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***Feast of the Holy Family***

## WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

**Monday, January 1, 10:00 AM & 12:00 PM**  
(Please refer to New Year's schedule)

**Tuesday, January 2, 7:00 PM**

+ Manuel Tavares

Special Intention for Anna Alex family

Thanksgiving for Edlyn & Vivienne De Souza

**Wednesday, January 3, 12:15 PM**

+ Deceased Members of Martin & Pereira family

Special Intention for the Ornelas family

Thanksgiving by Mot Nguyen

**Thursday, January 4, 7:00 PM**

+ Francis D'Souza, + Francis Sequeira

+ Carlo Sparano

**Friday, January 5, 12:15 PM**

+ Socorro Carvalho, + All Souls in Purgatory

Thanksgiving for Armando Santos & family

**Friday, January 5, 7:00 PM**

+ Pascal & Edward Lobo, + Cletus Castelino

Special Intention for Ray & Virginia Santos

**Saturday, January 6, 9:00 AM**

+ Victor Tang, + Chita L. Cortes, + Jimmy Martinez

+ Gloria E. Rivamonte, + George & Mary Fligg,

+ Santana & Alda Pereira, + Anton Pracek,

+ Deceased Members of Yanes Kirk & family,

+ Deceased Members of Jurman family

Thanksgiving to All Saints

Special Intention for Flavia & Ryan Fernandes

**Saturday, January 6, 5:00 PM**

+ Nestor Misquita

+ James Guglick

Special Intention for Luk & Chui families

**Saturday, January 6, 7:00 PM**

+ Tadeusz Pater, + Ivan Sebuk

+ Margaret & S. B. John

**Sunday, January 7, 8:30 AM**

+ Paul Hsihsiu Chao, + Carmen Laugengco

+ Holy Souls in Purgatory

**Sunday, January 7, 10:00 AM**

For all our parishioners

**Sunday, January 7, 12:00 PM**

+ Danielle Rodrigues, + Mark Frankland

Thanksgiving by Marian & Glen Shaw

**Sunday, January 7, 7:00 PM**

+ Giuseppe Taddeo, + Norma Peters-Boyer

Thanksgiving by Coroza family

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:** Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14

**Second Reading:** Colossians 3:12-21 or 3:12-17

**Gospel:** Luke 2:22-40

### New Year's Schedule

#### 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*

#### SUNDAY OFFERTORY ENVELOPES 2024

Donation envelope boxes for 2024 are available for pick up at the church office. We thank you for your generosity and support and encourage you to pick up your box as soon as possible.

If you do not have a box of envelopes and would like to receive one, or if you wish to transition from Offertory envelopes to Pre- Authorized Giving (PAG) please contact the Parish Office.

We kindly request you to please do not use your old envelopes in 2024.

Thank you for your cooperation.

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## 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.

## 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](mailto: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

Youth ministry will be taking a short break for the holidays. We wish you and your families a blessed Christmas and a joyous New Year! We look forward to seeing you in the new year!

Edge returns on January 12th, 2024.  
LifeTeen returns on January 13th, 2024

## Cribe Drive Thank You!

The Knights of Columbus would like to thank our parishioners for another successful Toy/Diaper Crib Drive. The many items collected because of your generosity will be donated to pro-life causes.

## Spiritual Renewal Retreat 13 January at 9:00 a.m. - 14 January at 6:00 p.m. Divine Retreat Centre Toronto, 69 William St.

The Spiritual Renewal Retreat will be led by the Divine team on January 13th and 14th from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. The Retreat will consist of Holy Mass, Praise and Worship, Confession, Spiritual talks and Eucharistic Adoration. Lunch will be provided and attendance on both days is mandatory. Prior registration is required with a fee of \$20 (plus service fees) and registration can be done through our website [divineretreatcentretoronto.org](http://divineretreatcentretoronto.org).

## Spiritual and Supportive Care

If you or a family member are admitted to a hospital within Trillium Health Partner (Credit Valley Hospital, Mississauga Hospital, and Queensway Health Centre):

1. Identify yourself as Roman Catholic at time of admission and a parishioner at Merciful Redeemer so you will be put on a list which the Roman Catholic Priest Chaplains and Roman Catholic visitors consult and see patients according to their needs.
2. If you wish to receive Holy Communion, please call the Spiritual and Supportive Care office. The Spiritual and Supportive Care staff will ensure that you are on the list to be seen by a Eucharistic Minister.

## Vocations

From the angel Gabriel, Mary heard God's plan for her life and she said "Yes!"...and so the Saviour came into the world. Pray to know God's Will for your life, so as to help bring Jesus to our world. If you think God is calling you to do this as a priest, religious or deacon, call Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997 or [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org) | Website: [www.vocationstoronto.ca](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca)

## Prayer for the New Year

**O SACRED AND ADORABLE TRINITY**, hear our prayers on behalf of our Holy Father, the Pope, our Bishops, our clergy, and for all that are in authority over us. Bless, we beseech Thee, during the coming year, the whole Catholic Church; nonbelievers; soften the hearts of sinners so that they may return to Thy friendship; give prosperity to our country and peace among the nations of the world; pour down Thy blessings upon our friends, relatives, and acquaintances, and upon our enemies, if we have any; assist the poor and the sick; have pity on the souls of those whom this year has taken from us; and do Thou be merciful to those who during the coming year will be summoned before Thy judgment seat. May all our actions be preceded by Thy inspirations and carried on by Thy assistance, so that all our prayers and works, having been begun in Thee, may likewise be ended through Thee. **Amen.**

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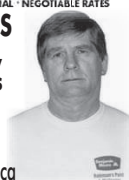
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