

MERCIFUL REDEEMER PARISH
MINISTRY FAIR
SEPTEMBER 23 & 24, 2017
SATURDAY 9:30-11:30 AM / 6:00-8:30 PM
SUNDAY 9:30 AM-1:00 PM / 6:00-8:30 PM



ALTAR SERVERS

Our ministry plays an important role by assisting our priests during the celebration of the Mass. Servers are made up of mature youth (ages 8+) who are dedicated to using their talents to serve the Lord during the Saturday and Sunday Masses. All persons wanting to become an altar server must go through a training process and agree to serve at Mass at least twice a month.

SERVICE SCHEDULE

Saturday Masses – 5:00 PM, 7:00 PM

Sunday Masses – 8:30 AM, 10:00 AM, 11:30 AM, 7:00 PM

TRAINING: Scheduled twice per year on an as-needed basis. Servers will only be scheduled after they have received training and if there is a vacancy to be filled.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Sao-Kham Mork-Gerra: altarserving@mercifulredeemer.org

BAPTISM PREP MINISTRY

Our ministry helps to prepare families for the Sacrament of Baptism and the entrance of their children into the Catholic Faith. It is made up of a group of dedicated volunteers who not only provide an understanding of the Catholic Faith and the Sacraments, but also assist our parish priests during baptisms.

TRAINING: Scheduled on as-needed basis

CONTACT INFORMATION

Sao-Kham Mork-Gerra: skmg@bell.net

Merciful Redeemer Parish Office: (905) 812 0030

BETHANY MINISTRY

We assist the priests at funeral Masses as altar servers, lectors, and Eucharistic ministers. We also assist with the Holy water and incense used in the ceremony. We are open to men and women of all ages who would like to volunteer with us.

TRAINING: On-the-job training

CONTACT INFORMATION

Mary Rampersad: msporsad@hotmail.com / (905) 814 0809

BIBLE STUDY GROUP

Because of the importance of Sacred Scripture in the Liturgy and in our spiritual lives as Catholics, our parish offers Bible Studies in the Fall and Winter. The study may be on an individual book of the Bible, or on a biblical theme such as Salvation, the Blessed Virgin Mary, or the Mass. Our presenter for our Bible Study is Deacon Brian du Quesnay.

MINISTRY SESSIONS: September 26 – December 12, 2017

Every Tuesday, 7:30 – 9:30 PM

CONTACT INFORMATION

Rosie Uy: ruy2930@gmail.com

CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

The Good Shepherd Certificate Program is a course that offers an orientation to theological concepts fundamental to ministering

to children. It introduces the foundational biblical and liturgical themes which we present to children through a combination of conversation, reflection, and presentation. Our parish would like to prepare to run this program for 3- to 6-year old children. In order to do this, we will also be welcoming volunteers to build, sew, and shop for materials specific to the program. Catechists, artists and crafters are much needed in order to start the program in the following 2018-19 school year.

ORIENTATION/REGISTRATION: An information night will be scheduled in late October/early November at our parish to further explain the process.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Teresa Brown: a-tbrown@sympatico.ca

CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

A prayer meeting has several purposes: to praise, worship and honour God; to build up the Body of Christ through prayer, fellowship, testimony, sound Catholic teaching, meditation on the Word of God, and the exercise of Spiritual Gifts (cf. 1 Cor. 12: 7-11); to evangelize and offer intercessory prayers for spiritual, emotional and physical healing, as needed; and to offer annual parish-wide Life in the Spirit Seminars in order to facilitate the spiritual renewal of the person through a new outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

MINISTRY SESSIONS

Every Monday, 7:15 – 9:00 PM, Parish Hall (basement)

CONTACT INFORMATION

Adela Griffiths: (905) 821 7401

Betty O'Sullivan: (905) 812 8337

UPCOMING EVENTS

Life in the Spirit Seminar: September 18 – November 13, 2017

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Our ministry helps to break open the Word of God to the very young members of our parish during the 10:00 AM Mass on Sundays from September to the end of May (seasonal). At the outset of the Liturgy of the Word, young children (ages 4–8 years old) are invited to assemble and process to our parish hall whereby a group of trained leaders help the children to understand the readings of the day through various means (e.g. prayers, songs, discussions and activities). Afterwards, children return to celebrate the Liturgy of the Eucharist with their families.

MINISTRY SESSIONS: September 2017 – May 2018

10:00 AM Mass on Sundays, Basement Hall

CONTACT INFORMATION

Kashanna Milton (Coordinator)

kashanna.milton@gmail.com / (416) 668 7940

Lisha D'Lima (Co-Coordinator)

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COUPLES FOR CHRIST CANADA

Couples for Christ (CFC) is a Catholic movement intended for the renewal and strengthening of Christian family life. Rooted in the Sacraments, we strive to build the church of the home and the church of the poor through our family ministries, advocacies, and programs. Our community is open to kids, youth, singles, married couples, and mature men/women regardless of status/situation.

MINISTRY SESSIONS

Monthly General Assemblies: Every Sunday, 2:00 – 5:00 PM

SERVICE TEAM MEETINGS: Monthly

REGISTRATION: Monthly

CONTACT INFORMATION

Aldwin & Evangeline Pangilinan: Pangilinan567@rogers.com

Office: 418-A Hanlan Road, Unit 3, Woodbridge, ON L5L 4Z1

www.couplesforchrist.ca / www.couplesforchristglobal.org

UPCOMING EVENTS

Christian Life Program: Every Sunday starting on September 24, 2:00 – 4:00 PM, St Peter's Mission Church. Succeeding Sundays at Merciful Redeemer Parish from 4:00 – 6:00 PM.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION MINISTRY

This Ministry is responsible for ensuring that someone is always present in our Adoration Chapel, to adore and honour the Eucharistic presence of Our Lord. Persons in this ministry contemplate the Mystery of Christ present before us in the Eucharist. If you have an hour each week that you can dedicate to adoring the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, we encourage you to join our ministry by signing up for a regular weekly schedule.

SERVICE SCHEDULE: Sign up for a regular weekly schedule; either for a day-time schedule (i.e. Fridays, 3:00 PM), or for a day-anytime schedule (i.e. 1-hour on Fridays with no specific time).

SCHEDULE OF COORDINATORS' MEETINGS

3rd Wednesday (11:00 AM – Noon) of the following months: January, February, May, June, September and October

REGISTRATION: Fill out a Visitation form at the parish office, or contact Nanette Sta. Cruz if you have any questions. We are looking for 3 additional Adoration Ministry Coordinators who must have and observe a regular visitation schedule.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Nanette Sta. Cruz: adoration@mercifulredeemer.org
(905) 812 0030 ext. 34

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Serving in the Liturgy of the Church in any capacity is something we do for God and our faith community, to help the celebration flow smoothly in a reverent praise to God. This is particularly true for the ministers of Holy Communion because we hold in our hands the Body of Christ, which we must handle in faith with dignity and respect. It is both a joy and a responsibility to be able to bring this wonderful gift of God to His people. This ministry is not a right or a duty, but a privilege, and should be entered into with humility, gratitude, and a sincere desire to serve the Lord and His people.

SERVICE SCHEDULE

Saturday Masses – 5:00 PM, 7:00 PM

Sunday Masses – 8:30 AM, 10:00 AM, 11:30 AM, 7:00 PM

TRAINING: Scheduled on as-needed basis

CONTACT INFORMATION

Danny Cacciaccaro

danny.cacciaccaro@abcgrp.com / (416) 948 5796

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

ST. FAUSTINA COUNCIL 16254

Founded in 1882 by Venerable Father Michael J. McGivney, the Knights of Columbus is the world's largest Catholic charitable

fraternal organization with nearly two million members. Membership is open to all Catholic men aged 18 or older. The Knights support regular initiatives such as the Parish BBQ, Thanksgiving and Lent Food Drives, Pancake Tuesday, and many others. For more information, please visit our website: www.sfc16254.ca.

MINISTRY SESSIONS: General Meetings are held on the 4th Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM in the Parish Hall (exceptions during December). Meeting dates are posted on our website.

SERVICE TEAM MEETINGS: Officer Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM in the St. Faustina Room. Meeting dates are posted on our website.

REGISTRATION & TRAINING: Three introductory sessions (approx. 6-hr commitment); to be discussed when registering.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Dom Cianflone: gk@sfc16254.ca / (416) 791 0302

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Thanksgiving Food Drive:** September 16 – October 8, 2017
- **Dinner/Dance in Honour of St. Faustina:** October 6, 6:30 PM – midnight

LAY PASTORAL VISITORS MINISTRY

Lay Pastoral Visitors are adult parishioners who bring the Eucharist, friendship, and prayer to assigned housebound parishioners, Credit Valley Hospital, and people in retirement/long term care facilities.

MINISTRY SESSIONS: Volunteers in our ministry regularly visit the following venues:

- **Amica (4620 Kimbermount Ave)**
Mondays, 11:00 – 11:30 AM
- **Erin Meadows (2800 Erin Centre Blvd)**
Thursdays, 1:00 – 3:00 PM
- **Silverthorn Care Community (4350 Mississauga Rd)**
Saturdays, 10:00 AM – Noon

SERVICE TEAM MEETINGS: Scheduled on as-needed basis

REGISTRATION & TRAINING: All Lay Pastoral Visitors must complete a screening process at our parish which includes submitting references and a police check, plus having an interview. They must also complete the 15-hr Lay Pastoral Visitors Training Program which is provided by the archdiocese a few times each year in various locations.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Donna Coulson: mrpastoralcare@gmail.com

LECTORS (MINISTERS OF THE WORD)

Ministers of the Word are responsible for proclaiming the First and Second Readings at Mass, as well as the Responsorial Psalm. These readings are taken directly from Sacred Scripture, typically from the Old Testament and the Epistles.

MINISTRY SESSIONS

Saturday Masses – 5:00 PM, 7:00 PM

Sunday Masses – 8:30 AM, 10:00 AM, 11:30 AM, 7:00 PM

Service includes Holy Week and Christmas. Monthly schedule is emailed to all members of our ministry, and each lector is assigned to read once a month on average.

SERVICE TEAM MEETINGS: An annual meeting/workshop with keynote speaker could be scheduled in the year.

REGISTRATION & TRAINING: Inquire and register by contacting Kathryn Murray. There will be a phone interview before the face-to-face meeting is scheduled. Afterwards, mentoring will be provided by current lectors.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Kathryn Murray: rossandcathy@sympatico.ca



LEGION OF MARY

The objective of the Legion of Mary is the personal sanctification of its members, who, taking Mary as their model, endeavor to imitate her virtues, especially her faith, charity and humility; to spread the devotion to Mary, primarily by encouraging the recitation of the Rosary; and the performance of apostolic works under the direction of the Spiritual Director of the parish unit of the Legion of Mary.

MINISTRY SESSIONS

Weekly Meetings: Every Wednesday, 7:00 – 9:00 PM, Our Lady of Mercy Room (parish basement)

Weekly Apostolic Work (approx. 2 hours per week):

- Delivery & Retrieval of Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Mary
- Delivery & Retrieval of Divine Mercy Image
- Visitation of the sick
- Hospital and senior residence visits
- Teaching the Rosary in schools

CONTACT INFORMATION

Bridgit Fernandes / Laila Pangilinan: mrlom@yahoo.com



MARRIAGE PREPARATION PROGRAM

The purpose of our ministry is to help prepare couples for the Sacrament of Marriage in the Catholic Church, and to assist them in growing in their love for each other as well as in their relationship with Christ. This is a mandatory program for couples who intend to be married in the Church. We are looking for young adult volunteers, men and women. As volunteers, we will enhance couples' readiness to have a healthy marriage.

MINISTRY SESSIONS: There will be 3 sessions scheduled for 2018. More details to come.

TRAINING: Training conducted by professionally trained and skilled counsellors at the Catholic Family Services of Toronto, North Branch, Yonge Street. Dates to be confirmed.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Jude & Doris Rodrigues:

jude-doris@rogers.com / (905) 814 7298

Merciful Redeemer Parish Office: (905) 812 0030



MERCIFUL MOMS

A group especially for moms to support each other where they are at with family and faith!

MINISTRY SESSIONS: Starting September 26, 2017
Every Tuesday, 9:30 – 11:00 AM

CONTACT INFORMATION

Jane Scamurra: jane@mercifulredeemer.org

MUSIC MINISTRY (CHOIRS)

The main purpose of this ministry is to help facilitate the singing of the faithful during Mass. Merciful Redeemer is fortunate to have multiple choirs who serve at our Masses. Singers of all ages and

abilities are welcome, and practice times vary for each choir. If you are interested in joining one of our choirs and using your talents as an offering to God, we encourage you to talk to one of our choir directors after any Mass.

SERVICE SCHEDULE

Saturday Masses – 5:00 PM

Sunday Masses – 8:30 AM, 10:00 AM, 11:30 AM, 7:00 PM

MEETINGS AND PRACTICES: Scheduled by each choir

CONTACT INFORMATION

Clarissa Miranda: clarissamiranda.musicstudio@gmail.com

Saturday 5:00 PM, Sunday 10:00 AM & 7:00 PM

Hyacinth Kim: hyacinthkim@live.com, Sunday 8:30 AM

Renée Ardiente: renee.ardiente@gmail.com

Danielle Bowden: d.m.bowden@hotmail.com

Sunday 11:30 AM

MUSIC MINISTRY (YOUTH BAND)

The main purpose of this ministry is to help facilitate the singing of the faithful during Mass through contemporary music. This ministry is for young people who are in high school or in post-secondary. We would also welcome any youth who would be interested in joining our audio/visual technical crew. If you are interested in joining our group and using your talents as an offering to God, please talk to our director, Mark Joseph, after Mass.

SERVICE SCHEDULE: Saturday Mass – 7:00 PM

MEETINGS AND PRACTICES: Saturday, 4:00 PM

REGISTRATION & TRAINING

Band Registration: Musicians ideally have the ability to read music, and an audition is required.

Technical Crew Registration: Musical ability is not required for this team — but is an asset! Training will be provided.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Mark Joseph: thereal_markjoseph@rogers.com

THE PRIME TIME CLUB

A seniors group that meets regularly for the purpose of enjoying each other's company, playing cards and bingo, and socializing over coffee and refreshments. Many good friendships have developed over the years since the club began.

MINISTRY SESSIONS: Starting September 27, 2017

Every Wednesday after 12:15 PM Mass, Parish Hall (basement)

CONTACT INFORMATION

Jo Boulanger: jboulanger@rogers.com / (905) 569 2229

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

RCIA is a gathering of adults enquiring about God, Catholicism, and specifically joining the Catholic faith. Each candidate is matched up with a member from the parish who willingly volunteers as a sponsor who will walk with and support them throughout their faith journey, and guide them through Catholic teachings every week. Our ministry is looking for people who would like to sponsor our catechumens. If you are interested, please email Jane Scamurra.

MINISTRY SESSIONS: September 21, 2017 until Easter 2018

Every Thursday, 7:00 – 9:00 PM

CONTACT INFORMATION

Jane Scamurra: jane@mercifulredeemer.org

THE ROSARY APOSTOLATE IN SCHOOLS

The Rosary Apostolate is a ministry of evangelization through the most efficacious prayer of the Holy Rosary. Our mission as apostles of Mary is to lead the staff and students to Jesus through Mary. For more information, visit www.rosaryapostolate.com, or leave a message at (905) 812 0030 ext. 8.

MINISTRY SESSIONS: Our monthly morning school visits from October to April generally take 2 hours. At the end of the school year, we conclude with a Crowning Celebration in May.

SERVICE TEAM MEETINGS: Regional meetings (approx. 2 hours) are held in the mornings of the 3rd Thursdays of September, October, November, January and March/April.

REGISTRATION & TRAINING: Formal training & orientation

CONTACT INFORMATION

Joanne Prince: joanneprince@rogers.com

Juliana Noronha: julieanitanoronha@gmail.com

UPCOMING EVENTS

2017 Service Team Meetings: October 19 and November 16

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Team of volunteers who help in the planning, organization, preparation, and execution of social events in our parish.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Patricia Pereira: office@mercifulredeemer.org

SOCIETY OF SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL MERCIFUL REDEEMER CONFERENCE

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul (SSVP) is a Lay Catholic organization whose mission is to live the Gospel message by serving Christ through our neighbours in need with love, respect, justice and joy. SSVP members — known as Vincentians — are volunteers who act on behalf of the parish community to reach out to neighbours in need who live within our parish boundaries. Our core activities include home visits, guiding our neighbours in need to leverage community services, and assisting neighbours in need towards more independent living.

SERVICE TEAM MEETINGS: October 17 & November 28, 2017
7:00 – 8:30 PM, Merciful Redeemer Parish Basement Hall

CONTACT INFORMATION

Anita Fernandes: svp_mercifulr@yahoo.com
905-812-0030 ext. 5 (leave a message)

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Bundle Up Weekend:** October 7–8, 2017
- **Christmas Drive:** December 2–3 & 9–10, 2017

SPIRITUAL PERSONAL AWAKENING (SPA) MINISTRY

The Spiritual Personal Awakening program is designed to offer to adult women — married or single — an opportunity to deepen their spiritual life through Christian video presentations followed by small group discussions and sharing. Our ministry's focus is on journeying with and helping women become in tune with who they are and who God wants them to be as women in our world.

MINISTRY SESSIONS: October 18 – November 22, 2017
Every Wednesday, 7:00 – 9:00 PM

CONTACT INFORMATION

Jane Scamurra: jane@mercifulredeemer.org

NEW TECH MINISTRY

Are you tech-savvy? Do you want to share your computer and A/V skills with our community? Find out more information about this new and necessary ministry at this year's Ministry Fair!

CONTACT INFORMATION

Chai Bonoan: communications@mercifulredeemer.org

THEOLOGY OF THE BODY MINISTRY

The purpose of this ministry is to be part of the new evangelization and promote the magnificent teaching of St. John Paul II's on love, sex and marriage; to build up a culture of life in which we recognize the dignity of every human being and answer the call to love in the image of God's total, free, faithful and fruitful love; and to help our brothers and sisters in Christ understand, accept, apply and share this teaching in their lives through presentations, discussion and prayer. Our ministry is open to everyone — youth ages 18+, men and women who are single, dating, engaged or married.

MINISTRY SESSIONS:

Prayer Group: Every Wednesday, 10:00 – 11:00 PM, Adoration Chapel — pray the Divine Mercy chaplet, sing hymns of praise, and pray for Liturgy of the Hours

Seminar: Spring 2018 on Tuesdays, 7:30 – 9:30 PM

Organize annual presentation of Theology of the Body (introductory or intermediate) through Christopher West's video series and a panel to generate discussion and answer questions.

TRAINING/REGISTRATION: All are encouraged to attend the TOB presentations/seminars to learn more about the Church's teaching for God's plan for life, love and human sexuality.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Tod Markelj: tob@bell.net

Anthony Mendes: (416) 302 4253

VOLUNTEER SCREENING PROGRAM

As part of our mandate to foster a safe and caring community, the Archdiocese has a policy of screening its volunteers to ensure the protection and safety of the vulnerable. This practice has become a standard for most organizations seeking to exercise due diligence and responsible volunteer stewardship. Our ministry is open to adult volunteers, men and women, ages 30+.

SERVICE MEETINGS: Meetings scheduled on as-needed basis

TRAINING: Training will be provided by the Archdiocese on a quarterly basis, or as needed. In-house training is also provided by the Screening Committee Coordinator of the parish.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Shirley Richards (Screening Coordinator)

screening@mercifulredeemer.org

MORE PARISH MINISTRIES

ALTAR GUILD/LITURGICAL ENVIRONMENT

Responsible for helping to maintain and beautify our Church environment.

HEALING MINISTRY

Seeks to bring the love, forgiveness and healing of Christ to those who are emotionally and spiritually wounded.

MEN'S FRATERNITY

The main goal of this ministry is to help men become better husbands, fathers, and men in Christ.