



# MERCIFUL REDEEMER PARISH

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## OFFICE HOURS

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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

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**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

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**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

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Open Everyday 7:00 AM - 10:00 PM

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**Our Lady of Mercy** 5820 Glen Erin Dr. | (905) 814 9216

**St. Aloysius Gonzaga** 2800 Erin Centre Blvd. | (905) 820 3900

**St. Rose of Lima School** 4590 The Gallops | (905) 828 4076

**St. Sebastian School** 3460 Aquinas Ave. | (905) 607 0107



## 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](mailto:mercifulfamilyoffaith@gmail.com)

**Knights of Columbus** Dom Cianflone, [gk@sfc16254.ca](mailto:gk@sfc16254.ca)

**Lay Pastoral Visitors** Donna Coulson, [mrpastoralcare@gmail.com](mailto:mrpastoralcare@gmail.com)

**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](mailto: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](http://www.mercifulredeemerym.com)

**Young Adult Ministry** 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays, 7:00–8:30 PM

## TODAY'S MASS READINGS

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**First Reading:** Genesis 3:9-15

**Second Reading:** 2 Corinthians 4:13—5:1

**Gospel:** Mark 3:20-35

## WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

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**MONDAY, June 11, 12:15 PM**

+Fr. Ray Vickers, +Rogelio Balajadia, +Douglas Tierra

**TUESDAY, June 12, 7:00 PM**

+Philippe Ng, +Nazar Pereira, +Swampillai Anthonipillai

**WEDNESDAY, June 13, 12:15 PM**

+Lina Peritore, Thanksgiving to St. Anthony  
Thanksgiving by Luk & Chui families

**THURSDAY, June 14, 7:00 PM**

+Joseph Fernandes, +Merv Douggan  
+Maria Leonor Villar

**FRIDAY, June 15, 12:15 PM**

+Amanda Thornley, +Paul Zambri  
Special intention for Fronda family

**SATURDAY, June 16, 9:00 AM**

+John Soares, +Gio Zambri, +Antonia Sicuranza  
+Antonio Grandola, +Maria Sicuranza, +Lucy Rizzo

**SATURDAY, June 16, 5:00 PM**

+Anthonipillai Luthamma, +Alvita Furtado, +Minh Tran

**SATURDAY, June 16, 7:00 PM**

+Jennifer Hopkins-D'Mello  
+Deceased members of Arellano & Tamoza families  
Thanksgiving by Leo & Monette Arellano

**SUNDAY, June 17, 8:30 AM**

+Lazarus Fernandes, +Anne Sequeira, +Sophie Bednarz

**SUNDAY, June 17, 10:00 AM**

For All Parishioners

**SUNDAY, June 17, 11:30 AM**

+Avelino & Josephine Soares  
+Orville Gonsalves, +For the Unborn

**SUNDAY, June 17, 7:00 PM**

+Herman Oliveira  
Special intention for Ismaelita Remigio

## LECTIO DIVINA

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**OPENING PRAYER** (*Make the Sign of the Cross*)

Gracious and loving God, ruler of all things in heaven and on earth, listen favorably to the prayer of Your people and grant us Your peace in our day. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**READING** Read today's Gospel 2-3 times: *Mark 3:20-35*

**PAUSE FOR A MOMENT OF PRAYERFUL SILENCE**

**MEDITATION** Silently reflect 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 again, reflect on these questions, and give yourself time for silent reflection and/or discussion.

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

*In what ways does family life help or hinder participation in the larger Christian community?*

*Do you accept Jesus on His own terms, or will you only accept a Messiah who fulfills your expectations?*

*Slander (such as the accusation directed at Jesus by the scribes: "He is possessed by Beelzebul") is the arm or weapon of the weak. Have you ever experienced this?*

*Becoming part of Jesus' inner circle demands that we drop all claim to importance based on race, gender, ethnicity, wealth, religious status, etc. Are you willing to do that?*

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

O Lord, You have searched us and known us. You know when we sit down and when we rise up; You discern our thoughts from afar. Test us and know our thoughts. See if there is any wicked way in us, and lead us in ways everlasting. Amen.

Retrieved from **The Order of Carmelites** ([www.ocarm.org](http://www.ocarm.org)).

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*Although our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day.*

2 CORINTHIANS 4:16

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*Christians must lean  
on the Cross of Christ  
just as travelers  
lean on a staff when  
they begin a long journey.*

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA (FEAST DAY: JUNE 13)

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### *Fr. Ryan Alemão's Farewell Party*

The Knights of Columbus will be hosting a Parish Picnic on June 24<sup>th</sup> in the Church parking lot to bid farewell and express our gratitude to Fr Ryan. It is free to attend, but food tickets are \$5 each and can be purchased in the Parish Office. All are invited! Save the date!

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### *Thank you for supporting ShareLife!*

We have raised a total of **\$203,678.02** for ShareLife (including all online credit card donations received at Sharelife Office).

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### *Thanks for all your help with the Bottle Drive!*

The Knights of Columbus St. Faustina Council – 16254 is pleased to inform that the Bottle Drive campaign at Merciful Redeemer Parish to raise funds to support our seminarians was a huge success. **We collected a total of \$1,952.25!** The Council immensely thanks Msgr Owen, Fr Ryan and all parishioners for their wholehearted support for this worthy cause. God bless you for your generosity!

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### *Your contributions are greatly appreciated!*

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul would like to thank all who contributed to their Bundle Up Weekend and the Yard Sale. Both events were a great success. Thank you for your generosity!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### **MARYGROVE CAMP COLLECTION: JUNE 9<sup>TH</sup> & 10<sup>TH</sup>**

Marygrove Camp is a residential camp situated on Georgian Bay near Penetang, Ontario. Open to eligible girls ages 5-13, it provides an 8-day camping experience for girls who may not otherwise have the opportunity to enjoy a camping adventure. The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul (Toronto Central Council) helps over 1,000 girls each summer by registering eligible campers through home visits. Each camper's holiday is fully subsidized through the generous support of an annual Marygrove Camp Collection held in parishes throughout the Archdiocese of Toronto. Please give generously to this collection. Thank you!

### **MERCIFUL MOMS: LAST SESSION ON JUNE 12<sup>TH</sup>**

After one year of successfully gathering every Tuesday morning while the children are being cared for by our merciful caregivers, Merciful Moms will be having a break for the summer! We will have our last session on Tuesday, June 12<sup>th</sup> and will resume in the Fall on our regular Tuesday-morning schedule. We invite all Moms who are interested in joining us to email Jane Scamurra for more information: [jane@mercifulredeemer.org](mailto:jane@mercifulredeemer.org).

### **PRAYER MEETING WITH FR MATTHIAS KOTOKA: JUNE 18<sup>TH</sup>**

The Merciful Redeemer Charismatic Prayer Group invites you and your family to come and join us for a prayer meeting on Monday, June 18<sup>th</sup>. Be inspired and improve your prayer life with the special talk by Fr. Matthias Kotoka on Praise and Worship. Mark your calendars. All are welcome!

**7:10 PM** – Rosary

**7:30 PM** – Praise and Worship

**8:00 PM** – Talk by Fr. Matthias Kotoka

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## REMINDERS

### **LETTERS OF REFERENCE FOR CATHOLIC TEACHER APPLICANTS**

If you or one of your children are planning on attending Teacher's College in the Fall to become a teacher in our Catholic schools, part of the application process for the Board includes a letter of reference from your pastor. If you are from this parish and intend to ask for a reference letter, please note that you will have to be attending Mass here regularly and involved in the life of the parish before such a recommendation can be given. If you have a son or daughter currently in Teacher's College who does not attend this parish (because they are away at school) and intends to use Merciful Redeemer as the parish from which they will request a letter of reference, they will be required to obtain a letter from the pastor of the parish where they are attending while away at school. Let us pray for our Catholic teachers, students, schools and future Catholic educators!

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*I trust in the Lord, my soul trusts in his word.*

PSALM 130:5



**JOIN US FOR ULTIMATE FRISBEE!**  
EVERY WEDNESDAY 7-9PM STARTING JUNE 13<sup>TH</sup>

Our Youth Ministry invites all youth currently in Grades 8-12 to join us for Ultimate Frisbee practices as we prepare for a tournament in August. Practices will be on Wednesdays from 7:00–9:00 PM at the Gonzaga Soccer Field. Bring your own water, we'll bring the frisbees!

**HAVE YOU BEEN TO OUR YAMJAMS?**

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

**JOIN US AT OUR NEXT SESSION: JUNE 13, 2018**

Every 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday, 7:00–8:30 PM, Parish Hall

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**FILL IN THE BLANKS: MARK 3:20-35**

Complete today's Gospel Reading by filling in the blanks!

Jesus came home with his disciples.

Again the crowd gathered, making it impossible for them even to eat. When his relatives heard of this they set out to seize him, for they said, "He is out of his mind."

The scribes who had come from Jerusalem said, "He is possessed by Beelzebul," and "By the prince of \_\_\_\_\_ he drives out demons."

Summoning them, he began to speak to them in \_\_\_\_\_,

"How can Satan drive out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot \_\_\_\_\_.

And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand; that is the end of him.

But no one can enter a strong man's house to plunder his property unless he first ties up the strong man.

Then he can plunder the house. Amen, I say to you, all sins and all \_\_\_\_\_ that people utter will be forgiven them.

But whoever blasphemes against the \_\_\_\_\_ will never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an \_\_\_\_\_ sin."

For they had said, "He has an unclean spirit."

His mother and his brothers arrived.

Standing outside they sent word to him and called him.

A crowd seated around him told him, "Your mother and your brothers and your sisters are outside asking for you."

But he said to them in reply, "Who are my mother and my brothers?"

And looking around at those seated in the circle he said,

"Here are my mother and my brothers. For whoever does

the \_\_\_\_\_ of God is my brother and sister and mother."

**STAND  
EVERLASTING  
LATIN  
BLASPHEMIES  
EMPEROR  
DEMONS  
MIRACLES  
ROME  
PARABLES  
HOLY SPIRIT  
CONQUER  
PEACE  
WILL**

*Answers: "Fill In The Blanks" Answers:  
Demons, Parables, Stand, Blasphemies,  
Holy Spirit, Everlasting, Will*

## FUN FACT!

Johannes Gutenberg, the inventor of the printing press, was Catholic! And the first book ever printed and mass-produced was the Catholic Bible — also widely known as the Gutenberg Bible.

## ARE YOU READY FOR ONE MORE?

The Big Bang Theory was devised by a Catholic priest! Everybody laughed at him—“You silly Catholics, thinking the universe has a beginning!” Turns out he was a physicist as well as a Christian. Looks like Pope Francis (as usual) was saying nothing revolutionary when he agreed that the Church has no problem with evolution.

## *Prayer to Have a Joyful Soul*

Lord, there are so many who suffer  
In today's world  
And so few who know  
To forget their sorrow.

I want to be Light  
Reflecting your Lamp  
And good leaven  
To raise up souls.

I thank you Lord  
Because you've risen from the dead.  
And you put to death in my soul  
The anguish of sin.

If you ask my life,  
I want to give it to you content.  
If you don't want me to die,  
I want to live smiling.

I want to laugh,  
I want to dream,  
I want to give to everyone  
The joy of loving. *Amen.*

ST. ALBERTO HURTADO



## SUMMER DAY CAMP FOR STUDENTS IN GRADES 1-6

## LIMITED SPOTS REMAIN! REGISTER NOW!

Register on [www.mercifulredeemerym.com](http://www.mercifulredeemerym.com)

**WEEK 1: JULY 16-20, 2018**

**WEEK 2: JULY 23-27, 2018**

**MONDAY TO FRIDAY  
9:00 AM – 3:30 PM**

**\$150\* per week \$250\* for 2 weeks**

**FEE INCLUDES DAY TRIP EXCURSION!**

\*Extended care before and after  
is available for reasonable cost

For more information, contact Marc Puigmarti  
at [mercifulredeemerym@gmail.com](mailto:mercifulredeemerym@gmail.com)

## ATTENTION! ALL PARENTS WITH CHILDREN IN GRADES 1-6!

Attention all parents with children in Grades 1-6! Registration for Camp Merciful is still open, but our early bird prices will be going up soon! Get your registration and fees in by June 17<sup>th</sup> to pay \$150 for one week, or \$250 for two weeks! After June 17<sup>th</sup> our prices will go up to \$200 for one week and \$300 for two weeks! You can register on our website [www.mercifulredeemerym.com](http://www.mercifulredeemerym.com) under “Events and Updates” or register via this link: <https://goo.gl/forms/wO3boUT8MXY4bbI32>.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact Marc Puigmarti, our Youth Minister, at [mercifulredeemerym@gmail.com](mailto:mercifulredeemerym@gmail.com).

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## PARISH EVENTS AT A GLANCE

**Bereavement Peer Support Group**  
**Merciful Redeemer Parish Hall**  
**June 25, 6:30 – 8:30 PM**

The Ministry of Consolation and Hope is seeking to journey with and support those who experienced the loss of a loved one. Join us at 6:30–8:30 PM in the Parish Hall on the date provided above. Please register via email at [hope@mercifulredeemer.org](mailto:hope@mercifulredeemer.org) or call the Parish Office at (905) 812 0030.

## RETREATS & CONFERENCES

**Cradle of Hope Conference**  
**Canada Christian College (50 Gervais Dr, Toronto)**  
**June 23, 8:30 AM – 6:00 PM**

The Catholic Charismatic Renewal (CCRC) along with our Spiritual Director, Fr. Matthias Yaw Kotoka Amuzu, and our liaison to the Cardinal, Fr. Ben St. Croix CC, invite you to be a part of this anointed conference! Join us for a day of inspiring talks, Holy Eucharist, and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Our guest speakers include Dr. Mary Healy, Dr. Mark Nimo, Lalith Perera, Fr. Matthias Amuzu, Fr. Ben St. Croix and Bishop Robert Kasun of the Archdiocese of Toronto.

Tickets are \$25 for adults, \$5 for youth, and free for children. For more information, email [ccrctorontoinfo@gmail.com](mailto:ccrctorontoinfo@gmail.com) or visit our website: [www.ccrctor.com](http://www.ccrctor.com).

**Young Adult Retreat with the Sisters of Life**  
**Manresa Jesuit Retreat Centre**  
**(2325 Liverpool Rd, Pickering)**  
**July 20-22, 6:00 PM (Friday) – 1:00 PM (Sunday)**

This retreat will focus on Ephesians 3:17, “In Christ you are being rooted and grounded in love.” The weekend will include an introduction to the Liturgy of the Hours, Eucharistic Adoration, Mass on Saturday and Sunday, opportunities for Sacramental Confession, brief periods of silence on Saturday, and opportunities for fellowship with other young adults walking with the Lord.

The cost to the Sisters of Life for this retreat is \$125 per participant. We welcome a donation to cover any portion, or the full amount of this retreat cost, according to your financial capacity. Please note that a deposit is requested to complete your registration. For more information and to register online, please visit the Sisters of Life website: [www.sistersoflife.org/villa-maria-guadalupe-retreats/vmg-html](http://www.sistersoflife.org/villa-maria-guadalupe-retreats/vmg-html).

## EVENTS IN OUR ARCHDIOCESE

**Saint Anthony of Padua Relic Visit:**  
***A Messenger of Hope from Padua, Italy***  
**June 9 & 10 – Cristo Rei Parish, Mississauga**  
**June 13 – Franciscan Church of St. Bonaventure**  
**June 16 & 17 – St. Patrick’s Parish, Brampton**

**CRISTO REI PARISH, MISSISSAUGA**  
**SATURDAY, JUNE 9<sup>TH</sup>**  
VENERATION OF THE RELIC from 3:00 PM  
MASSES 4:00 PM (Portuguese) & 5:30 PM (English)

**SUNDAY, JUNE 10<sup>TH</sup>**  
VENERATION OF THE RELIC throughout the day  
MASSES 8:00 AM & 1:00 PM (Portuguese)  
10:00 AM & 5:30 PM (English)

**FRANCISCAN CHURCH OF ST. BONAVENTURE, TORONTO**  
**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 13<sup>TH</sup>**  
MASSES 9:00 AM & 7:00 PM  
VENERATION OF THE RELIC throughout the day

**ST. PATRICK’S PARISH, BRAMPTON**  
**SATURDAY, JUNE 16<sup>TH</sup>**  
VENERATION OF THE RELIC from 4:00 PM  
MASS 5:00 PM

**SUNDAY, JUNE 17<sup>TH</sup>**  
MASSES 8:30 AM, 10:00 AM, 1:00 PM & 7:30 PM (English)  
11:30 AM (Italian)  
VENERATION OF THE RELIC throughout the day

Over seven hundred and fifty years ago, Saint Bonaventure discovered the relics of Saint Anthony. This month, one of these precious relics will be visiting Ottawa from the Saint’s Basilica in Padua, Italy. Saint Anthony is often remembered as a help in times of loss. We invite you to come and ask for his intercession for more than the loss of material things, but also for those who have lost peace of mind or who have lost a sense of direction. We will pray for his help that we might truly build a just society where no one is left behind, forgotten or lost.

**Annual Mass for the Faithful Departed**  
**Assumption Cemetery, Mississauga**  
**August 15, 7:00 PM**

Catholic Cemeteries & Funeral Services – Archdiocese of Toronto wishes to invite all families within the Archdiocese of Toronto to participate in the Annual Mass for the Faithful Departed on Wednesday, August 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM.

All are welcome! In the event of rain, Mass will be held in the mausoleum.

## Be Satisfied With Me

BY ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA

Everyone longs to give themselves completely to someone, to have a deep soul relationship with another, to be loved thoroughly and exclusively.

But God, to a Christian, says, “No, not until you are satisfied, fulfilled and content with being loved by Me alone, With giving yourself totally and unreservedly to Me, With having an intensely personal and unique relationship With Me alone.

Discovering that only in Me is your satisfaction to be found will you be capable of the perfect human relationship that I have planned for you.

You will never be united with another until you are united with Me alone, exclusive of anyone or anything else, exclusive of any other desires or longings.

I want you to stop planning, stop wishing, and allow Me to give you the most thrilling plan existing, one that you cannot imagine.

Please allow Me to bring it to you.

You just keep watching Me, expecting the greatest things.

Keep experiencing the satisfaction that I Am. Keep listening and learning the things I tell you.

You just wait. That’s all.

Don’t be anxious. Don’t worry.

Don’t look at the things you think you want; You just keep looking off and away up to Me, or you’ll miss what I want to show you.

And then when you are ready,

I’ll surprise you with a love far more wonderful than any you could dream of.

You see, until you are ready and until the one I have for you is ready

(I am working even at this moment to have you both ready at the same time), until you are both satisfied exclusively with Me and the life I prepared for you, you won’t be able to experience the love that exemplified your relationship with Me.

And this is the perfect love.

And dear one,

I want you to have this most wonderful love, I want you to see in the flesh a picture of your relationship with Me, and to enjoy materially and concretely the everlasting union of beauty, perfection and love that I offer you with Myself.

Know that I love you utterly.

I Am God. Believe it and be satisfied.

## 5 Fathers whose parenthood helped them become saints

**1. MARTIN OF TOURS** As a soldier, Martin must have quickly learned that virtues such as courage, when taken to extremes, can easily become vices. Martin shows that being manly doesn’t necessarily mean being an “alpha” male. He spent his time defending the weak and vulnerable, and wasn’t ashamed to get off his horse to give his winter cape to a shivering homeless man. Fathers can be strong leaders but only begin to shine when they are also compassionate.

**Best parenting tip:** A father’s strength can express itself in gentleness.

**2. POPE JOHN PAUL II** He was the spiritual father to billions (the title “Pope” is derived from the word “Papa”). Even with his enormous responsibilities, John Paul II never let his work take over spending quality time with his children. As a younger man, he would often take groups of young people on hikes and skiing trips in the mountains.

**Best parenting tip:** Any time with the kids is quality time.

**3. JOSEPH THE WORKER** Because little is actually known about Joseph, husband to Mary, there are two traditions about him: 1) He was an elderly man, glad to have a son any way he could, and 2) He was a young man entering the prime of his life. If he was young, his sacrifice to be a good father becomes even more impressive—he marries a woman who has a child not by him, then chooses to forgo children of his own in order to foster the child Jesus. Foster fathers are real fathers and their role in raising children is deserving of immense respect.

**Best parenting tip:** Stand by your family no matter what difficulties arise.

**4. SIMON OF CYRENE** When Jesus struggled to carry his cross, Simon was randomly chosen from the crowd to take the cross the rest of the way. The experience changed his life and Simon became a follower of Jesus. He later taught his son Rufus about what had happened and raised him to be a Christian. They are now both considered saints.

**Best parenting tip:** Stand by your family no matter what difficulties arise.

**5. STEPHEN OF HUNGARY** In his position as King of Hungary, Stephen built many churches and monasteries and helped introduce his people to Christianity. Of all his children, Stephen only had one son live to adulthood—his son, Emeric, was raised with the spiritual values of his father and has also become a saint.

**Best parenting tip:** If Dad takes his faith seriously, so will his children.

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