence McErlain
Thanksgiving by Aldwin & Evangeline Pangilinan

SATURDAY, December 9, 9:00 AM

+Albert Chin Cham, +Deogracias Pereira
+Nuno Batista, +Lilia & Joe Gaudia, +Jorge Manalo
Thanksgiving by Whiting family

SATURDAY, December 9, 5:00 PM

Thanksgiving by D'Sa Family
Thanksgiving by Zach Mathews
Thanksgiving by Miranda Family

SATURDAY, December 9, 7:00 PM

+Alejandro Bazan, Thanksgiving by Yvonne Jaliel
Thanksgiving by Marie Ferdinands

SUNDAY, December 10, 8:30 AM

+Deceased members of Mathews & Almeida families
+Oscar Anacta, Special intention for Zach Mathews

SUNDAY, December 10, 11:30 AM

+Fred Casino, Special intention for Vui Luen Fung
Special intention for Maikel & Iskandara Michriky

SUNDAY, December 10, 7:00 PM

+Erline Ilamas, +Ace Sevilla, +Esther Pico Baraquito

LECTIO DIVINA: 1ST WEEK OF ADVENT

WE BEGIN OUR PRAYER (*Make the Sign of the Cross*)
Keep us alert, we pray, O Lord our God, as we await the advent of Christ your Son, so that, when he comes and knocks, he may find us watchful in prayer and exultant in his praise. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

READING Read the following verses 2-3 times:

Jesus said to his disciples: "Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come. It is like a man traveling abroad. He leaves home and places his servants in charge, each with his own work, and orders the gatekeeper to be on the watch. Watch, therefore; you do not know when the Lord of the house is coming, whether in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or in the morning. May he not come suddenly and find you sleeping. What I say to you, I say to all: 'Watch!'" (*Mark 13:33-37*)

MEDITATION Reflect in silence on one or more of the following questions. If practicing lectio divina as a family or group, invite the participants to share their responses.

What word/s in this passage caught your attention?

What in this passage comforted you?

What in this passage challenged you?

PRAYER Read the Scripture passage one more time. Bring to the Lord the praise, petition, or thanksgiving that the Word inspires in you.

CONTEMPLATION Read the Scripture passage once more, reflect on the following questions, and give yourself time for silent reflection and/or discussion.

What conversion of mind, heart, and life is the Lord asking of me?

What things capture my attention? What things distract me from God's plan?

Does the way I spend my time reflect my priorities? How can I make sure that I spend my time on things that matter most (prayer, family, service to others)?

To what sins and injustices do I close my eyes? What parts of my faith keep me awake and energized to do God's will?

CLOSING PRAYER (*Recite the Lord's Prayer*)

LIVING THE WORD THIS WEEK How can I make my life a gift for others in charity? Each night before falling asleep, look over your day to identify God's presence and opportunities to reach out in love. Commit to becoming more alert to others' needs and to God working in your life.

Retrieved from USCCB (www.usccb.com).

Advent Traditions to Try at Home

1. ADVENT WREATH: Four candles (three purple and one pink), are used to count down the weeks until Christmas. Each Sunday of Advent, one of the candles is lit and special prayers are said. Each Sunday of Advent has a particular theme leading up to the birth of Christ.

2. ADVENT DINNERS: Make the Sundays of Advent into something special. Prepare a nice dinner or host a potluck and invite over family & friends. This would be a great time to light the candles on your Advent wreath and invite all to join in the special prayers for that week.

3. ADVENT DEVOTIONAL READING: God comes to us as a Child, and this is amazing to think about! Going through each day with devotional reading is one of the best ways to spiritually prepare yourself for Christmas, the birth of the King of Kings.

4. SPECIAL PRAYERS: Adopt special prayers during the Advent season. You can often find them in Advent devotional books. Another tradition is praying the O Antiphons (antiphons of the Evening Prayers/Vespers) from the Liturgy of the Hours in the 8 days leading up to Christmas. Each antiphon welcomes the birth of the Saviour by heralding one of the resplendent Biblical titles of the soon-to-be-born Son of God as foreshadowed in the Old Testament by the prophet Isaiah.

5. ADVENT CALENDARS: Counting down the days to Christmas helps children to anticipate patiently and to focus on waiting for the baby Jesus to be born. You can purchase one, or make one as a fun craft time for kids.

6. NATIVITY SCENES: To make this classic and traditional display especially poignant, wait until Christmas Eve to place the Baby Jesus into the scene.

7. JESSE TREE: Named after the father of King David, the ancestor of Jesus, the Jesse Tree is a fun biblical activity which prepares for the birth of Christ and his mission. It goes through Jesus' ancestry and how all of his ancestors played a role in salvation history.

8. ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES: Advent is known as the "little Lent" and is therefore a time for penitential practices. For more information on Days of Confession for Advent at our parish, visit page 6 of the bulletin.

9. SMALL SACRIFICES FOR THE CHRIST CHILD: Just as the Magi laboured through a long journey to worship and give precious gifts to the Christ Child, so we can do the same. Adults can do this alone, but with kids a visual aid goes along well with the practice. Two popular ways are Jesus Stockings and a Baby Jesus creche. For the stocking, small sacrifices are written on little slips of paper and

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.

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! We are so happy to have you join our community. Know that we are here to support you and lead you closer to Christ. Please do not hesitate to introduce yourself to either Msgr Owen, Fr Ryan, or anyone in our staff. Don't forget to 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. We look forward to meeting you!

PLEASE REGISTER WITH THE PARISH

If you have not registered at our parish, please complete a registration form found on the table in the entrance hall and submit it to the Parish Office as soon as possible. Also, don't forget to pick up a box of envelopes. Thank you and God bless!

placed into the stocking; for the creche, a piece of straw is added for each good deed. These add up each day of Advent as birthday presents for the newborn King. When Jesus is born, our prayers and sacrifices have prepared room for Him in our hearts.

10. ALMSGIVING: Advent is a great time to practice spiritual and corporal acts of mercy, such as Christmas gifts for disadvantaged children, volunteering at a nursing home or soup kitchen, visiting the sick in a hospital, or simply inviting people into your home who may have no friends or family to celebrate the holidays with.

11. CELEBRATE ADVENT FEAST DAYS: St. Nicholas Day is December 6th, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception is December 8th, Our Lady of Guadalupe Feast Day is December 12th, and St. Lucy's Feast Day is December 13th.

Retrieved from **Catholic Company** (www.catholiccompany.com).

SAINT OF THE WEEK

St. Ambrose

Feast Day: December 7

Patron saint of bee keepers, beggars, learning & Milan

During the election to appoint the new bishop of Milan, there was much disagreement and fighting broke out. Ambrose, who was governor, addressed the crowd and pleaded for peace in the assembly. Suddenly, a voice cried out, "Ambrose for bishop!" The crowd joined in chanting Ambrose's name. Ambrose begged them not to elect him, but he could not silence them. Over the next several months, Ambrose was baptized, ordained, and consecrated bishop.

As governor, Ambrose administered strict and fair justice. He was a courageous and God-fearing leader. After his election as bishop, Ambrose turned his attention from political government to church government. Immediately he gave a share of his family's money to the poor and encouraged others to do so. When conflicts arose between Church and state, Ambrose told the people, "The emperor is in the Church, not above it." Even the rulers must obey the laws of God.

St. Monica, mother of St. Augustine, loved Ambrose for his influence and guidance to her son's conversion from his former ways towards Christ as Lord and Saviour.

**ARE YOU YOUNG & FREE?
DO YOU WANT TO KNOW JESUS?
DO YOU LIKE FOOD & GAMES?
WE WOULD LOVE
TO MEET YOU!**

EDGE NIGHTS FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL (GR. 7-8)

Merciful Redeemer Parish, Basement Hall
Every 2nd and 4th Friday, 6:45 – 9:00 PM

LIFE NIGHTS FOR HIGH SCHOOL (GR. 9-12)

Merciful Redeemer Parish, Basement Hall
Every 2nd and 4th Saturday, 7:00 – 10:30 PM

For more information, please visit our website at www.mercifulredeemerym.com, or contact **Marc Puigmarti** at mercifulredeemerym@gmail.com.



ADVENT WORD SEARCH

Up, down, forward, backward — Find the following words that we traditionally associate with the Advent Season.

**NATIVITY | CHRISTMAS | WREATH | JOY
CANDLE | HOPE | PEACE | LOVE**

N	L	W	C	I	M	Y	C
C	R	I	S	T	H	D	S
V	Y	C	A	Y	O	V	A
E	J	R	M	L	P	C	N
L	O	H	T	A	E	R	W
D	I	L	S	E	J	H	V
N	A	T	I	V	I	T	Y
A	M	Y	R	O	C	A	O
C	O	V	H	L	M	S	J
J	R	E	C	A	E	P	H

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

WHAT IS EDGE?

Edge is a free program that provides a safe space for Grade 7s and 8s to get to know other young people their age with similar values, explore questions about their faith, build lasting and meaningful relationships with others and Jesus. We invite all to join us on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of the month from 7:00–9:00 PM in the church basement. Prior to attending, we ask that a parent or guardian complete the online registration form on our website www.mercifulredeemerym.com. Click on the "Edge" tab, click "Register Here." Feel free to contact Marc Puigmarti, our Youth Minister, with any questions or concerns.

Trivia of the Week

Q1: A rubric is an instruction written in what colour:

- a. Black b. Brown c. Red d. Blue

Q2: What words does Isaiah 40 begin with?

- a. "The Lord said to Moses" b. "Jesus returned to Galilee"
c. "A beautiful heifer is Egypt" d. "Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God"

Q3: Which of these men did the chief priests plan to put to death, according to the Gospel of John?

- a. Lazarus b. John c. Peter d. Jesus

Q4: Which Solemnity occurs on December 8 each year?

- a. Our Lady of Sorrows b. Immaculate Conception c. Christ the King d. Epiphany of the Lord

Q5: On what day does John tell us that Jesus was crucified?

- a. The first day b. The Day of Atonement c. The Day of Redemption d. The Day of Preparation

Answers found under "Word Search" on the opposite page

"Word Search" Answers: 1. Grace, 2. Lord, 3. Women, 4. Womb, 5. Mother, 6. Sinners, 7. Death

YOUCAT CORNER

Did Jesus have a soul, a mind, and a body just as we do?

Yes. Jesus "worked with human hands, he thought with a human mind. He acted with a human will, and with a human heart he loved" (Second Vatican Council, GS 22, 2). [470–476]

The humanity of Jesus is complete and includes also the fact that Jesus possessed a soul and developed psychologically and spiritually. In this soul dwelled his human identity and his special self-consciousness. Jesus knew about his unity with his heavenly Father in the Holy Spirit, by whom he allowed himself to be guided in every situation of his life.

A DAILY PRAYER TO STAY FOCUSED ON THE REASON FOR THE SEASON

Christmas is getting closer and festive decorations are already surrounding us, preparing us for a season of little elves, reindeer, and fluffy snowmen. In the midst of all the exterior preparations and the looming need to go Christmas shopping, it is easy to forget the "reason for the season." One simple way to stay focused is by saying a brief prayer at the start of each day. Here is one prayer called the "St. Jude Prayer for Advent" that is very powerful and can return our thoughts (and our hearts) to what celebrating Christmas is truly about.

St. Jude Prayer for Advent

Lord Jesus, your power is infinite, your glory, everlasting. Quietly you come, as a tiny baby. Ready my heart for the miracle of your birth. Bring light to this dark world, waiting silently for your warmth in the coldness of the night.

Waiting is itself your gift, animating my heart with anticipation.

Bless me with needed patience and faithful discipline to prayerfully prepare to welcome and greet you.

St. Jude, eternal hope, let your holiness flow into me. May Christmas joy and burning love take root in me and grow until they bloom on Christmas Day, to carry joy to the world and inspire hope to renew the face of the earth. *Amen.*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

PARISH EVENTS AT A GLANCE

Children's Liturgy

Every Sunday, 10:00 AM Mass

All children who are in Kindergarten until Grade 2, ages 4-7 years old, and have not yet received Holy Communion are welcome! Make sure to complete a registration form (pick-up in parish office). Parents must go through the screening process to volunteer in this ministry. Contact Kashanna Milton at kashanna.milton@gmail.com.

Christmas Cakes & Card Sale

December 2/3 & 9/10, after all Masses

The proceeds from the sale of cakes will go to Campaign Life Coalition, a non-profit pro-life organization. We will also be selling Right to Life Mississauga Christmas cards. Your support is greatly appreciated!

Advent Parish Mission with Fr Sameer Advani, LC

December 11-13, 7:00 PM

Includes Mass, Talk, Reflection, and Confession.

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR SCHEDULE

Sunday Mass, 4th Sunday of Advent

December 24 (Holy Day of Obligation)

8:30 AM, 10:00 AM and 11:30 AM

Christmas Eve Masses, December 24

4:00 PM, 6:00 PM, 8:00 PM, 10:00 PM & 12:00 midnight

Christmas Day Masses, December 25

8:30 AM, 10:00 AM and 11:30 AM (No Evening Mass)

Sunday Mass, December 31 (Day of Obligation)

8:30 AM, 10:00 AM and 11:30 AM

New Year's Eve Masses, December 31

5:00 PM & 7:00 PM*

*Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament follows with Benediction at 12:00 midnight

Masses for Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

January 1 (Holy Day of Obligation)

8:30 AM, 10:00 AM, 11:30 AM & 7:00 PM

DAY OF CONFESSIONS FOR ADVENT AT OUR PARISH

DAY 1: DECEMBER 12

10:00 AM – 12:00 PM & 5:00 – 9:00 PM

DAY 2: DECEMBER 13

10:00 AM – 12:00 PM (at St. Aloysius Gonzaga S.S.)
& 5:00 – 9:00 PM

From December 10-16, 2017, each parish in our Archdiocese will be holding a Day of Confessions.

"The confessional is an encounter with Jesus, who waits for us just as we are. We go to praise God, because I, a sinner, have been saved by Him. He waits with tenderness to forgive me. And if tomorrow I do the same? Go again, and go and go and go. He always waits for us."

POPE FRANCIS

JOIN OUR PARISH MINISTRIES

ROSARY APOSTOLATE IN THE SCHOOLS

We are looking for Rosary Visitors willing to dedicate two hours a month to pray the Rosary with school children. It is a specialized program designed to inspire students to pray the Rosary together as a community. For more information, contact Shirley Braganza & Joanne Prince at (905) 812 0030 ext. 8, or email mrraschools@gmail.com.

LAY PASTORAL VISITORS' MINISTRY

We are looking for volunteers 18 years and older to visit and bring communion to our homebound parishioners. We also need volunteers to assist on Thursdays from 1:00-3:00 PM at the Erin Meadows Retirement Home. Volunteer candidates will go through the parish screening process and training will be provided. If this is of interest to you, please contact Donna Coulson via email at mrpastoralcare@gmail.com.

SERRA'S VOCATION SEEDS: 1ST WEEK OF ADVENT

The season of Advent calls us to be vigilant in anticipation of the Master's return so that we live each day according to the teachings of Christ. Could God's "particular task" for you be a call to a Church vocation? If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, contact Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto at (416) 968 0997.

vocations@archtoronto.org | www.vocationstoronto.ca

5 Ways to Get Your Kids Into the Spirit of Advent

1. REMEMBER: IT STARTS WITH YOU.

How is your prayer life this Advent? Are you doing any spiritual reading? Have you been to confession lately? Be honest: What takes up more space in your head as Advent begins — the miracle of the Incarnation, or where to find the best deal for a new TV? We all know our kids learn about priorities by watching us. What do your actions say about what Advent means to you?

2. GIVE ALMS, NOT (JUST) GIFTS.

When people refer to the weeks leading up to Christmas as the “season of giving,” they’re usually missing the point. Like Lent, Advent is a season of penance. It’s not a penitential act to lavish gifts upon the people you love. Before the space under your tree starts filling up with gifts, take the time to go through what you and your children already own *together*. Gather a generous selection of toys and clothing to take to the needy — and make it hurt, at least a little. This isn’t just a decluttering exercise; it’s about sharing our abundance with those who don’t have enough. Don’t unload your family’s unwanted junk on them. In an age-appropriate way, suggest your kids share some of the best of what they have (make sure to set the example by doing the same). If you can find a means of giving that will allow your children to see the joy on the faces of the people they’ve helped, so much the better — it will take some of the sting out of their sacrifices and put a human face on those who suffer in poverty.

3. PERFORM ACTS OF SERVICE.

With so much going on, you might ask, who has time for a service project? The answer is easy: *everyone*. Traditional Advent calendars can be turned into something more meaningful — instead of little treats, fill each day’s compartment with a slip of paper describing a specific act of kindness to be performed by the recipient. Another idea is replacing “Secret Santas” with “Advent Angels” — each participant draws the name of another, and spends Advent secretly praying, sacrificing, performing acts of kindness and even leaving small gifts for that person. Regardless of the method, the point is the same: to keep people focused on serving others.

4. GO TO CONFESSION & BRING YOUR KIDS.

If you haven’t been going to confession regularly (most spiritual directors suggest going weekly or monthly; Pope St. John Paul II used to go daily), why not begin this Advent season? Not only does the Sacrament of Reconciliation give you that squeaky-clean feeling in your soul, it gives you graces to help you stop committing any sins you confessed. It also sets a great example of humility, responsibility and faith for your kids. If they’re old enough, it’s a great opportunity for your children to receive the Sacrament too. If not, then seeing you do it gets them used to the idea.

5. READY... SET... REJOICE!

Advent is shockingly short. Use this time wisely, and teach your kids to do the same. Then, on December 25th, you’ll all be ready to receive the greatest gift of all: our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Now, that’s something to celebrate!

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

BLESSING OF AN ADVENT WREATH

The use of the Advent Wreath is a traditional practice which has found its place in the Church as well as in the home. The blessing of an Advent Wreath takes place on the day of or the evening before the 1st Sunday of Advent. When the blessing of the Advent Wreath is celebrated in the home, it is appropriate that it be blessed by a parent or another member of the family.

(Make the Sign of the Cross)

Leader: Our help is
in the name of the Lord.

Response: Who made heaven and earth.

Read Scripture:

(Choose one of the following passages)

Isaiah 9:1-2, 5-6

Isaiah 63: 16-17, 19

Isaiah 64:2-7

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

Response: Thanks be to God.

(All join hands)

Leader: Lord, our God, we praise you for your Son, Jesus Christ: he is Emmanuel, the hope of the peoples, he is the wisdom that teaches and guides us, he is the Savior of every nation. Lord God, let your blessing come upon us as we light the candles of this wreath. May the wreath and its light be a sign of Christ’s promise to bring us salvation. May he come quickly and not delay. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Response: Amen.

Conclude the blessing with a verse from “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”:

*O come, desire of nations, bind
in one the hearts of humankind;
bid ev’ry sad division cease
and be thyself our Prince of peace.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.*

FROM “CATHOLIC HOUSEHOLD
BLESSINGS & PRAYERS”