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OFFICE HOURS

Appointment required

Tuesday 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM Thursday 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM 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 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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 St. Rose of Lima School
 4590 The Gallops | (905) 828 4076

 St. Sebastian School
 3460 Aquinas Ave. | (905) 607 0107

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: Acts 10:34a, 37-43 Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-4 Gospel: John 20:1-9

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, April 5, 12:15 PM

+ Lirio Calalo

+ Margaret John Thanksgiving

Tuesday, April 6, 7:00 PM

+ Lucres Fernandes,

- + Antonia & Vincenzo Bono
- + Vincentinho Diogo Mazarello

Wednesday, April 7, 12:15 PM

+ Aurora Manalo Special Intention for Robert & Bernadette Douglas & Family Special Intention for SIvica Lukic

Thursday, April 8, 7:00 PM

- + Francis Rodrigues
- + Philomena Vannitamby
- + Rabi Rabindran

Friday, April 9, 12:15 PM

+ David Young, + Deceased Members of Coutinho Family

+ Holy Souls in Purgatory

Saturday, April 10, 9:00 AM

+ Marilyn Go Ardiente Special Intention for Dr. Ivete Pinto Special Intention for Isobel Beatttie Thanksgiving by Willy & Remcy Menezes Thanksgiving by the Crisafi Family Thanksgiving by Rommel Arevalo

Saturday, April 10, 5:00 PM

- + Deceased Members of Luk & Chui Families
- + Gerald Fernandes
- + Anthony Liut

Saturday, April 10, 7:00 PM

Sunday, April 11, 8:30 AM + Abduljalil Matloob & Widad Kassab

Sunday, April 11, 10:00 AM + John & Mary Pace

Sunday, April 11, 12:00 PM

+ Joseph Leones-Gabua

- + Segunda Jo Lim
- + Philips Yogendiran

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET @ 2:30 p.m. DIVINE MERCY FEAST DAY MASS @ 3:00 p.m.

Sunday, April 11, 7:00 PM

SUNDAY REFLECTION

"...for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead."

My brothers and sisters, Jesus is risen from the dead! Alleluia! He has conquered sin and death! Let us rejoice!

The dying and rising of Jesus is the foundation of our faith, the reality on which our hope is built. We have been made new in baptism. Jesus has shared his risen life with us. We have become his brothers and sisters, children of the Father, gifted with the presence of the Holy Spirit. And we are destined to share the fullness of divine life in eternity.

While we are here on this earth, we are to keep our eyes on the things above as we go about living our daily life in sincerity and truth. Because we are a new creation, we have the power to live a life that reflects God's loving presence in our world. Like our brother Jesus, we are to live for the good of others. We are to make God's compassion, mercy, healing and empowerment evident for all to see in the way you and I choose to live.

Today we are invited to put aside our past ways of living and let the yeast of Jesus' death and rising rise within us and change us. As we look around us and see the signs of new life in the trees and the flowers, we can use them as a reminder of the newness we want to bring to our daily living: the greens of compassion and patience, the reds of zeal for justice and truth, the whites of simplicity, the yellows of hope and joy, the purples of forgiveness and healing.

As we renew our baptismal promises this morning, let us go deep within our heart to get in touch with the divine life flowing in us. Let us remember that we are beloved children of our God, brothers and sisters of Jesus who has died and risen for us. Let us resolve to be newness of life to all we meet today and tomorrow, and every day.

My brothers and sisters, Jesus our brother is risen! Let us rejoice and be glad!

Gospel Reflection CF: https://oblates.squarespace.com/sundays-salesian-feed/palm-sunday-passion-of-the-lord-march-28-2021

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Week's Readings

First Reading: Acts 4:32-35 Second Reading: 1 John 5:1-6 Gospel: John 20:19-31

ShareLife: Living the Gospel by Sharing our Blessings

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. Using a green ShareLife envelope, available from the parish office, simply fill out the form on the envelope and include a void cheque. Submit it to the parish office or drop it in the offertory basket at any time. Contact ShareLife at slife@archtoronto.org or 416-934-3411 if you have any questions about pre-authorized giving. Thank you for supporting ShareLife!

Divine Mercy Sunday

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.

Visit www.mercifulredeemer.org/holyweek to find out more and to register through Eventbrite.

Archdiocesan Week of Prayer for Vocations

For the week of April 19-24, let us all join, as a community, in prayer for vocations to the priesthood, religious or consecrated life. We also ask that you pray for our six soon-to-be priests, along with all who are discerning and who are currently in formation at St. Augustine's Seminary. Thank you for your continued support as we work and pray together to the Lord of the Harvest to send labourers into His vineyard. For more information, please email vocations@archtoronto.org.

Reclaiming Love - Theology of the Body for Everyone 20 May, 2021 from 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Online event

This event is for Everyone!

The realities of masculinity, femininity, and gender, and the relation of these to our identity, are being questioned like never before. In this free webinar, Jason Evert, internationally-known Catholic speaker and author, will lead the discussion beyond feelings to help us embrace an integrated understanding of the truth of our identity. Speaking the truth in love, he shows how the recognition of what our biology reveals helps us to understand who God created us to be and accompany others on their life's journey. Praise and Worship by Chico Nuguid, a worship leader in the Archdiocese of Toronto. To Register, please visit http:// bit.ly/reclaiminglove-reg2021

Contact: Annalisa Parente at 416-934-3400 ext. 569 or aparente@archtoronto.org

Beauty and Excellence at Merciful Redeemer

21 April from 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Please mark your calendars and plan on joining us online (and in the church, if we are allowed), as we reveal our proposals for renovations of the sanctuary and discuss upcoming maintenance improvements to our church. We will unveil the plans for our new altar, tabernacle, pulpit and baptismal font, updated sanctuary and statuary, and discuss the maintenance and upgrading issues which will continue to strengthen and better our community. Your input is requested and welcome!

We will meet on Wednesday 21 April at 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Please come and share in the excitement.

NEWS AND EVENTS!

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 a.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.

***The Adoration Chapel will be CLOSED on Good Friday and Easter Saturday and will REOPEN on Easter Sunday after the 8:30 a.m. Mass.

Easter Night of Praise 2021 9 April, 2021 fro 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Online Event

St. Dunstan's Parish invites you to a virtual Easter Praise Night. It will be aired live on our website: https:// stdunstanssc.archtoronto.org/en/

Pre-celebration music starts from 6 p.m. Anyone wishing to make a presentation can also contact us at: stdunstan@rogers.com

Come join us as we celebrate the victory of Christ, a victory that knows no bounds. Not even the pandemic can limit our joy at His resurrection, for we are an Easter people and Alleluia is our song!

Songs from the Seminary: An Evening of Music in Honour of Our Blessed Mother 15 April, 2021 from 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Online

The pandemic prevents us from gathering in person, so we will bring this concert to your home

Join us virtually from the seminary for an evening of music in honour of Our Blessed Mother.

Join online at: www.youtube.com/archtoronto

The concert is free but donations are welcome. Support the Chapel Restoration with your donation at: http://bit. ly/SeminaryChapelRestoration (type "chapel" in the comments box to direct your donation to this specific project).

Pilgrimage Tour to Hungary, Poland, Czech Republic, Austria & Germany 6 - 17 September, 2022

This tour will be under the spiritual guidance of Fr. Suresh Xavier and the cost is CA \$5,390 (taxes and tips included). This tour includes a visit to St. Faustyna's tomb and the Divine Mercy Shrine. Additionally, this tour also features the Passion Play Oberammergau 2022. All travel arrangements are made by QS Travel & Tours Inc. affiliate of Queen Syrena Travel Inc.

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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

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. What is radiant joy is and how we can share this joy with others? Tune in next Edge night to find out.



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, April 10th, 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 a night on Spirituality vs. Religion and a live Q&A with our very own, Fr. Tom!

Save The Date!

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EDGE Fellowship 8 and 22 April from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

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Lifeteen Games Night 21 April from 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.

EDGE Friendship 28 April from 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Parent Information Night 14 April from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

If you wish to join us, please send us an email to mercifulredeemrym@gmail.com

Stay tuned for next week's bulletin, as we will be sharing all the activities we have planned for your postponed-March break.

EDGE Camp and Camp Merciful are coming soon! Visit www. mercifulredeemer.org/youthministry to find out more and to register!

The Philosophy of Motherhood: Cuttivating a Domestic Church

Home. It's a triggering word. Perhaps it evokes memories of a bygone childhood. The smell of warm chocolate chip cookies wafting from the oven. The attention of a doting mother. The sound of laughter as the family gathers around the kitchen table for a hearty meal. The warmth of being tucked into bed after perusing picture books ending with "happily ever after."

Or, perhaps, the scene is more melancholy. The constant bickering of parents. Sibling confrontations. Messy countertops. Mounds of laundry. A place vacant of the words "I love you." Regardless of which scene "home" conjures up, its environment has left an indelible mark on each of us.

In the Philosophy of Motherhood course offered exclusively at Ave Maria University, Dr. Janice Breidenbach teaches how motherhood is universal and forms the home. The mother's impact is crucial to the formation of the family, and therefore, it should be studied and understood to equip those seeking to answer motherhood's vocational call.

I recently attended Breidenbach's class where she unpacked the topic of the home as the domestic church. On this particular evening, Breidenbach was aided by Dr. Tim Reilly, a psychology professor at AMU, who explained how the physical things in a home matter.

He equated the physical home environment to a movie's soundtrack, which influences how the viewer perceives the overall film. As the child grows to experience the world, the physical environment of the home sets the tone for how the child will ultimately view God, her- or himself, and others.

This "soundtrack" is influenced by the intentionality of the mother as she cultivates order within the home. Consider the beauty of the Cathedral—magnificent, ordered, and meant to cultivate reverence towards God, who is transcendent and immanent. Its beauty reminds us of the presence of God and even disposes us towards it. "Material beauty supports our longing for God," Breidenbach said. "The domestic church isn't any different; the physical beauty points to the spiritual, opening hearts to God."

Breidenbach then turned to the notion of the home as a womb: a place of beginning, safety, nourishment, growth of being alive while learning what it is to be alive. She talked about how the goal was to "copy Eden." Eden was a place of incredible beauty, peace, and intimacy with the Creator. It was a type of first church, and so it makes sense for the mother to model the home after this beautiful garden.

The mother's role in cultivating this domestic church is irreplaceable because she is the first to come into contact

with the child. Her role in fostering beauty and creating space for encounter with God cannot be overstated. This is perhaps manifested most poignantly in the "nesting" stage of pregnancy; the pregnant woman's desire to have everything "just so" and ready for her coming child is not only beautiful, but holy, as it is reflective of how she was created.

Homemaking, far from being the stereotype of "shut the woman up and put her in the kitchen," is one of the most empowering things a woman can do. Homemakers may be seen as having no societal value, but this cultural stigma could not be further from the truth.

The goal of the mother is to lead her children to Jesus, and from there, to equip them to discern their vocations. The space this happens in is sacred. The home is the physical sign of the love between the family, brought about by husband and wife, and grown and birthed in particular by the mother. Homemaking is the mother's heart for her family, even when it is manifested in the mundane tasks of laundry and dirty dishes.

There is power in the sacrifice to cultivate order through menial tasks, in particular when the mother looks to the example of Our Lady. The Blessed Mother perfectly teaches how to build a domestic church. In an instant, her "yes" transformed all of her priorities, shifted her energy, and suddenly, her whole life centered on stewarding the great gift from God—his Son. Mothers today have her as the example of making space to steward the great gifts they are given from God—their children.

Far from being discouraged by this image of anointed motherhood and the domestic church, women can draw strength from the Blessed Virgin Mary. Regardless of negative experiences with motherhood or personal limitations, women called to be mothers have tremendous access to grace to live out their vocations. The woman was created to show God's beauty to the world, particularly, to her own little world: her husband and children. It isn't about being perfect or having a designer home; rather, it is in intentionality, remaining faithful in the littlest moments and ordering homes and hearts in such a way so as to glorify God.

The Philosophy of Motherhood class beckons us to explore the obvious, the lasting impact of the home and the irreplaceable place of the mother. For a society seemingly bent on the destruction of the family, these themes are counter-cultural and transformative.

Our Lady, Holy Mother of God, pray for us!

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