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Appointment required

Tuesday 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

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Saturday 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

MASS TIMES

Monday 12:15 PM

Tuesday 7:00 PM

Wednesday 12:15 PM

Thursday 7:00 PM

Friday 12:15 PM

Saturday 9:00 AM,

5:00 PM*, 7:00 PM*

*Sunday vigil Mass

Sunday 8:30 AM, 10:00 AM,

12:00 PM, 7:00 PM

CHURCH HOURS

Mon., Wed., Fri. 1:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Tues., Thurs. 11:00 AM - 7:00 PM

Sat. 10:00 AM - 2:30 PM

Sun. 2:00 PM - 4:30 PM

ADORATION CHAPEL

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PARISH COMMUNITY

Charismatic Prayer Group Mondays, 7:00 - 8:00 PM

St. JP II Theology of the Body Prayer Group Wednesdays, 9:00 - 10:00 PM, by Zoom, tob@bell.net

Knights of Columbus Michael Fonseca, gk16254@ontariokofc.ca

Men's Fraternity Saturdays, 8:00-10:00 AM, by Zoom

Merciful Moms Tuesdays, 9:30-11:30 AM

Youth Ministry <https://mercifulredeemer.org/youth-ministry>

Forged Young Adult Ministry www.forgedministry.com

Society of St. Vincent de Paul www.mrcssvp.ca

Catholic Cemeteries & Funeral Services www.catholic-cemeteries.com

Bible Study Group Wednesdays, 7:30-9:00 PM

CONFESSION TIMES

Tuesday 6:00 - 7:00 PM

Saturday 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM

TODAY'S MASS READINGS

First Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34

Second Reading: Hebrews 5:7-9

Gospel: John 12:20-33

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, March 22, 12:15 PM

+ Phillip Michael Stewart

Tuesday, March 23, 7:00 PM

+ Silvano SanFrancisco

Thanksgiving for Monsignor Owen Keenan

Special Intention for Tenedero Family

Wednesday, March 24, 12:15 PM

+ Francisca Pavalam-Selvadurai

+ Deceased Members of Fernandes Family

+ Francesca Ann & Joseph Lee

+ Lee Lockwood

Thursday, March 25, 7:00 PM

+ Teotonio Francisco Goes

+ Bridget D'Souza

Thanksgiving to Our Lady

Friday, March 26, 12:15 PM

+ Bernice Rackoczy

+ Anthony Liut

+ Marlito Rabang

Saturday, March 27, 9:00 AM

+ Basilia Mancera Saraum

+ Deceased Members of Dias Family

+ Debbie Pereira

+ Juliet Sebastina Trinidad

+ Mila Sison

Saturday, March 27, 5:00 PM

+ Vincent Lao III

+ Leandro & Filomena Valenton

Thanksgiving

Sunday, March 28, 8:30 AM

Thanksgiving by the Amores Family

Sunday, March 28, 10:00 AM

For All Parishioners

Sunday, March 28, 12:00 PM

+Walter Sequeira

+ Deceased Members of the Gaspari Family

Special Intention for Michael & Debbie Walker

Thanksgiving by Pressy D'Mello

Thanksgiving by Shirley Palomares

SUNDAY REFLECTION

As we continue our Lenten journey, the prophet Jeremiah turns our attention to the new covenant God desires to establish with his people. "All, from least to greatest, will know the Lord. He will write the law on our hearts and forgive our evil-doing and remember our sins no more."

In today's Gospel, Jesus announces that the "hour" has come. When he is lifted up from the earth, he will draw all to himself. Jesus has chosen to strip himself of his divinity and become human like us so that we would know the great love God has for us.

Now he is preparing himself to be the grain of wheat that will fall to the ground and die in order to produce much fruit. This will be the hour of our salvation. Because Jesus is obedient to his Father whom he loves dearly, he will suffer and die for the sins of the whole world. He will reconcile the whole human race with God. With his death and rising, Jesus will complete God's new covenant. Through the grace of baptism, God's law is now written on our hearts. We become God's children once again, able to call God "Father."

When we go within our hearts to listen to God's word, we must not be surprised that we encounter a challenge. Jesus will challenge us to follow him wherever he goes, to do the will of his Father, as he did. Like Jesus, we may feel troubled at times with what we have to face each day. Like Jesus, we will come to understand that our Father is with us in everything we do.

We have nothing to fear. We heard Jesus tell us:

"Whoever serves me, the father will honor."

That is Jesus' promise to us.

Let us be faithful to the new covenant Jesus has made with us. Let us listen to our heart; it is there that God speaks to us. Let us strive each day to do with love all that our God asks of us. Let us ask Jesus, who has died and risen for us, to draw us closer to him and one another each day.

Gospel Reflection CF: <https://oblates.squarespace.com/sundays-salesian-feed/fifth-sunday-of-lent-march-21-2021>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Week's Readings

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4 - 7

Second Reading: Philipians 2:6 - 11

Gospel: Mark 14:1 - 15:47

Croatian-Canadian Scholarship Fund

The In2ition Scholarship Award offers a scholarship in the aggregate amount of up to \$40,000.00 CAD to be awarded to one (1) high school student enrolled as a full-time undergraduate student at a university in Canada for the 2021/2022 school year. This scholarship is awarded primarily on the basis of financial need as well as academic merit/ scholastic achievement, previously demonstrated capacity for successful completion of studies, and a capacity for high achievement.

The deadline for submissions is May 31, 2021.

To find out more and apply, please visit <https://croat.ca/croatian-canadian-scholarship-fund-is-accepting-applications-for-the-in2ition-scholarship-award-2021/>

Invitation to Learn and Grow Through CFO

Do you wish you knew and understood Catholicism better? Do you struggle to express what the Church believes, with confidence, joy and peace? Are you living up to your Catholic Baptismal call to be a missionary disciple?

"The disciple of Christ must not only keep the faith and live on it, but also profess it, confidently bear witness to it, and spread it: 'All however must be prepared to confess Christ before men and to follow him along the way of the Cross, amidst the persecutions which the Church never lacks.' Service of and witness to the faith are necessary for salvation: 'So everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven; but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven.'" -CCC 1816

Join the Catholic Faith Outreach (CFO): deepen your relationship with Jesus and learn how to share the message with others. **For more information please contact:** Yvonne Kam (yvonne@webkam.ca), Adela Griffiths (adela.griffiths@rogers.com), Angela Sanguinetti (angelasanguinetti@hotmail.com), Nanette Sta. Cruz (nanette@live.ca)

Help for Seminararians

The Archdiocese of Toronto is sponsoring two Vietnamese seminararians from the Diocese of Bui Chu, in their vocation to the Priesthood. The government in Vietnam might not otherwise allow them to pursue their studies, and this is one concrete help St Augustine's Seminary is giving to our persecuted brothers and sisters in Vietnam.

The two seminararians are in need of some material assistance. If you are able, please let Msgr Owen know if you have for:

Peter Tran: one coat, one sweater (size Small, long zip and black colour) and one snow boot (size 8 and black colour).

Joseph: one coat, one sweater (size Medium, long zip and black colour) and one snow boot (size 9 and black colour).

Any donation is welcome. Thank you again for your generosity.

Announcing the 2021 ShareLife Campaign

ShareLife Sunday is April 18th. Our parish goal for this year's campaign is \$247, 900.

This year we are encouraging you to give at sharelife.org, where you can make a one-time or monthly gift by credit card and designate it to our parish's campaign. Monthly giving is a convenient way to spread your ShareLife contribution over the course of a year.

To donate and set up or learn more about PAG (pre-authorized giving), please visit <https://sharelife.org/how-to-help/ways-to-give/monthly-giving/>

Contact ShareLife at slife@archtoronto.org or 416-934-3411 if you have any questions about pre-authorized giving. **Thank you for supporting ShareLife!**

Easter Flowers

Help us decorate our Sanctuary with a donation of Easter Lilies and hydrangeas. You may wish to offer them in memory of a loved one. All hydrangea and lily donations will be gratefully received by THURSDAY 1 April for placement in the sanctuary for the Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday celebrations. Thank you for your kindness

LENT IS HERE!

GET INVOLVED

Welcome Back to the Adoration Chapel!

Sunday	9:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Monday	10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Tuesday	10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Wednesday	10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Thursday	10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Friday	10:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Please observe the following:

MAXIMUM of 9 Visitors at a time
(The Church is also available private prayer.)

SIGN IN and OUT at each visit

(Use the Registered* or Drop-in Visitors' log)

SANITIZE your area before leaving

CLOSE the Angelic Doors covering the Monstrance if the Chapel will be empty when you leave

Register with the Adoration Ministry at (905) 812-0030 ext. 9 or email adoration@mercifulredeemer.org with your name, phone number and day and time of the regular weekly hour visit you promise to keep.

Stations of the Cross

Friday evenings during Lent, 7:00 p.m.

Join us as we Livestream the Stations of the Cross each Friday at 7:00 p.m. When we reopen, we will be able to walk the Via Crucis together. In the meantime, let us accompany Christ as He takes up His Cross to bring us life. The livestream link can be found on our website under "Parish Life".

Lenten Prayer

Lord God Almighty, shaper and ruler of all creatures, we pray for your great mercy, that you guide us towards you, for we cannot find our way. Guide us to your will, to the need of our soul, for we cannot do it ourselves. And make our mind steadfast in your will and aware of our soul's need. Strengthen us against the temptations of the devil, and remove from us all lust and every unrighteousness, and shield us against our foes, seen and unseen.

Teach us to do your will, that we may inwardly love you before all things with a pure mind. For you are our maker and our redeemer, our help, our comfort, our trust, our hope; praise and glory be to you now and forever.

In this season of Lent, we're reminded of our own difficulties and struggles. Sometimes the way has seemed too dark. Sometimes we feel like our lives have been marked by such grief and pain, we don't see how our circumstance can ever change. But in the midst of our weakness, we ask that you would be strong on our behalf. Lord, rise up within us, let your Spirit shine out of every broken place we've walked through. Allow your power to be manifest through our own weakness, so that others will recognize it is You who is at work on our behalf.

We ask that you would trade the ashes of our lives for the beauty of your Presence. Trade our mourning and grief for the oil of joy and gladness from your Spirit. Trade our despair for hope and praise. We choose to give you thanks today and believe that this season of darkness will fade away. Thank you that you are with us in whatever we face and that you are greater than this trial. We know and recognize that you are Sovereign, we thank you for the victory that is ours because of Christ Jesus, and we are confident that you have good still in store for our future. We thank you that you are at work right now, trading our ashes for greater beauty. We praise you, for you make all things new. **In Jesus' Name, Amen.**





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TO BE JOYFUL & FEARLESS

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For Middle School Students (Gr. 6-8)

Schedule and Time Slot: Every 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month, 4:30 PM - 6 PM

Next Edge Night: Saturday, April 17th, 2021

There will be no Edge on April 3rd in observance of Holy Week.

Edge is a middle-school ministry program that aims to offer a safe and fun environment where you can learn more about your faith. If interested, please register using the link found on the parish website at www.mercifulredeemer.org/youth-ministry. Once you register your child with the link provided, you will automatically be sent the Zoom link before every Edge night.



For High School Students (Gr. 9-12)

Schedule and time Slot: Every 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month, 4:30pm-6 PM

Next Life Night: Saturday, March 27th, 2021

Lifeteen is a high-school youth ministry that strives to lead teens closer to Christ by strengthening our teens' Catholic identity, while also rooting them firmly in Christ and in His Church. If you are interested in joining the program in our parish, please register your child using the link found on the parish website at www.mercifulredeemer.org/youth-ministry. Once you register your child with the link provided, you will automatically be sent the Zoom link before every Life night. Join us for our next Life night where we will be talking about the Holy Triduum!

Save The Date!

March Prayer Time - Lectio and Visio Divina
Every Tuesday of March from 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Come join us as we pray as one Youth Ministry every Tuesday this month from 4-5 PM. As we continue to journey with the Lord in this season of Lent, we will be reflecting on the Word of God and some inspiring pictures. This is an opportunity for us to dive deeper into Scripture and to spend some time together in prayer. For the Zoom link, please send us an email.

Lifeteen Games Night
24 March from 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Edge Games Night
25 March from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Edge Movie Night
Postponed to another week. More details to come soon.

Youth Ministry Rosary
30 March from 4 - 4:30 p.m.

EDGE Camp and Camp Merciful are coming soon! See page 6 for more details.

Youth Ministry Summer Activities

As with everything else, the COVID-19 pandemic shut down all our summer events for 2020. Many of our youth were greatly saddened by this news as they look forward to events such as these that we host every year in the summertime. However, we are happy to announce two great opportunities for youth this summer:



EDGE CAMP

Firstly, in conjunction with the Office of Catholic Youth, we're planning a five-day summer Edge Camp.

Edge Camp is an experience unlike any other. In addition to Mass, Confession, Faith talks, sharing and prayer, there are also many outdoor activities you can participate in such as ziplining, mountain biking, and canoeing and various sports you can play in.

Edge Camp is for all those in Grades 5-8 and the price is \$425. This cost covers transportation to and from Camp White Pine, accommodations, meals, camp gear and activities.

Edge Camp is an amazing opportunity as it gives our young people a chance to learn about their faith in a fun setting, to meet new like-minded friends, and to pray and encounter our Lord Jesus Christ and His Church. More information will be available at a future Parent's Info Night once we receive more updates.

CAMP MERCIFUL

We are confident that, with vaccine roll-out and warmer weather, in addition to our own safety and sanitization protocols, that we can safely offer this great experience for kids once again.

Camp Merciful is a day-camp run out of our very own parish where children can grow in their faith, build Christ-centered relationships with their peers, and have fun! We offer entertaining games, prayer, exploration, and reflection for your young ones currently in grades 1-5.

Parents have the option of enrolling their children for 1 or 2 weeks of Camp. The dates are as follows:

Week 1: July 12-16 (9am-3:30pm, Monday-Friday)

Week 2: July 19-23 (9am-3:30pm, Monday-Friday)

The cost for one week of camp is \$150 and if your child wishes to attend both weeks, it will be a total of \$250. Please save the date as spots will be limited due to the possible restrictions we may have for the Main Hall.

We all know how valuable experiences like Camp Merciful and Edge Camp can be for our youth; the benefits of being outdoors and spending time with our peers contributes immeasurably to the well-being of children. We would love for all our young people to have the opportunity to attend Camp Merciful and/or Edge Camp this year.

Please note that no child will be denied the opportunity to attend either of these events because of financial constraints. Should there be financial pressures, please speak with Msgr Owen and arrangements will be made. If, on the other hand, you can financially assist us by sponsoring a child's, please also contact Msgr Owen. In all that you do, ask you kindly to support our youth by lifting a prayer for them and Youth ministry.

For registration and further information, please email Danielle, our Youth Ministry Coordinator, at mercifulredeemerym@gmail.com or call our Youth office at (905) 812-0030 ext. 7. God bless and we are praying for you!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

COMING UP

2021 Virtual Ontario Prayer Breakfast

29 March, 2021 from 7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.

Online Event

The 53rd Ontario Prayer Breakfast will be held virtually this year on Monday, March 29 from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. Join us at the beginning of Holy Week as we enjoy a time of prayer, musical reflection and hear from individuals whose faith has sustained and guided them on the frontline of care and ministry during the pandemic.

The Ontario Prayer Breakfast is organized by the Christian community, bringing together a diverse group of professional, political, corporate and faith leaders from across our province. In past years, close to 1,000 attendees would gather together, regardless of denominational, political or ideological affiliations to join in a time of prayer for our leaders, our province and our communities.

Complimentary registration and more information can be found at: www.ontarioprayerbreakfast.ca

Reserve your ticket early. Space is limited to 1,000 virtual guests.

Virtual Come & See

26 March, 2021 from 7:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Online Event

The Office of Vocations is hosting a Come & See Weekend for single Catholic men who are 17+ years of age, via Zoom from Friday, March 26 (7 p.m.) to Saturday, March 27 (5 p.m.). This event is designed to cultivate a deeper prayer life and relationship with Jesus Christ; leading to a better discernment of God's call for their lives. Time for prayer, reflection and information on the process of becoming one of Christ's disciples as a Catholic priest. Register at www.vocationstoronto.ca

For more information, please contact the Office of Vocations by email: vocations@archtoronto.org

Solemnity of the Annunciation Mass

25 March, 2021 at 12:15 p.m.

Join us for a special Mass on March 25th at 12:15 p.m. to celebrate the Solemnity of the Annunciation! Registration through Eventbrite is mandatory. Visit www.mercifulredeemer.org/mass-times to register!

Holy Week and Easter Schedule

HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 1

Celebration of the Mass of the Lord's Supper
7:00 p.m.

followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 10:00 p.m.

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 2

Passion of the Lord Service

10:00 a.m., 12:30 p.m. & 3:00 p.m.

6:30 p.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet & Novena each evening until Saturday April 10
7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross*

HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 3

Blessing of Food at 11:00 a.m. in the Church
(Socially Distanced)

Easter Vigil at 8:00 p.m.

(NO Confessions at 4 p.m. and NO Mass at 5 & 7 p.m.)

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 4

Resurrection of the Lord

Mass Times: 8:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m. & 12 noon
& 7:00 p.m.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY, APRIL 11

Mass Times: 8:30, 10:00, 12 noon & 7:00 p.m.

2:30 p.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet

Feast Day Mass at 3:00 p.m.

NOTE: Divine Mercy Novena Devotions on Holy Saturday 3 April will be @ 3:00 p.m. (not 6:30 p.m.)

The Power of Catholic Community

He who lives without discipline dies without honor.

This profound statement was shared by a close friend who is active military and a fellow devout Catholic. It propelled us into a larger discussion about how it takes discipline to be a disciple of Jesus Christ. In fact, both words have the same Latin root. Perhaps at no other time in the Church's calendar year does discipline, or the lack thereof, show itself more than Lent.

I know I've started many a Lent with gusto only to end up floundering due to my lack of stick-to-itiveness.

The conversation took flight, as it always does with my military friend, and I began to reflect on the importance of friends like him and my other college roommates who helped me become more disciplined and, ultimately, a better disciple.

The book of Proverbs says, "Iron sharpens iron, and one man sharpens another" (27:17).

This was on display for me in college when I participated in a men's Bible study that radically changed the lives of every man in the study. It wasn't just the once-a-week gathering that shaped us, it was the fact we were actually friends. We worked out together, ate together, laughed together, lived together, hosted Super Bowl parties together, challenged each other to do the right thing, and thus, helped each other become better men and better disciples. I cannot exaggerate the importance of these men in my life. Only God knows where I'd be without them, probably in Hell or en route.

So what was it about the college years that enabled me to draw closer to friends and God?

Well, Aristotle thought of friendship as seeing oneself in another. In God's infinite grace and perfect timing, we dull swords were all brought together to sharpen one another (and believe me, we all needed sharpening). However, there were two crucial pieces making it all possible, and both were deep within us.

We were drawn to truth. All of us wanted and pursued that which was true. We had all seen the counterfeits enough to recognize there had to be something more. In time, we came to see the truth was, in reality, Truth with a capital "T," and that Truth had taken on human flesh (John 1:14). We fell in love with the Person who is the Truth, Jesus Christ.

We were invited without ulterior motives or pressure. The power of invitation goes hand-in-hand with the power to freely choose. Nobody forced us. It was just good men extending their hands personally into the lives of other men. There is something about the human condition that needs freedom in order to flourish (John 10:18). For some of us, it took only one invitation, for others, many.

Of the eight men who formed our college Bible study, four ended up in the seminary, discerning whether God was calling them to become priests. Only one became a priest, the others discerned God was calling them to married life. It was our small Catholic community, built on a college campus, that led each of us to find our vocation.

This is why I'm passionate about what I do today. It is my job as the Director of Residence Life at Ave Maria University to create a culture of community, enabling men and women to encounter God through their personal interactions.

An authentic Catholic community is powerful, and my friends and I can witness to this. Unfortunately, the world in which we live is a world of isolationism, and I'm not referring to COVID-19 protocols, which merely exacerbate the situation. The 21st century is full of social media and technology supposedly "uniting" us, but in fact, further dividing us.

Rates of depression, anxiety, and suicide have all been rising over the past 20 years. It's no wonder people are afraid. They have few real friends and are being isolated further and further from reality and the ability to engage in lasting, fruitful relationships. Yet, "perfect love casts out fear" (1 John 4:18). We who live in an authentic Catholic community are able to live in faith, hope, and love. It is only through this exchange with others man develops his potential and thus responds to his vocation (CCC 1879).

Article CF: <https://media.ascensionpress.com/2021/03/10/the-power-of-catholic-community/>