



First Sunday of Advent

November 30 - December 6, 2025 | Issue. 48

#### **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!



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 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

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

# Mass Readings

First Reading: Isaiah 2:1-5 Second Reading: Romans 13:11-14 Gospel: Matthew 24:37-44

#### Missals & Calendars

Pick up your missals and calendars! On the weekend of November 29/30, they will be on sale in the fover after all Masses. After this, they will be available for purchase in the parish office. Missals are \$5 and calendars are \$3.

#### **Knights of Columbus Crib Drive** November 30 - December 21

The KofC will be collecting baby items to support families in need within our parish and community. Some of the most wanted items include diapers and new or gently used clothing for babies 0-3. Donations can be dropped off in the crib located in the church's foyer. Thank you for your support and generosity.

#### Feast of the Immaculate Conception December 8

Join us for the Hour of Grace from 12 - 1 PM. We pray Psalm 51 three times with outstretched arms while it is projected on the screens. This will be followed by Holy Mass at 12:15 PM and time for quiet prayer. There will also be Mass at 7 PM. May Our Blessed Mother bless you and your family!

#### **REDEEMED - Young Adult Ministry (18-35)** Every 1st & 3rd Thursday at 7 PM Next Redeemed Night: December 4

Join us for our Christmas social on December 4th! Following 7 PM Mass, we will meet in the basement for a dinner/potluck, DIY ornament making, and karaoke! If you are between 18 and 35, this is a great way to reconnect, recommit and renew your faith! To join our email list and stay up to date with news, please visit www.mercifulredeemer.or/youngadult

#### **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 <u>www.mercifulredeemer.org/youth</u>

#### **EDGE**

Fridays, bi-weekly from 6 to 8 PM LifeTeen

Saturdays, weekly from 8 to 10 PM

#### **Parish Christmas Party** December 14 at 1:30 PM St. Aloysius Gonzaga Highschool

Join us for our annual parish Christmas party on December 14 beginning at 1:30 PM! There will be food, drinks, games, and entertainment, such as a magic show, caroling, photos, gifts, and raffles. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$10 for kids and will go on sale after all masses starting Nov 29th. In the meantime, the knights are looking for sponsors who can donate gifts or raffle prizes! Please email gk16254@ontariokofc.ca if interested.

#### 2025 Christmas Gift Card Drive **December 6/7 and 13/14**

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul will be starting its annual Christmas gift card drive to support our neighbours in need this holiday season. We kindly ask for grocery gift cards from FreschCo. Loblaws and Walmart. Monetary donations are also warmly welcomed! Members of SSVP will be collecting gift cards on December 6 & 7 and 13 & 14. To get a tax receipt for donations or gift cards over \$20, please include the receipt from the store, and your name and address. Donations can also be placed in the Poor Box at any time during the Christmas season!

#### ShareLife: Twice the Impact!

Your gift will double in value! Until the year's end, your contribution to our parish's ShareLife campaign will be matched by an anonymous donor up to a total of \$500,000. Please give website. through our parish or at sharelife.org/donate

#### **SUNDAY OFFERTORY ENVELOPES**

Thank you for your continued weekly support of our parish through Sunday Offertory Envelopes and our Pre-Authorized Giving Program. 2026 envelope boxes will be available for pickup in the church lobby next weekend. Boxes will be arranged alphabetically by last name. Kindly pick up your box as soon as possible, but DO NOT use until 2026. Please notify the office if you would like to obtain an envelope box for 2026 or if your address has changed (to receive an income tax receipt that properly reflects your contributions). Parish registration forms are available in the office, or you may submit а completed copy electronically through our parish website under the tab "RESOURCES".



# ADVENT PARISH RECONCILIATION Wednesday, December 17

7 - 9 PM

# CHRISTMAS EVE Wednesday, December 24

4 PM, 6 PM, 9 PM & midnight

#### CHRISTMAS DAY Thursday, December 25

8:30 AM, 10 AM, 12 PM (There will be NO evening Mass)

#### NEW YEAR'S EVE Wednesday, 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 Thursday, January 1

10 AM & 12 PM

(Holy day of obligation. There will be NO 8:30 AM Mass & NO evening Mass)

#### **WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS**

#### Monday, December 1 | 12:15 PM

+ Pauline Cyr

Thanksgiving for Aaron Ramsundar Thanksgiving by Dr. Pura

#### Tuesday, December 2 | 7 PM

- + Izilda & Agostinho De Gouveia
- + Francisco Xavier Silveira

Thanksgiving by Rosie & Manny Uy

#### Wednesday, December 3 | 12:15 PM

+ Frank & Judith Correa, + Joe Fernandes Special Intention for Robert & Bernadette Douglas & family

#### Thursday, December 4 | 7 PM

- + Vilbina D'Souza, + Antonetta Batista
- + Aquilla De Souza

#### Friday, December 5 | 12:15 PM

+ Michael Yoo, + Holy Souls in Purgatory Special Intention of the Pereira family

#### Friday, December 5 | 7 PM

- + Malcolm Lee, + Angelina Palmieri
- + Philomena & Anthonypillai

#### Saturday, December 6 | 9 AM

- + Rose Yu Garcia, + Andrew Barretto,
- + Michael D'Cruz, + Madeline Hosein,
- + Shari Konecny, + Caroline Mestidio,
- + Melania Herrera, + Roque Manrique

Thanksgiving in honor of Blessed Virgin Mary Thanksgiving to St. Michael

#### Saturday, December 6 | 5 PM

- + Rose Yu Garcia
- + Deceased Members of Luk & Chui families Thanksgiving for Francis Pereira

#### Saturday, December 6 | 7 PM

- + Margaret & S. B. John, + Emilio Rafael Fereira
- + Alejandro Bazan

#### Sunday, December 7 | 8:30 AM

- + Grace Misquita
- + Thomas & Elsie
- + Tiberius Fernandes

#### Sunday, December 7 | 10 AM

For all of our parishioners

#### Sunday, December 7 | 12 PM

- + Danielle Rodrigues
- + Christine & Salvador D'Mello

Thanksgiving by Rey & Amy Balatbat

#### Sunday, December 7 | 7 PM

- + Gilberto Jimenez
- + Louise Moccia

Thanksqiving by Mikle & Marissa Juarez

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