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## Welcome!

Welcome to Merciful Redeemer! We are so happy to have you join our community. It is our hope that you find yourself at home here and join us regularly for Mass and events. Please enjoy this bulletin and visit our parish website, [mercifulredeemer.org](https://mercifulredeemer.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. Introduce yourself to us, we look forward to meeting you!

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## Mass Times

Monday, Wednesday & Friday - 12:15 PM  
Tuesday, Thursday & First Friday - 7 PM  
Saturday - 9 AM  
Saturday Vigil - 5 PM | 7 PM  
Sunday - 8:30 AM | 10 AM | 12 PM | 7 PM

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Contact [tob@bell.net](mailto:tob@bell.net)  
**Merciful Moms | Thurs. 10:30 AM - 12 PM**  
Contact [jane@mercifulredeemer.org](mailto:jane@mercifulredeemer.org)  
**Legion of Mary | Wed. 7 PM**  
Contact [leilap9557@gmail.com](mailto:leilap9557@gmail.com)  
**Young Adult Ministry | Biweekly Thurs. 7 PM**  
Contact [faith@mercifulredeemer.org](mailto:faith@mercifulredeemer.org)  
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Contact [gerryschlumberger@gmail.com](mailto:gerryschlumberger@gmail.com)  
**Charismatic Prayer Group | Mon. 7 - 9 PM**  
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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## *Today's Mass Readings*

**First Reading:** Baruch 5:1-9

**Second Reading:** Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11

**Gospel:** Luke 3:1-6

### **Feast of the Immaculate Conception December 9 at Merciful Redeemer Parish**

Join us for the Hour of Grace from 12 - 1 PM. We will begin the Hour of Grace by praying Psalm 51 three times with outstretched arms as it is projected on the screens. This will be followed by Holy Mass at 12:15 p.m. After Mass, please spend some time in quiet prayer. Thank you and may Our Blessed Mother bless you and your family.

### **2024 Christmas Gift Card Drive December 14/15**

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul will be starting its annual Christmas gift card drive for our neighbours in need in our community. We are asking for grocery gift cards from FreshCo, Loblaws and Walmart. Monetary donations are also welcome! Gift cards will be collected by members of SSVP on December 7/8 and 14/15. Alternatively, feel free to leave donations in the poor box anytime during the Christmas season. Please include your receipt, name and address for income tax receipts for donations and or gift cards over \$20. Thank you for your generosity!

### **EDGE & LIFETEEN**

We are excited to welcome you to Edge (Grades 6-8) and LifeTeen (Grades 9-12)! For more info on our youth ministry and to register, please visit [www.mercifulredeemer.org/youth](http://www.mercifulredeemer.org/youth)

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

**LifeTeen** - Saturdays, weekly from 8 to 10 PM

### **Crib Drive**

The KofC will be collecting baby items to support families in need within our parish, as well as local pro-life charities. Some of the items needed include diapers and new or gently used winter clothing for babies up to 3 years old. Please leave your donations in the crate located in the church lobby. Thank you!

### **Merciful Redeemer KofC Christmas Party December 15**

The Knights of Columbus will be hosting their annual Christmas party on December 15th from 1-5 PM. Tickets are on sale in the narthex after all Masses, as well as in the parish office. Adults are \$20 and kids under 12 are \$10. Come and enjoy a time of celebration with music, food, drinks, a magic show, gifts for the kids and lots more!

### **You Are Mine**

#### **Support Ministry for Divorced Catholic Women Begins January 9, 2025 from 7-9 p.m.**

If you are a woman seeking healing from divorce or separation, you are not alone. In our darkest hour, our hurt, our loneliness, He sees us. He knows us. He makes all things new. For, His love endures forever (Psalm 136). Come and meet other women on a similar journey. Together, we will draw strength from scripture, listen to each other, and we will grow in confidence knowing that God is our faithful companion. We meet every Thursday for six weeks beginning January 9 from 7-9 p.m. For more info, please contact Colleen at [support@mercifulredeemer.org](mailto:support@mercifulredeemer.org)

### **Youth Ministry Christmas Carolling**

**Carolling: December 18 at 7:00 p.m.**

**Practices: Dec 10, 11, 16 & 17 (times vary)**

Spread some joy this Advent season and join us for our second annual evening of Christmas carolling at the **Erin Meadows Retirement Home**. We will be singing some Christmas classics and bringing some festive cheer to our neighbours down the street. Students in grades 9-12 are welcome! No singing experience needed, just caring hearts ready to serve. Volunteer hours available. If you are interested, please email Danielle at [youth@mercifulredeemer.org](mailto:youth@mercifulredeemer.org)

### **Advent Fasting Retreat**

**Dec. 14 at 9:00 a.m. - Dec. 15 at 6:00 p.m.**

**69 William St., Toronto**

We invite you to join us at Divine Retreat Centre Toronto for the Advent Fasting Retreat! The retreat will consist of Spiritual Talks, Holy Mass, Confession and Eucharistic Adoration. Please bring a Bible, book and pen. Registration is \$20 and can be completed in person or online via [www.divineretreatcentretoronto.org/event2/advent-fasting-retreat-dec-2024/](http://www.divineretreatcentretoronto.org/event2/advent-fasting-retreat-dec-2024/)

## DONATION ENVELOPE BOXES 2025

Sunday offering envelope boxes are available for pick up in the church lobby. Please do not use them until January 2025. Contact the parish office if you do not have a box and would like to receive one for 2025 OR you would like to transition from offertory envelopes to pre-authorized giving OR if there has been a change in your postal address. This will ensure that our database information is correct. We appreciate your co-operation!

### Missals

Please contact the parish office if you would like to pick up a missal for \$5.

### Advent Parish Reconciliation December 18 from 7-9 p.m.

Are you prepared for the King? Join us for our Advent Day of Reconciliation on December 18 from 7-9 PM.

## *Christmas & New Year Schedule*

### CHRISTMAS EVE

**Tuesday, December 24**

4 PM, 6 PM, 9 PM & midnight

### CHRISTMAS DAY

**Wednesday, December 25**

8:30 AM, 10 AM, 12 PM

*(There will be NO evening Mass)*

### NEW YEAR'S EVE

**Tuesday, December 31**

7 PM

*(Followed by Adoration of the Blessed  
Sacrament and Benediction at  
midnight)*

### NEW YEAR'S DAY

**Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**

**Wednesday, January 1**

10 AM & 12 PM

*(Holy day of obligation. There will be  
NO 8:30 AM Mass & NO Evening Mass)*

## WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

### Monday, December 9 | 12:15 PM

+ Dr. Thomas Virey,

+ Eduino Barbosa

Thanksgiving for Seema & Vikram Advani

### Tuesday, December 10 | 7:00 PM

+ Dr. Deanne Vaz,

+ Angelina Palmieri

+ Michele Palmieri

### Wednesday, December 11 | 12:15 PM

+ Doris Perera,

+ Ana & Jose Ornelas

+ Jose Yap

### Thursday, December 12 | 7:00 PM

+ Oscar Yonzon, + Collin D'Mello

+ Ciril Markelj

### Friday, December 13 | 12:15 PM

+ Maria Teresa Hoare

+ Eduino Barbosa

+ Victor Jose Maki Feliciano

### Saturday, December 14 | 9 AM

+ Alirio DaCosta, + Andrea Rodrigues,

+ Scholastica & Matthew Menezes

+ Iris & Terrence Coates, + Nicholas Shaw

+ George & Violet Shaw, + Adela De Souza

+ Peter Holan

Thanksgiving by Santos Family,

Thanksgiving for Joseph Family,

Thanksgiving for Nicolette Osamor

### Saturday, December 14 | 5 PM

+ All Souls

+ Rocky Edralin

Thanksgiving for Aaron George

### Saturday, December 14 | 7 PM

+ Reginald Pereira

+ Sebastiampilli Joseph Nevaratnam Family

Special Intention for Savio Mascarenhas

### Sunday, December 15 | 8:30 AM

+ Leon D'Silva

+ Van Than Dang

Thanksgiving for Marie Fernando

### Sunday, December 15 | 10:00 AM

For all our parishioners

### Sunday, December 15 | 12:00 PM

+ Ryan Patrick McDonald

+ Camilo Chung Pong Cho

Special Intention for Tani Odukale

### Sunday, December 15 | 7:00 PM

+ Ruben Dela Cruz

Special Intention for Alison Sastry & family

Thanksgiving by Maria Barbosa

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