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WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, December 25, NO EVENING MASS
(Please refer to Christmas schedule on page 3)

Tuesday, December 26, 7:00 PM

+ Barbara D'Souza
+ Joseph Murzello
Thanksgiving by Ezra Gabriel Uy

Wednesday, December 27, 12:15 PM

+ Enrico Alquinto
+ Antonio Soares
+ Shee Fong Lyn

Thursday, December 28, 7:00 PM

+ Victor Rodrigues
+ Michael D'Cruz
Special Intention for David Alvarez Salinas

Friday, December 29, 12:15 PM

+ Raymond Henry Travas
+ Cyril Ng-Young-Lim
In Thanksgiving to the Holy Family & St. John Bosco

Saturday, December 30, 9:00 AM

+ Joaquim Soares, + Myriam & Flankin Flores,
+ Santangelo & Attanasio family
+ Constancio Fernandes, + Oscar Yonzon,
+ Deceased Members of the Rego Family
+ All Souls in Purgatory
Special Intention for Maria Serpes
Thanksgiving for Edward & Lulu Rodrigues
Thanksgiving for Enza Fenech

Saturday, December 30, 5:00 PM

+ Sylvester Mariathas
+ Eunjin Nam Ignatius
Thanksgiving by Luk & Chui Families

Saturday, December 30, 7:00 PM

+ Sabino & Beryl Carvalho
+ Walter Sequeira, + Walter D'sa

Sunday, December 31, 8:30 AM

+ Eric Wojcik
Special Intention for Sebastian Alvarez Salinas
Thanksgiving for Ryan & Flavia Fernandes

Sunday, December 31, 10:00 AM

For all our parishioners

Sunday, December 31, 12:00 PM

+ Mylan Blair Tram, + Joseph Gabrys
+ Susan Eng

Sunday, December 31, 7:00 PM

NEW YEAR'S EVE MASS
(Refer to Christmas schedule on page 3)

We pray for all our deceased loved ones. May
their souls and the souls of the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God rest in peace.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today's Mass Readings

First Reading: Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

Second Reading: 2 Peter 3:8-14

Gospel: Mark 1:1-8

Merry Christmas!

Dear Parish Family,

At this sacred time of year, when we encounter the love of God the Father made visible in His Beloved Son, Jesus, our hearts are full of gratitude. Despite the challenges that each of us face on this earthly pilgrimage, Christmastime allows us to count our blessings and appreciate the good things God has done for us. I am grateful to our Merciful God for all of you, my dear parishioners. And on behalf of myself and our dedicated staff, I would like to extend to you and your loved ones a most Merry Christmas and blessings for the year ahead. Come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

Christmas blessings,
Fr. Séamus Hogan

SUNDAY OFFERTORY ENVELOPES 2024

Donation envelope boxes for 2024 are available for pick up in the Church lobby. We thank you for your generosity and support and encourage you to pick up your box as soon as possible. **Please use the New envelopes starting January 1st, 2024, only.**

We request you to please contact the parish office if you do not have a box and would like to receive one for 2024 OR you would like to transition from Offertory envelopes to PAG (Pre- Authorized Giving) OR if you have a change in your postal address as this will ensure that our database information is correct for tax receipts.

Starting January 1st, please **DO NOT** use your old 2023 envelopes. You may discard them. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Boxing Day Confessions

Confessions will NOT be heard on December 26.

Charitable Tax Receipts

Donations for the 2023 tax year must be received by December 31st for inclusion on your charitable tax receipt. Any donations received after that date will be included in the receipt for 2024. As always, thank you for your continued support of the Parish.

New Parishioners

Welcome to Merciful Redeemer! We are so happy to have you join our community. It is our hope you find yourself at home here and join us regularly for Mass and parish events.

Please enjoy this bulletin, but also check our parish website, mercifulredeemermi.archtoronto.org, for a full list of what the parish can offer you and your family.

You are encouraged to drop by the office and register. We look forward to meeting you. Please introduce yourself to us. We are here for you!

The Bible Timeline Bible Study: The Story of Salvation - Part 1 January - April 2024

From January 15th to April 29th, 2024, Merciful Redeemer Parish will offer the Bible Timeline: The Story of Salvation Bible study. Join us on Monday evenings for the first half of the program that will guide us through an in-depth exploration of Salvation History, focusing on the books of Genesis through Kings. The weekly sessions will run from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

If you would like to register for the program, please contact Flo at mrpeaceandblessings@gmail.com as seating is limited. The cost for the program is \$10 per person to cover supplies and resources. Participants are asked to bring a Catholic Bible and supplies for note-taking.

EDGE & LIFETEEN

We are excited to welcome you to Edge (Grades 6-8) and LifeTeen (Grades 9-12). Registration is now open!

LifeTeen - Saturday evening from 8 to 10 PM

Registration link: <https://forms.gle/W7JGS8AzjogiaCxR8>

EDGE - Fridays, bi-weekly from 6 to 8 PM

Registration Link: <https://forms.gle/TpQm45ShGXDXu7ZCA>

Christmas & New Year's Schedule

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sat., December 23: 5 PM/7 PM

Sun., December 24: 8:30 AM/10 AM/12 PM

**NO evening Mass at 7 PM*

CHRISTMAS EVE - Sun., December 24

4 PM/6 PM/9 PM/Midnight

CHRISTMAS DAY - Mon., December 25

8:30 AM/10 AM/12 PM

**There will be NO evening Mass*

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

Sat., December 30: 5 PM/7 PM

Sun., December 31: 8:30 AM/10 AM/12 PM

NEW YEAR'S EVE MASS - Sun., December 31

7:00 p.m.

**Followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction at Midnight*

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

New Year's Day - Holy Day of Obligation

Mon., January 1, 2024

10 AM & 12 PM

**There will be NO 8:30 AM Mass & NO Evening Mass*

Christmas Prayer

Loving God,

Help us remember the birth of Jesus, that we may share in the song of the angels, the gladness of the shepherds, and worship of the wise men. Close the door of hate and open the door of love all over the world. Let kindness come with every gift and good desires with every greeting. Deliver us from evil by the blessing which Christ brings, and teach us to be merry with clear hearts. May the Christmas morning make us happy to be thy children, and Christmas evening bring us to our beds with grateful thoughts, forgiving and forgiven, for Jesus' sake.

Amen.

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