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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

DIVINE MERCY ADORATION CHAPEL

Open Everyday 7:00 AM - 10:00 PM

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PARISH COMMUNITY

Bible Study Group Tuesdays, 7:30–9:30 PM, Church Basement Hall

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

Family of Faith Committee mercifulfamilyoffaith@gmail.com

Knights of Columbus Dom Cianflone, gk@sfc16254.ca

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

Men's Fraternity Saturdays, 8:00–10:00 AM

Merciful Moms Tuesdays, 9:30–11:00 AM, jane@mercifulredeemer.org

St. JP II TOB Prayer Group Wednesdays, 10:00–11:00 PM, Chapel

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

Youth Ministry www.mercifulredeemerym.com

Young Adult Ministry 2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 7:00–8:30 PM

TODAY'S MASS READINGS

First Reading: Acts 4:32-35

Second Reading: 1 John 5:1-6

Gospel: John 20:19-31

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, April 9, 12:15 PM

+David Young, +Antonio Fernando
Special intention for Adel & Naja & Marina

TUESDAY, April 10, 7:00 PM

+Oscar Anacta, +Philippe Ng, +Giuseppe Caruso

WEDNESDAY, April 11, 12:15 PM

+Cheryl McMahon, +Joe & Paula Ellul
Thanksgiving for Warren Braganza

THURSDAY, April 12, 7:00 PM

+Florinda & Roque Dias, +Jose Mendoza, +Winnie Vaz

FRIDAY, April 13, 12:15 PM

+Peter Charles Lobo, +Susan Gamit
Thanksgiving by Sherie Nogueira

SATURDAY, April 14, 9:00 AM

+Theresa Chong, Thanksgiving for Arnold Pereira
+Deceased members of Oliveros & Leuterio Families
Special intention for Juliana Noronha & Egypt Padilla

SATURDAY, April 14, 5:00 PM

+Raymond Lim-Fook, +Minh Tran, +Vera Spralja

SATURDAY, April 14, 7:00 PM

+John & Eliza Tauro, +Virginia Marinas, +Jose Capellan

SUNDAY, April 15, 8:30 AM

+Sophie Bednarz, +Rosario & Carmen Fenech
+Holy Souls in Purgatory

SUNDAY, April 15, 11:30 AM

+Rosalina Silva, +Holy Souls in Purgatory
Special intention for Farias family

SUNDAY, April 15, 7:00 PM

+Domenico Cristiano, Special intention for Jessica Barua
Thanksgiving by Patricia de Rushe

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILDREN'S LITURGY BACK ON!

Please note that Children's Liturgy for 10:00 AM & 11:30 AM Sunday Masses are back on starting this weekend.

CONFIRMATION REHEARSAL DATES

St. Sebastian: April 9th at 7:00 PM

St. Rose of Lima & Special Class: April 11th at 7:00 PM

Our Lady of Mercy: April 16th at 7:00 PM

Divine Mercy: April 18th at 7:00 PM

CONFIRMATION CROSSES

A reminder that Msgr Owen and Fr Ryan will be visiting students at their schools on the following dates:

St. Sebastian: April 11th at 10:00 AM

St. Rose of Lima: April 12th at 10:00 AM

Our Lady of Mercy: April 17th at 10:00 AM

Divine Mercy: April 19th at 10:00 AM

**Students receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation who are not in one of these schools will receive their cross on Saturday, April 14th following the 7:00 PM Youth Mass.*

MARY, MOTHER OF GOD SCHOOL LECTURE

On Wednesday, April 11th, at 7:00 PM, Mary, Mother of God School will welcome Msgr Owen Keenan, formerly with the Secretariat of State, Vatican City, as the final speaker in the "Seeing More" lecture series. Please join us as Msgr Keenan presents: "A Larger View: Working at the Holy See." Free admission. Donations are welcome. Contact (416) 531 7897 for more information.

OPEN HOUSE: HOLY NAME OF MARY

Holy Name of Mary College School is transforming the educational journey for girls in a distinctly Christ-centered learning environment designed exclusively for girls from Grades 5-12. We invite you to our Open House on Saturday, April 21st from 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM. For more information, please visit www.holynamemarycollegeschool.com or call (905) 891 1890 ext. 103.

BRING LIFE TO OTTAWA

For anyone moved by the Holy Spirit to work to protect our fellow humans from abortion, euthanasia and assisted suicide, please join us for a day trip to our Nation's Capital to attend the annual March for Life event. Check page 6 of our bulletin for more details.

*If you really want to love Jesus, first learn to suffer,
because suffering teaches you to love.*

ST. GEMMA GALGANI (FEAST DAY: APRIL 11)

LECTIO DIVINA: DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

WE BEGIN OUR PRAYER *(Make the Sign of the Cross)*

O God, who willed that through the paschal mysteries the gates of mercy should stand open for your faithful, look upon us and have mercy, that as we follow, by your gift, the way you desire for us, so may we never stray from the paths of life. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, 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:

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained."

Thomas, called Didymus, one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples said to him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nailmarks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

Now a week later his disciples were again inside and Thomas was with them. Jesus came, although the doors were locked, and stood in their midst and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe." Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."

Now, Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. But these are written that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that through this belief you may have life in his name. *(John 20:19-31)*

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.

The doors were locked... for fear. *What fears keep me from sharing my faith? What parts of my faith do I keep locked away from others?*

Do not be unbelieving, but believe. *Where does my faith falter? How can I strengthen my faith?*

Through this belief you may have life in his name. *How does my faith inform the daily choices in my life? What one thing can I do this week to live my faith and give honor to God's name?*

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

In danger I called on the Lord; the Lord answered me and set me free. The Lord is with me; I am not afraid; what can mortals do against me? The Lord is with me as my helper; I shall look in triumph on my foes. Better to take refuge in the Lord than to put one's trust in mortals. Better to take refuge in the Lord than to put one's trust in princes. *(Psalm 118:5-9)*



***NEW* TEEN SPA: COMING SOON** If you are a young woman in Grades 9-12, then our new Teen SPA is for you! Our first of 3 sessions is on Thursday, April 19th. Hope to see you there!

WOMEN'S SPA: SPRING SESSION Women's SPA is back for its spring session starting Wednesday, May 2nd for 6 straight weeks! We hope you'll join us.

For more information on Women's SPA and/or Teen SPA, please contact Jane Scamurra at jane@mercifulredeemer.org.

"IF YOU ARE WHAT YOU SHOULD BE, YOU WILL SET THE WHOLE WORLD ABLAZE!" – ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA

.....YOUTH MINISTRY.....

STEUBENVILLE TORONTO CONFERENCE

UOIT Campus, Oshawa | July 13-15, 2018

We invite all students currently in Grades 8-12 to join us for Canada's largest Catholic youth conference! This will be the best weekend of your summer, filled with fun activities, inspiring talks about our faith, Confession, Mass, Adoration and amazing friendships!

Please contact Marc for a permission form:
mercifulredeemerym@gmail.com

DEADLINE: APRIL 22, 2018

Special! Divine Mercy Sunday Trivia of the Week

Q1: In a series of 14 revelations to St. Faustina in the 1930s, our Lord said that He wanted the Church to:

- a. Establish a feast in honour of His mercy
- b. Establish a shrine in honour of His mercy
- c. Publish St. Faustina's Diary
- d. Canonize St. Faustina

Q2: Divine Mercy Sunday was announced as a universal Church feast by Blessed John Paul II...

- a. Against his will
- b. At St. Faustina's canonization on April 30, 2000
- c. During a visit to Poland
- d. During World Youth Day

Q3: What is the special grace Jesus promised for those who observe the feast?

- a. The same graces as any other feast
- b. Complete forgiveness of sins and punishment
- c. A special place in heaven
- d. A happy life

Q4: What are the only conditions on this feast (and its vigil) to receive the extraordinary grace mentioned above?

- a. Baptism and Confession
- b. Baptism and worthily receive Communion
- c. Confession and Confirmation
- d. Confession and worthily receive Communion

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



SUMMER DAY CAMP FOR STUDENTS IN GRADES 1-6

Registration Opens
APRIL 16



Save these dates in your
calendar so you don't miss out!

WEEK 1: JULY 16-20

WEEK 2: JULY 23-27

VOLUNTEERS (GR. 8-12)

If you are in Grades 8-12, we encourage you to apply for a volunteer leader position at Camp Merciful this summer!

Applications are now available in the Parish Office and online at www.mercifulredeemerym.com and are due on **Sunday, April 22nd**.

STAFF (18+)

If you are 18 or older and love spending time with young people and sharing your faith, we invite you to apply for one of our paid senior leader positions. Positions will start in late May and run until the end of July!

Pick up an application form from the Parish Office or online at www.mercifulredeemerym.com and return it to us by **Sunday, April 15th**.

All applications are to be submitted to Marc or to the Parish Office by the deadlines stated above.

QUESTIONS?

Contact Marc Puigmarti: mercifulredeemerym@gmail.com.

*For the sake of His sorrowful Passion,
have mercy on us and on the whole world.*



Today is Divine Mercy Sunday!

SAINT POPE JOHN PAUL II – THE GREAT MERCY POPE

Pope John Paul II, both in his teaching and personal life, strove to live and teach the message of Divine Mercy. As the great Mercy Pope, he wrote an encyclical on Divine Mercy: “The Message of Divine Mercy has always been near and dear to me... which I took with me to the See of Peter and which it in a sense forms the image of this Pontificate.”

In his writings and homilies, he has described Divine Mercy as the answer to the world’s problems and the message of the third millennium. He beatified and canonized Sr. Maria Faustina Kowalska, the nun associated with the message, and he did it in Rome and not in Poland to underscore that Divine Mercy is for the whole world.

ESTABLISHING DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY FOR THE ENTIRE CHURCH

When Pope John Paul canonized Sr. Faustina (making her St. Faustina), he also, on the same day, surprised the entire world by establishing Divine Mercy Sunday (the feast day associated with the message) as a feast day for the entire Church. The feast day falls on the Second Sunday of the Easter season. On that day, Pope John Paul II declared, “This is the happiest day of my life.”

ENTRUSTING THE WORLD TO DIVINE MERCY

In 2002, the Pope entrusted the whole world to Divine Mercy when he consecrated the International Shrine of The Divine Mercy in Lagiewniki, a suburb of Krakow in Poland. This is where St. Faustina’s mortal remains are entombed. The saint lived in a convent nearby. The Pope himself remembers as a young man working in the Solvay Quarry, just a few meters from the present-day Shrine. He also says that he had been thinking about Sr. Faustina for a long time when he wrote his encyclical on Divine Mercy. Further, the Holy Father has frequently quoted from the Diary of Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska and has prayed The Chaplet of The Divine Mercy at the saint’s tomb.

BEYOND THE LIFE OF JOHN PAUL II

Given all these connections to Divine Mercy and St. Faustina, is it any wonder that Pope John Paul II died on the Vigil of Divine Mercy Sunday (the evening before the feast day), which fell that year on April 3? It is also no surprise that the Great Mercy Pope left us a message for Divine Mercy Sunday, which was read on the feast day by a Vatican official to the faithful in St. Peter’s after a Mass that had been celebrated for the repose of the soul of the Pope.

Repeatedly Pope John Paul II has written and spoken about the need for us to turn to the mercy of God as the answer to the specific problems of our times. He has placed a strong and significant focus on the Divine Mercy message and devotion throughout his pontificate that will carry the Church long after his death.

Retrieved from www.thedivinemercy.org.

ABC OF DIVINE MERCY

The message of Divine Mercy is simple: It is that God loves us – all of us. Let us call to mind this message by reciting ABC:

ASK FOR HIS MERCY

God wants us to approach Him in prayer constantly, repenting of our sins and asking Him to pour His mercy out upon us and the whole world.

BE MERCIFUL

God wants us to receive His mercy and let it flow through us to others. He wants us to extend love and forgiveness to others just as He does to us.

COMPLETELY TRUST IN JESUS

God wants us to know that the graces of His mercy are dependent upon our trust. The more we trust in Jesus, the more we will receive.

All grace flows from mercy, and the last hour abounds with mercy for us. Let no one doubt concerning the goodness of God; even if a person’s sins were as dark as night, God’s mercy is stronger than our misery. One thing alone is necessary; that the sinner set ajar the door of his heart, be it ever so little, to let in a ray of God’s merciful grace, and then God will do the rest.

JESUS TO ST. FAUSTINA, DIALOGUE RECORDED IN HER DIARY

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

PARISH EVENTS AT A GLANCE

Holy Land Pilgrimage: Info Meeting Merciful Redeemer Parish Hall April 15, 4:00 PM

The Faith Explained Pilgrimage to the Holy Land will take place from November 23—December 3, 2018. It will be led by Fr Ryan Alemão and Cale Clarke, Director of *The Faith Explained* Seminars.

Every Catholic, if possible, should visit the Holy Land at least once in their lifetime. Saint Jerome once called the Holy Land the “Fifth Gospel.” Why? Because, when you walk where Jesus walked, and experience the places where he lived, taught, worked miracles, and rose from the dead, the Bible comes alive in amazing ways! Your relationship with the Lord will never be the same. Attend the info session for more details.

Prayer Meeting (Hosted by Charismatic Prayer Group) Merciful Redeemer Parish Hall April 16, 7:00–9:00 PM

The Merciful Redeemer Charismatic Prayer Group wishes to invite you and your family to come and join us for prayer meeting on Monday, April 16th. There will be a special talk by Fr. Matthias Kotoka on Praise and Worship. Please mark your calendar. All are welcome!

7:10 PM Rosary

7:30 PM Praise and Worship

8:00 PM Talk by Fr. Matthias Kotoka

Into the Heart (Theology of the Body, Level II) Merciful Redeemer Parish Hall Every Tuesday, May 1 – June 26 7:30 – 9:30 PM

As promised, we will be presenting Level II of the Theology of the Body at Merciful Redeemer Parish beginning Tuesday, May 1st for 8 consecutive weeks. Cost of registration, including one workbook, is \$25/person or \$30/couple – cash only. Repeats from 2015 are encouraged at a fee of \$5/person. Payable at the first session. Youth ages 18+, single, engaged and married couples are welcome.

BONUS! YOU ALSO GET A FREE BOOK: “Theology of the Body for Beginners” Revised Edition 2018 (hot off the press) for the first 50 people to register. Register early!

To register and for more information, please email Tod at tob@bell.net or Melvin at marques2020@gmail.com, or call Anthony at (416) 302 4253.

Coronation of Our Lady May 5 & 6, 2018

Join us for the Coronation of Mary celebration to be held on May 5th and 6th here at our parish. The Rosary will be prayed prior to each Vigil and Sunday Mass during this weekend. On May 5th, there will be Mass at 5:00 PM followed by the Procession and Coronation of our Lady.

March for Life (Ottawa, ON) May 10, 2018

Please join us for this rally to take a stand for life from conception to natural death. You will be part of a group of thousands who will march in downtown Ottawa on Thursday, May 10th. A bus will leave from St. Francis of Assisi Church (2473 Thorn Lodge Dr, Mississauga) at 6:30 AM, right after the 6:00 AM Mass. We will return on the same day around 9:30 PM. Cost is \$50/person.

To book a seat, please call Danielle Young at (416) 655 0508 or John Killackey at (905) 820 9232. Please bring your own lunch.

CATHOLIC ESTATE PLANNING

Free Catholic Estate Planning Seminar Assumption Catholic Cemetery April 14, 9:00 AM

Come and learn about the importance of a Will, powers of attorney & estate planning, as well as Catholic teaching and traditions around cremation. An estate planning kit will be provided at no cost. Light refreshments will be provided. Please RSVP to (416) 733 8544 or info@cc-fs.ca.

YOUNG ADULTS! **JOIN US FOR #YAMJAMS**

If you're 20-35 years old, this ministry is for you!
Join us for food, drinks & great company.

NEXT SESSION: APRIL 11

Every 2nd & 4th Wednesday, 7:00–8:30 PM
Merciful Redeemer Parish Hall

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Need a Taste of Heaven and a Shot of Joy? Try this short Easter Prayer

Lasting for a full 50 days, Easter is a very long season — 10 days longer than Lent. As we inch our way towards the end of the most joyous of all seasons, we urge you to draw spiritual fruit from a particular (and very short!) prayer that characterizes the season.

The *Regina Caeli* (Latin for “Queen of Heaven”) is offered us by the Church as a hallmark of Easter; it is integrated especially into two daily Catholic devotions.

First, in the Divine Office prayed by priests, religious and many laypeople, the *Regina Caeli* is the Easter season Marian antiphon at the end of Night Prayer. Then, the Church replaces during Easter the daily Angelus prayer with the *Regina Caeli*, traditionally prayed thrice daily (at 6:00 AM, 12:00 Noon, and 6:00 PM).

According to legend, this prayer dates back to the 6th century with Pope Gregory the Great. As the story goes, when the city of Rome was plagued with an epidemic, St. Gregory led a procession out from St. Peter’s Basilica past the Mausoleum of Hadrian in prayerful petition to end the plague. Then, on top of the mausoleum, he saw an angel singing the words of the *Regina Caeli*. He responded in words also in the prayer, “*Ora pro nobis Deum, alleluia!*” or “Pray for us to God, alleluia!”

Inspired by this event, the faithful henceforth referred to the mausoleum with a different name: Castel Sant’Angelo (Castle of the Holy Angel) and the nearby bridge became known as the Ponte Sant’Angelo (Bridge of Angels).

The Church in Rome received two gifts that day. The disease of the city was cured and a new prayer was established to help remind the faithful of joy even in times of great suffering.

What, specifically, do we meditate on in this prayer?

First, the prayer assures us that Jesus truly is risen. This reflects the journey that all the disciples had to undertake, encountering the Risen Christ and thus leaving behind their doubt to become Christ’s witnesses.

Second, the prayer reminds us what the season of Easter is all about. We offer joyful praise to God with the word “*alleluia*” six separate times. Also, we proclaim different variations of the word “joy” five times (rejoice, rejoice, glad, joy, joys).

The *Regina Caeli* reminds us of the Resurrection and the meaning that it has for our lives. The Lord is risen and we can share in Easter joy with Mary, the Queen of Heaven. We can truly proclaim “*alleluia*,” giving praise to God for the great gift of everlasting life he offers us.

We need help on this journey to heaven. So we turn to Mary, the humble handmaid of the Lord whose openness to the will of God led to her coronation in heaven. We ask for her intercession daily so that we, like her, can experience the full joys of heaven in unity with her Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

The *Regina Caeli* is a few-second way to get a little taste of heaven and keep the Easter joy alive!

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

REGINA CAELI

V: Regina caeli, laetare, alleluia.

R: Quia quem meruisti portare, alleluia.

V: Resurrexit, sicut dixit, alleluia.

R: Ora pro nobis Deum, alleluia.

V: Gaude et laetare, Virgo Maria, alleluia.

R: Quia surrexit Dominus vere, alleluia.

Oremus. Deus, qui per resurrectionem Filii tui, Domini nostri Iesu Christi, mundum laetificare dignatus es: praesta, quaesumus; ut per eius Genetricem Virginem Mariam, perpetuae capiamus gaudia vitae. Per eundem Christum Dominum nostrum. *Amen.*

QUEEN OF HEAVEN

V: Queen of Heaven, rejoice, alleluia.

R: For He whom you did merit to bear, alleluia.

V: Has risen, as he said, alleluia.

R: Pray for us to God, alleluia.

V: Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia.

R: For the Lord has truly risen, alleluia.

Let us pray. O God, who gave joy to the world through the resurrection of Thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, grant we beseech Thee, that through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, His Mother, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life. Through the same Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

To believe with certainty we must begin with doubting.

ST. STANISLAUS (FEAST DAY: APRIL 11)