Merciful Redeemer Parish Bulletin
First Sunday of Advent
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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!

Give here 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

Merciful Moms | Thurs. 10:30 AM - 12 PM
Contact jane@mercifulredeemer.org
Legion of Mary | Wed. 6 PM
Contact leilap9557@gmail.com
Young Adult Ministry | Biweekly Thurs. 7 PM
Contact redeemed@mercifulredeemer.org
Knights of Columbus
Contact grandknight16254@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
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mass Readings

First Reading: Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9
Gospel: Mark 13:33-37

Sunday Offertory Envelopes

ENVELOPE BOXES FOR 2027 will be available Monday, Nov. 30th onwards in the church lobby: Boxes will be arranged alphabetically by Last name. Kindly pick up box as soon as possible, but DO NOT use until 2027.

If you are new to the parish and would like to receive a box of envelopes for 2027, please contact the Parish office.

Make your gift to ShareLife & DOUBLE your impact!

Until the end of the year, donations to our parish's ShareLife campaign will be matched by an anonymous donor, up to $500,000! Your generosity supports over 40 agencies providing food, family counselling, care for seniors, and other vital services. Double your impact by donating through a ShareLife envelope, our parish website, or sharelife.org/donate.

REDEEMED - Young Adult Ministry (18-35)
Next Redeemed Night: December 3, 2026
Mental Health Retreat: Christmas Social

Join us for our LAST REDEEMED NIGHT OF 2026! We will be having a Potluck, accompanied by some fun Christmas Party Games! Following the 7 PM Mass, head downstairs for an opportunity to reconnect and meet with fellow young adults.

If you are planning on joining us, we encourage you to bring enough food (main course, dessert, or drinks) enough to feed 5 people.

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.org/young-adult

Annual parish Christmas party
December 13 | 1 - 5 PM | St. Aloysius Gonzaga

Join us for our annual parish Christmas party, hosted by the Knights of Columbus. The party will be held at St. Aloysius Gonzaga High School, and there will be food, music, games, a magic show and photos.

Tickets: Adults - $20 | Kids (up to 12 years) - $10
The tickets will go on sale after all weekend Masses starting November 21 and will also be available in the parish office on weekdays.

Christmas Bake and Bites Sale | Dec. 12/13

We will be having a Christmas Bake and Bites Sale on the weekend of December 12 and 13. Delicious food and baked goods will be on sale including Christmas crafts. Money raised will go to ShareLife to reach our goal before the end of the year.

If you are a baker or a chef or are good with crafts, we are asking for donations of food and baked goods. Please send an email to ppereira@archtoronto.org if you can help.

Diaper/Toy Crib Drive | Nov. 28 - Dec 11

The Knights of Columbus will be having a Diaper/Toy Crib Drive starting Saturday, November 28th and ending on Friday, December 11th, 2026. Items mostly in need are diapers, sizes 3 and up, wipes and baby hygiene items. We thank all parishioners for their generosity.

2026 Christmas Drive: Nov. 28/29 | Dec. 5/6

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul is launching its annual Christmas drive earlier this year to support local families in need. Members will collect donations on November 28 & 29 and December 5 & 6. While grocery gift cards from FreshCo, Walmart and Loblaws are encouraged, monetary donations are preferred.

Tax receipts are available for donations/gift cards over $20. Please include the store receipt, your name and address. Donations can also be placed in the Poor Box at any time during the Christmas Season.

Feast of the Immaculate Conception | Dec. 8

Join us for the Hour of Grace from 12 - 1 PM. We will pray Psalm 51 three times with outstretched arms while it is projected on the screens. There will be NO Mass on Dec. 8th at 12:15 pm (there will only be the usual 7 PM Mass). May Our Blessed Mother bless you and your family!

Christmas & New Year Schedule

Advent Parish Reconciliation

Wednesday, December 16
7 - 9 PM

Christmas Eve

Thursday, December 24
4 PM | 6 PM | 9 PM | MIDNIGHT

Christmas Day

Friday, December 25
8 AM | 10 AM | NOON
There will be NO evening Mass

New Year's Eve

Thursday, 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
Friday, January 1
10 AM | NOON
There will be NO 8:30 am Mass & NO Evening Mass

"The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light."
Isaiah 9:2



WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, November 30 | 12:15 PM
+ Stanka Sebuk, + Aurelia Fronda
+ Deceased Members of the Fernandes & Ferrao Families

Tuesday, December 1 | 7 PM
+ Pauline Cyr, + Sp. Intention for Aaron Ramsundar
Thanksgiving for Rosie & Manuel Uy

Wednesday, December 2 | 12:15 PM
+ Agnes Menezes, + Tony Fernandes,
+ Janet Del Rosario, + Anna Perfetti,
+ Alexander Fernandes, + Charmaine Jacques
Sp. Intention for Vlad Hrebenak
Sp. Intention for Patricia & Simpa Ukonga
Sp. Intentions for Robert & Bernadette Douglas & Family
Thanksgiving for Fr. Seamus, Fr. John & Fr. Alphonse

Thursday, December 3 | 7 PM
+ Joe Fernandes, + Stanka Sebuk
Thanksgiving for Francis Pereira

Friday, December 4 | 12:15 PM
+ Roque Manrique, + Rose Yu Garcia
Sp. Intention for Pereira Family

Friday, December 4 | 7 PM
+ Holy Souls
Sp. Intentions for Cheryl & Nigel
Thanksgiving by Victor & Uma Ferrao

Saturday, December 5 | 9 AM
+ Pilar Aguilar, + Stanka Sebuk,
+ Conceicao Pereira, + Rafael & Narcisa Lopez,
+ Liberato Basobas, + Mariano Lopez
+ Enrique & Corazon Lopez, + Maximino & Fermina Cruz, + Lucas & Epemaca Cruz
Sp. Intention for Martin & Madeline Baptista
Thanksgiving by Sulay Family

Saturday, December 5 | 5 PM
+ Malcolm Lee, + Silvester Mariathas
+ Deceased Members of the Luk & Chui Families

Saturday, December 5 | 7 PM
+ Margaret & S.B. John
+ Sp. Intention by Edgar Fernandez
Thanksgiving by Licudine Family

Sunday, December 6 | 8:30 AM
+ Felix Monteiro, + Tiberius Fernandes,
+ Salvador & Cristine DMello

Sunday, December 6 | 10 AM
For all of our parishioners

Sunday, December 6 | 12 PM
+ Victor Rodrigues, + Antoinette Crasto
Thanksgiving by Fernando & Cynthia

Sunday, December 6 | 7 PM
+ Stanka Sebuk, Alejandro Bazan
Sp. Intention for Harriette Van Spall

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