

Merciful Redeemer Parish Bulletin

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time February 23 - March 1, 2025 | Issue. 8

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!

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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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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: 1 Samuel 26:2,7-9,12-13,22-23 Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:45-49 Gospel: Luke 6:27-38

Pour Out Adoration Night February 28, 2025 from 7 - 9 PM

"As a deer longs for flowing streams, so my soul longs for you, O God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When shall I come and behold the face of God? My tears have been my food day and night, while people say to me continually, 'Where is your God?'" - Psalm 42:1-3

Lent is almost here; a season of prayer, almsgiving and fasting where we pour out all that we are before Jesus in preparation for Easter. Has your soul felt disquieted or restless? Maybe you've felt alone in the desert for far too long with nothing left to give. This adoration night, we are going to lean into our longing for God and soak in the mystery of His overwhelming love for us. Join us for an evening of renewal & hope as we come together for praise and worship, Eucharistic Adoration, prayer ministry, confession and a talk by Fr. Adam Pantaleo inspired by Psalm 42. This evening has a young adult focus but all are welcome! Doors open at 6:30 PM.

Creed and Catechism Reappreciating our Catholic Faith Once a month, after 7 PM Mass Next Creed & Catechism night: February 27

Join Fr. Séamus in the church as he delves into the fundamentals of our faith as presented in the Creed and the Catechism. It is a wonderful opportunity to deepen and renew our understanding of what makes the Catholic faith so unique and life-giving. A deeper knowledge of Christ and His Church fills us with greater love and ardour! This month we look at the mystery of Jesus; who He is and why it matters.

St. Vincent de Paul Society "Toonie Sunday"

Toonie Sunday is the weekend of March 1/2! Please drop your donations into the St Vincent baskets at the exits of the church or in the poor box any time during the week.

Consolation Ministry - NEW DATES Bereavement Peer Support Group Mar. 4/18, Apr. 3 (Thurs.)/15/29, May 13 from 7 - 9 PM

"For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them." - Matthew 18:2

This peer support group fosters healing through empathy, understanding, and hope that is Christ centered. Participants will have the opportunity to share their unique experiences while supporting one another, knowing they are not alone in their pain. The group encourages open conversation about difficult emotions, helping individuals process their grief at their own pace. Through mutual support, participants can begin to navigate the complex emotions of loss, find comfort, and gain strength in knowing others understand their journey. Meetings are from 7 - 9 PM in the St. Faustina room located in the parish basement. For more info or to RSVP, please contact Sao-kham at 416-518-5875 or email hope@mercifulredeemer.org

First Confessions February 26 from 4 - 6:30 PM

For all children receiving their First Communion this year, first confessions will be held at the parish on Feb. 26. For more info, contact jane@mercifulredeemer.org

Parish Lenten Book

During the Feb 22/23 weekend, grab your copy of "Overcoming Sinful Thoughts" from the foyer for just \$10. Join our community in reading this book during the 2025 Lenten season!

Pancake Tuesday March 4 from 4:30 - 8:30 PM in the Parish Hall

The Knights of Columbus are organizing Pancake Tuesday on March 4th. All parishioners are invited to join! Tickets are \$5 per person.

Building Maintenance Fund Special Collection | March 8/9 Weekend

Aspecial collection for our building maintenance fund will be held during the March 8/9 weekend. Thank you for your contributions to the beautification and care of our parish!

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

2025 LIFT JESUS HIGHER RALLY March 29, 2025 from 9 AM - 5:30 PM 255 Front St W, Toronto

This is the largest single day Catholic event in Canada! It includes: compelling speakers, praise & worship, prayer ministry for healing & empowerment, inspiring personal testimonies, Divine Mercy Celebration, Eucharistic Adoration, procession & confessions. Purchase your tickets and reserve a seat on the bus as soon as possible!

Tickets: Adults \$49 | Youth \$25

Info & bus transport: Enza at 905-301-3376.

Save the Date - Spiritual & Personal Awakening Start Date: May 14 from 7 - 9 PM

Ladies! Mark your calendars as the next 6 sessions for the SPA will begin on May 14th from 7-9 PM. The topic this time around is *Good Boundaries and Goodbyes*. For more info, please email jane@mercifulredeemer.org

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.

"I am not capable of doing big things, but I want to do everything, even the smallest things, for the greater glory of God."

- St. Dominic Savio

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

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.

Monday, February 24 | 12:15 PM

- + Danielle Rodrigues, + Frederico Castro
- + Scholistica & Matthew Menezes

Tuesday, February 25 | 7 PM

- + Francis Mascarenhas
- + Suji Alexander, + Anna DeMenezes

Wednesday, February 26 | 12:15 PM

+ Virgilio Zapata, + Andres Sr. & Rita Fortus Sp. Intention for Eric & Lily Janotta

Thursday, February 27 | 7 PM

- + Roland Lee, + Lirio Calalo
- + Twinfar Plummer

Friday, February 28 | 12:15 PM

- + Ignacia Macatangay
- + Domenico Romagnuolo

Thanksgiving for Atish & Crystle Pereira

Saturday, March 1 | 9 AM

- + Joseph Baring, + Valerie Alaovieh,
- + Joseph D'Penna, + Victor Villarba Sy
- + Adalgisa Russo, + Manuel Bettencourt
- + Maria Do Conceicoo Cordeiro
- + Damian Hough.

Special Intentions for Rolando Garcia Special Intentions for Paul Cheng Special Intentions for Kaitlyn & Elysa Da Silva

Saturday, March 1 | 5 PM

- + John Whitnell, + Flora Angeles
- + Deceased Members of Luk & Chui Families

Saturday, March 1 | 7 PM

- + Eugene Lobo, + Rubiao De Mello
- + Margaret & S. B John

Sunday, March 2 | 8:30 AM

- + Theresa Dias, + Albert Martins
- + Maria Serpes

Sunday, March 2 | 10 AM

For all our parishioners

Sunday, March 2 | 12 PM

Special Intention Nash Fernandes Special Intention Linda Beairsto & Family Thanksgiving for favours received

Sunday, March 2 | 7:00 PM

- + Edna Wong, + Jose & Isilda Da Silva
- + Rosalinda Parchaso Borja

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