

Merciful Redeemer Parish Bulletin

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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!

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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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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 redeemed@mercifulredeemer.org **Knights of Columbus** Contact gk16254@ontariokofc.ca 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: Numbers 21:4b-9
Second Reading: Philippians 2:6-11
Gospel: John 3:13-17

Welcome Ivan, Laura and Amelia!

We are pleased to welcome three new members to our pastoral team! Laura Alvarez Salinas joins us as our new Youth Minister and will be working closely with our young people to help them grow in faith and discipleship. Amelia Markeli will take care of in-person sacramental preparation for First Holy Communion and Confirmation. We also welcome Ivan Brewer, our seminarian intern, who will be assisting in parish life and gaining pastoral experience during his placement. Please keep Laura, Amelia and Ivan in your prayers as they begin their ministry with us!

Merciful Redeemer Bible Study Luke: The Story of Salvation Sep. 22 - Nov. 17 | Monday evenings 7-9 PM

In September, we will offer an eight-part Bible study entitled *Luke*: The Story of Salvation Fulfilled. Join us Monday evenings from 7 to 9 PM in the parish hall for small and large group discussions based on weekly readings and video presentations featuring Jeff Cavins. If you are interested in participating, please contact Flo at mrpeaceandblessings@gmail.com to register.

Women's SPA (Spiritual & Personal Awakening)

Ladies! Mark your calendars as the next 6 sessions for the SPA will begin on October 15th from 7-9 PM. The topic this time around is *I Want to Trust you, but I Don't.* For more info, please email jane@mercifulredeemer.org

That Man is You! - Men's Fraternity Every Saturday from 8 - 10 AM

Attention men! Are you looking to deepen your relationship with God? Be a better husband? Become a more loving father? Build friendships with other like-minded men? And seek to be the best man you can be? Then Come Join...That Man is You! To register, please call the parish office and leave your name, contact number and e-mail address. One can also show up on the day to register.

Merciful Redeemer Festival of Cultures September 19 from 6-10 PM St Aloysius Gonzaga, 2800 Erin Centre Blvd

Our highly anticipated Festival of Cultures is back for its second year on September 19th from 6-10 PM. Join us for delicious food and dancing, featuring DJCoolJ. \$5 per person. Kids 12 and under enter free with a paying adult. Food will be sold at a nominal cost. All are welcome!

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) September 30 from 7 - 8:30 PM

If you are interested in faith and God and want to learn more about becoming Catholic, then we have just the program for you! RCIA begins in September and runs until Easter. Beginning September 30th, we will be meeting in-person every Tuesday at the church. For more info, please email jane@mercifulredeemer.org

The Prime Time Club Every Wednesday from 1 - 3:30 PM

The Prime Time Club is a social time for seniors to gather for tea, coffee, conversation and a game of cards and Bingo! We will gather after the noon Mass every Wednesday in the basement from 1 - 3:30 PM. For more info, please email Jo Boulanger at jboulanger@rogers.com

Merciful Moms (Starting September 18) Every Thursday from 10:30 AM - 12 PM

If you are a mom of young children seeking community, join us as we gather over a coffee to spend time in conversation, prayer and reflection over God's word and how it pertains to our daily lives! There is child care provided for little ones. For more info, please email jane@mercifulredeemer.org

Parent Meetings - Save the Date! In-person at Merciful Redeemer

Parent meeting for children receiving their First Communion: 1 October, 2025 at 7 PM Parent meeting for children being confirmed: 8 October, 2025 at 7 PM

Registration forms will be available in the church office or at the schools. For more info, email jane@mercifulredeemer.org

Creed and Catechism Reappreciating our Catholic Faith Once a month, after 7 PM Mass Final C&C night until the fall: September 25

Join Fr. Séamus in the church as he delves into the fundamentals of our faith by looking at the sacraments of the Church. 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 Baptism, the beginning of new life in Christ.

Children's Liturgy

Children's Liturgy will be returning weekly starting on September 28th during the 10 AM mass. This ministry is designed for children between 4 and 7 years old to support them on their faith journey. Looking forward to seeing our young parishioners there!

Consolation Ministry - NEW DATES Bereavement Peer Support Group Sep 30, Oct 14/28, Nov 11/25, Dec 9 from 7-9 PM

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. If you would like more info or to RSVP, please contact Sao-kham at 416-518-5875 or email hope@ mercifulredeemer.org

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, September 15 | 12:15 PM

+ Elizabeth V. Alves

Special Intention for Sara & Raymond Ferrao In Thanksgiving for favours received

Tuesday, September 16 | 7 PM

+ Rodrigo SanFrancisco, + Steve Pereira Matilda & Nicholas D'Mello

Wednesday, September 17 | 12:15 PM

+ Tony Fonseca, +Pires Mendonca Thanksgiving by Mot Nguyen

Thursday, September 18 | 7 PM

- + Elisa Di Loreto
- + Roque Manrique Jr.
- + Lucia Sanelli

Friday, September 19 | 12:15 PM

- + Felicia Guzzo
- + Edna Wong

Thanksgiving by Cuarez family

Saturday, September 20 | 9 AM

- + Filipa Barretto, + Molly Monteiro,
- + Lize Doshi, + Alice Chui

Special Intention for Vilma Buenbrazo Thanksgiving for Fr. Séamus Hogan

Thanksgiving for Maio Ralph Oliveros

Thanksgiving for Kanthi & Lucky De Fonseka

Thanksgiving for Sheena Espiritu

Thanksgiving by Elsa & Wayne Edwards

Thanksgiving by Dimple

Saturday, September 20 | 5 PM

+ Eustine DeFreitas, + Leslie Britto Special Intention for Aurora Mendonza

Saturday, September 20 | 7 PM

+ Rita & Andres Sr. Fortus, + Stephen Pereira Thanksgiving by DeSouza Family

Sunday, September 21 | 8:30 AM

+ Vincent Silveira, + David Rampaul Thanksgiving by Sharon & Juni Queano

Sunday, September 21 | 10 AM

For all of our parishioners

Sunday, September 21 | 12 PM

Thanksgiving for Fr. Séamus Hogan In honor of St. Jude In honor of Padre Pio

Sunday, September 21 | 7 PM

- + Kit Hing Siu Chock
- + Belicior & Maria Jose De Melo
- + Inesa Sy

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