

Merciful Redeemer Parish Bulletin

Third Sunday of Advent

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OFFICE HOURS

Mon-Fri 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM **Saturday** 9:30 AM - 5:30 PM **Sunday** 9:30 AM - 1:30 PM

CHURCH & CHAPEL HOURS

Every Day 7:00 AM - 10:00 PM

CONFESSION

Tuesday 6:00 - 7:00 PM **Thursday** 6:00 - 7:00 PM **Saturday** 4:00 - 5:00 PM

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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, 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!

Give Here

Your donations go a long way!



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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PARISH SCHOOLS

St. Aloysius Gonzaga | Divine Mercy | Our Lady of Mercy | St. Rose of Lima | St. Sebastian

PARISH COMMUNITY

St. JP II TOB Prayer Group | Tues. 8:30 - 9:30 PM Contact tob@bell.net Merciful Moms | Thurs. 10:30 AM - 12 PM Contact jane@mercifulredeemer.org Legion of Mary | Wed. 7 PM Contact leilap9557@gmail.com Young Adult Ministry | Biweekly Thurs. 7 PM Contact faith@mercifulredeemer.org **Knights of Columbus** Contact gerryschlumberger@gmail.com Charismatic Prayer Group | Mon. 7 - 9 PM Men's Fraternity | Sat. 8 - 10 AM Society of St. Vincent de Paul | mrcssvp.ca Youth Ministry | linktr.ee/mercifulredeemerym **Catholic Cemeteries & Funeral Services** www.catholic-cemeteries.ca

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today's Mass Readings

First Reading: Zephaniah 3:14-18a Second Reading: Philippians 4:4-7 Gospel: Luke 3:10-18

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 preauthorized 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!

Throneway X Steadfast Christmas Concert December 28 at 6 p.m. The Meeting House 2700 Bristol Circle, Oakville

We're excited to invite youth and young adults to our upcoming Catholic Christmas concert for the archdiocese (with Throneway and Steadfast Worship)! This concert is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the season together, connect with others, and grow in faith.

To register, visit: jycanada.breezechms.com/form/twchristmas24

Marriage

Couples planning to be married must contact a priest at least one year in advance, be registered parishioners, live within the parish boundaries, attend Mass regularly, and participate in a Marriage Preparation program. Please contact the Parish Office for more information

Marriage Preparation Course Spring 2025: Mar. 22, 29 & Apr. 5 Fall 2025: Oct. 25, Nov. 1 & Nov. 8

Engaged couples can register for the course at the parish office. The fee is \$125.00 per couple. Payment can be made in cash or cheque payable to Merciful Redeemer Parish.

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

Youth Ministry Christmas Carolling Carolling: December 18 at 7:00 p.m. Practices: Dec 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 resady to serve. Volunteer hours available. If you are interested, please email Danielle at youth@mercifulredeemer.org

Missals

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

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

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!

Bake Sale Thank You!

We would like to thank everyone who attended our bake sale. Your attendance made it possible to raise \$4,020 for Sharelife! Our sincere thanks go out to the great team work, the various volunteers serving at all the Masses, and most of all, the generosity of the parishioners who donated baked goods for the weekend.

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.

Fragrance Sensitivity

Please help us to accommodate our parishioners who are sensitive to products with strong fragrances when attending Mass. Thank you for being mindful of the health and comfort of those with allergies!

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

(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

Please remember in your prayers all who have recently died, especially:

+ John Whitnell

Monday, December 16 | 12:15 PM

- + Ryan Patrick McDonald
- + Rose Yu Garcia, + Gabriel Teixeira

Tuesday, December 17 | 7:00 PM

+ Francis Tong, + Laz Fernandes, + Ron Catahan

Wednesday, December 18 | 12:15 PM

- + Scholistica & Matthew Menezes
- + Maureen Rodrigues
- + Suelan Tenn

Thursday, December 19 | 7:00 PM

- + Adalgisa Russo
- + Maria & Wladyslaw Starzyk Special Intention for Eva & Seweryn Stuglik

Friday, December 20 | 12:15 PM

+ Joana Durao, + Patricia Antolin Special Intention for Alexandra Stuglik & Tyler

Saturday, December 21 | 9 AM

- + Agnes Prado, + Lavina, + Henry Reynes
- + Paul & Hedwig Klaudusz, + Pacita Blando,
- + Fioravante & Pier Angelo D'Orazio,
- + Eligio Alcantara, + Vency Fernandes, + Melba Belicano, + Alejandro & Justina Torrejon,
- + Victor Hammond,

Thanksgiving by Ryan & Flavia

Saturday, December 21 | 5 PM

- + Laura Vieira Thomson
- + Palmira Rodrigues

Thanksgiving by Sanu George & family

Saturday, December 21 | 7 PM

+ Casimiro Piscione, + Paul Hawruk Special Intention for Shannon & Shyann Nogueira

Sunday, December 22 | 8:30 AM

- + Marianne & Stephen Nogueira
- + Roque Rodrigues
- + Raymond & Henry Travas

Sunday, December 22 | 10:00 AM For all our parishioners

Sunday, December 22 | 12:00 PM

- + The Sui In, + Italo Leonardi
- + Savio Fernandes

Sunday, December 22 | 7:00 PM

- + Victor Thorado, + Vency Fernandes
- + Seregio Sabbun Junior

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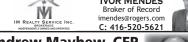
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