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Mon-Fri 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM  
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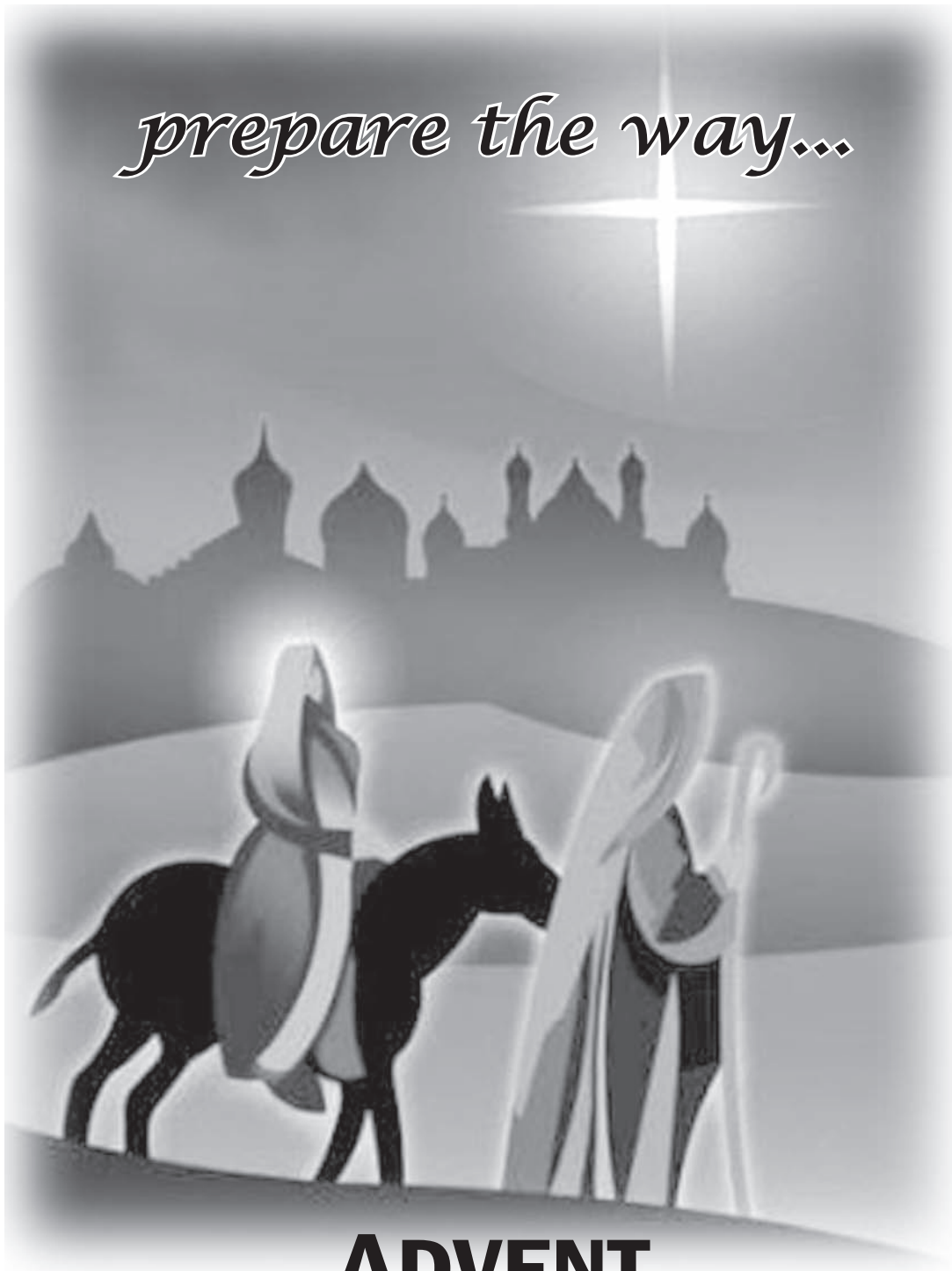
Every Day  
7:00 AM - 10:00 PM

### CONFESSION

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

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Today's Mass Readings

**First Reading:** Micah 5:1-4a

**Second Reading:** Hebrews 10:5-10

**Gospel:** Luke 1:39-45

## Merry Christmas!

An angel voice rang high with good news while shepherds tended their flocks in the night: "I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people; to you is born this day in the city of David a saviour, who is the Christ, the Lord." It is this same Jesus Christ that we follow and adore.

Like the shepherds, we are invited to the parish of Merciful Redeemer to encounter Him in word and in the Blessed Sacrament. On behalf of the clergy and staff of Merciful Redeemer, I would like to wish you and your loved ones a very Merry Christmas and blessings for the year ahead. You are in our prayers.

- fr. Seamus Hogan

### **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, contact Colleen at [support@mercifulredeemer.org](mailto:support@mercifulredeemer.org)

### **Charitable Tax Receipts**

Donations for the 2024 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 2025. As always, thank you for your continued support of the Parish.

### **Family Rosary**

The Knights of Columbus will be leading Family/Community Rosary prayers on Sunday, December 29th after the 10 AM Mass. All parishioners are invited to join in praying the Rosary. Bring your family!

### **SUNDAY OFFERTORY ENVELOPES 2025**

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 beginning January 1st, 2025 only.

**We request you to please contact the parish office if:**

- You do not have a box and would like to receive one for 2025
- You would like to transition from Offertory envelopes to PAG (Pre- Authorized Giving)
- You have a change in your postal address as this will ensure that our database information is correct for tax receipts.

Beginning January 1st, please DO NOT use your envelopes from previous years. This would create errors in issuing tax receipts. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

### **Spiritual and Supportive Care**

If you or a family member are admitted to a hospital within Trillium Health Partners:

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.

**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.

**Children's Liturgy Winter Break**

Children's Liturgy is currently on break and will resume January 12.

**No Confessions**

There will be no confessions on December 24, 26 & 31, as well as January 2.

**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

*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**

**Please remember in your prayers all who  
have recently died, especially:**  
+ Rocky Manrique

**Monday, December 23 | 12:15 PM**

+ Hector Sarmiento  
+ Ronald Kam  
+ Erminio D'Elia

**Tuesday, December 24**

Christmas Eve

**Wednesday, December 25**

Christmas Day

**Thursday, December 26 | 7:00 PM**

+ Antonio Soares  
+ Victor Rodrigues  
+ Joseph Murzello

**Friday, December 27 | 12:15 PM**

+ Shee Fong Lyn, + Arriane Yonzon  
Thanksgiving by Barretto family

**Saturday, December 28 | 9 AM**

+ Vency Fernandes, + Deanne Vaz,  
+ Lucas & Epemaca Sulay, + Agapita Valdez,  
Joaquin, + Angelo & Violet Saliba,  
+ Hilda Youdan, + Lucy Almeida,  
+ Michael D'Cruz, + Igor Cacic  
Thanksgiving in honor of Mother Mary  
Thanksgiving by David Alvarez  
In thanksgiving for favors received

**Saturday, December 28 | 5 PM**

+ Tina Gurrieri, + Daphne Dias  
Thanksgiving by Luk & Chui families

**Saturday, December 28 | 7 PM**

+ Cyril Cardoza, + Sara Cosentini  
Thanksgiving by Broderick & Laskowski family

**Sunday, December 29 | 8:30 AM**

+ Cyril Ng Young Lim  
Thanksgiving for Perla Samara  
Thanksgiving by Parishioner

**Sunday, December 29 | 10:00 AM**

For all our parishioners

**Sunday, December 29 | 12:00 PM**

+ John Francis Mendonca  
+ Anna Tempio  
+ Deceased Members of Bruno family

**Sunday, December 29 | 7:00 PM**

+ Alice Tran, + George & Mary Fligg  
+ Deceased members of Brum & Correia  
families

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