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PARISH

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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Feast of the Holy Family

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today's Mass Readings

First Reading: Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14
Second Reading: Colossians 3:12-21
Gospel: Luke 2:41-52

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.

ShareLife

We are blessed to announce that a generous parishioner within our archdiocese, **has pledged to match every gift to the ShareLife campaign up to \$500,000 until Dec. 31st.** This opportunity arrives at a critical time, empowering you to double the impact of your year-end gift, which provides a lifeline to 40+ agencies. **Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate**

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, contact Colleen at support@mercifulredeemer.org

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.

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 31 and January 2.

Parish Ministries

If you want to be more involved in our parish community but don't know where to start, visit our website at www.mercifulredeemer.org/ministries to learn more! Please contact your parish ministry for meeting information and other updates.

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

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.

New Year Schedule

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)

Happy New Year!

Lord, You make all things new. You bring hope alive in our hearts and cause our Spirits to be born again. Thank you for this new year; for all the potential it holds. Come and kindle in us a mighty flame so that in our time, many will see the wonders of God and live forever to praise Your glorious name. Amen.

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, December 30 | 12:15 PM

+ Clifford Sampson, + Monica Tavares
+ Maria Serpes

Tuesday, December 31 | 7 PM

New Year's Eve

Wednesday, January 1 | 12:15 PM

New Year's Day
Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Thursday, January 2 | 7 PM

+ Rosa Nelly Acevedo, +Fatima D'Souza
Thanksgiving by Coma Family

Friday, January 3 | 12:15 PM

+ Bill Chang, + Gloria Bonello
Thanksgiving in honour of Mother Mary

Friday, January 3 | 7 PM

+ Stephen & Katharine Davidovitch
+ Holy Souls in Purgatory
Thanksgiving by Sebastian Alvarez Salinas

Saturday, January 4 | 9 AM

+ Marion Maxner, + Lydia Lirio,
+ Estrella Salvador + Henry Lopez
+ Felicisima De Los Reys, + Francis D'Souza
+ Victor Tang, + Eun Jin Nam Ignacio
Thanksgiving by DaCosta Family
Special Intention for Min Jeung Son

Saturday, January 4 | 5 PM

+ Deceased Members of De Biasi &
Visentin Families
Thanksgiving by Mot Nguyen
Special intention for Luk-Chui families
Deceased Members of the Fernandes family

Saturday, January 4 | 7 PM

+ Frank Paul Scicluna
Thanksgiving by Crasto Family
Thanksgiving by Rose Lobo

Sunday, January 5 | 8:30 AM

+ Rita Riviere
Special Intention for Flavia & Ryan Fernandes
Thanksgiving by Armando Santos & Family

Sunday, January 5 | 10 AM

For all our parishioners

Sunday, January 5 | 12 PM

+ Socorro Carvahlo
+ Jesus Chang Lock
Thanksgiving for Jeffrey Pereira

Sunday, January 5 | 7:00 PM

+ Ingrid Pereira
+ Holy Souls in Purgatory
Thanksgiving for Vian Paulus

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