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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*

*Vigil Mass

Sunday 8:30 AM, 10:00 AM, 12:00 PM, 7:00 PM

CHURCH HOURS

The church is open for private prayer from 10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. every day

ADORATION CHAPEL

Refer to page 4

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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://mercifulredeemermi.archtoronto.org/en/par-ish-life/our-ministries/outreach/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 4:32-35 Second Reading: 1 John 5:1-6

Gospel: John 20:19-31

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, April 12, 12:15 PM

+ Jose Mendoza Special Intention for Sharon McIntyre Special Intention for Austin & Alix Stephenson

Tuesday, April 13, 7:00 PM

- + Peter Charles Lobo, + Agnes Kwok Sun
- + Flora Leonardi

Wednesday, April 14, 12:15 PM

- + Theotonio Carvalho, + Marie Therese Hutnh
- + Anthony Almeida

Thursday, April 15, 7:00 PM

+ John D'Souza, + Basilisa Rabang Thanksgiving by Irma Rosa Chans

Friday, April 16, 12:15 PM

- + Deceased Members of Coutinho Family
- + Maria Carvalho

Special Intention for Philip Almayda

Saturday, April 17, 9:00 AM

- + Laz Fernandes, + Aniceto Macatangay
- + Edwin Noronha, + Alba Fernandes Special Intention for Teresa Pampena Family Special Intention for Folk Family

Saturday, April 17, 5:00 PM

+ Giles Barreto Special Intention for Stanley Lakey Special Intention for Julio Martins

Saturday, April 17, 7:00 PM

Sunday, April 18, 8:30 AM

- + Maria Isabel Nunes
- +Dalmacio & Joel Palarca
- + Monica & Francisco De Vera Sr.

Thanksgiving for Fr. Mariano Barreto

Sunday, April 18, 10:00 AM

For all parishioners

Sunday, April 18, 12:00 PM

+ Julia Arinez

Thanksgiving by Nisreen Sampson Thanksgiving for Matthew Slim

Sunday, April 18, 7:00 PM

SUNDAY REFLECTION

The heart of Thomas longed to see what the others had seen. He wanted to believe that Jesus had risen from the dead. And we just heard Jesus respond to Thomas' longing in today's Gospel.

Jesus' gift of peace entered the heart of Thomas and Thomas' faith and love poured out in response: "My Lord and my God!" Then we heard Jesus speak to disciples down through the ages:

Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.

There is a longing in the heart of every disciple to have the experience of Thomas – a deep encounter with Jesus. Our longing does not come from unbelief or disbelief. It is a longing of love and faith that seeks even deeper union with Jesus.

This longing draws us to prayer, to the Scriptures, to the Eucharist. When we come with faith and an open heart, we express our longing for union. Jesus responds in love, giving us his body and blood and often a word to encourage us to long even more deeply.

We are truly blessed Even though we have not seen as Thomas did, we believe and seek to deepen our faith and love. As Jesus responded to the longing of Thomas, he will respond to our longing by drawing us closer to him each day. May we learn to echo Thomas's cry of faith and love: "My Lord and my God!"

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 3:13-15, 17-19 Second Reading: 1 John 2:1-5a Gospel: Luke 24:35-48

ShareLife

The goal for the 2021 ShareLife Campaign is \$13.8 million. Our parish goal is \$247, 900.

"Our goal can be met, but only with your help. I invite you to join today's generation of heroes by making a sacrificial gift to ShareLife. As you contemplate the blessings God has entrusted to you, please join me in giving to ShareLife to the best of your ability." - Cardinal Thomas Collins

Next weekend, April 18, is ShareLife Sunday. Please give generously.

ATTENTION Parents of Children Receiving Their FIRST COMMUNION in May 2021

There will be a livestreamed meeting on 19 April at 7:00 p.m. regarding further instructions on the format and process of the upcoming Communion Celebration.

Please visit https://www.youtube.com/channel/ UCJR3gy_FMe90vm-opVkLi9A to join the livestream!

Archdiocesan Week of Prayer for Vocations Week of 19 - 24 April

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.

Catholic Family Services of Toronto's Online Counselling Sessions

Catholic Family Services of Toronto is now offering online quick access single sessions. Single-session counselling is a quick and effective way for individuals, couples or families to address a mental health or relationship concern. To arrange for a session, please contact: info@cfstoronto.com or 416-921-1163 or 416-222-0048. Leave us a message with your name, email and phone number, and a staff person will contact you.

Clients who are interested in pursuing other or additional services in the agency have the option to access our ongoing counselling, wellness or group programs.

Counselling fees are charged according to a client's income level. No one is denied service because of their inability to pay fees.

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 on-line (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.

We Have a New Website!!

The Archdiocese of Toronto has developed a new, more accessible website platform for all parishes within the Diocese!

Visit us at mercifulredeemermi.archtoronto.org

NEWS AND UPDATES!

CONGRATULATIONS to our 14 RCIA candidates who received the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist at the Easter Vigil!

We are so pleased that despite the restrictions and changes to our Celebrations, we were able to Initiate them all into our Catholic Faith!

We welcome them all Home!

Welcome Back to the Adoration Chapel!

Monday10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.Tuesday10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.Wednesday10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.Thursday10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.Friday10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.Saturday9:45 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.Sunday9:00 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.

I'm Not Perfect, You're Not Perfect, but It's OK 17 April from - 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Do you feel like everything in your life needs to be perfect? What does God's version of perfect mean? Women of the Word Toronto is hosting a virtual conference with guest speakers, Colleen Carroll Campbell, author of The Heart of Perfection: How the Saints Taught Me to Trade My Dream of Perfect for God's and Dr. Josephine Lombardi, theologian, author and presenter. Registration is required.

Register: www.wowblessingstoronto.com

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.

Phone: 905-412-2242 or 1-800-565-3619

Website: www.gstours.com

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

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: youtube.com/archtoronto

Our goal is to fundraise in support of the St. Augustine's Seminary Chapel Restorations project.

To donate, please visit our website at www.staugustines. on.ca/donate and type "concert" in the comments field. Thank you for your every act of spiritual and financial generosity.

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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 24th, 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. Once you register your child with the link provided, you will automatically be sent the Zoom link before every Life night.



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. 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.

Save The Date!

Refer to page 6 for all of the April break activities we have planned!

"What really matters in life is that we are loved by Christ and that we love Him in return. In comparison to the love of Jesus, everything else is secondary. And, without the love of Jesus. everything is useless."

-St. John Paul TT

Edge " April Break" Activities

Paint Night: Tues, April 13th from 4-5 PM

Grab a paint brush and a canvas! We will be channeling our inner artist and paint together online.

Trivia Night: Wed, April 14th from 4-5 PM

Come play with us at our online trivia game night. There will be a chance to win some prizes!

Edge Camp Parent Info Night: Wed, April 14th from 7-8 PM

All parents are invited for an online info night where we will be talking about the details for Edge Camp happening this summer.

Movie Night: Thurs, April 15th from 7-8:30 PM

Bring popcorn and your favourite drink for our online movie night.

Edge "Chill": Friday, April 16th, 4-5 PM

Come hang out with some of your Edge Crew leaders for some time to talk and share with one another.

For all those in Gr. 6-8.

Join us for a week of faith, friendship, and fun! Email <u>mercifulredeemerym@gmail.com</u> for more information.

5 Ways to Heal Wounds Caused by Sexual Indignity

I"Wounds need to be treated, so many wounds! So many wounds! There are so many people who are wounded by material problems, by scandals... People wounded by the world's illusions..."—Pope Francis

Since the fall of movie mogul Harvey Weinstein in late 2017, we've seen a continuous descent of men from powerful places and positions to a basically non-existent existence. Their sins of abuse, sexual harassment, and the mistreatment of women have been given the light of day, and they have fallen into shadow. Praise God that justice and accountability will be served, but the scales may have tipped too quickly. Already there's a growing sense of extremes, imbalance and a touch of hypocrisy. Hashtags like #ToxicMasculinity and t-shirts proclaiming "Girls Rule the World" and "We Don't Need You" will undoubtedly hurt us both in the end. What's needed is balance, and the beautiful reminder that we both need each other.

St. John Paul II once wrote that the "shared life of men and women... makes up the pure and simple guiding thread of existence. Human life is by its nature 'coeducational and its dignity as well as its balance depend at every moment of history and in every place of geographic longitude and latitude on 'who' she shall be for him and he for her" (TOB 43:7). I can't think of an insight or an invitation more beautiful than that.

So to help restore the balance and get men and women to come together again in trust and love, here are "Five Ways to Heal the #MeToo Movement and Solve the Problem of #ToxicMasculinity":

- 1. DIGNIFY: Let's ponder, internalize and actualize in our daily lives this additional word from that "Poet of the Divine Mysteries", St. John Paul II: "The task of every man is the dignity of every woman, and the task of every woman is the dignity of every man." (St. John Paul II, paraphrased. TOB 100:6) If this task of showing dignity is achieved, no one is deceived.
- 2. PASSIONATE PURITY: Let's know in our bones that passion (eros in Greek) is not an enemy but an invitation to love inscribed into us in the very beginning of the world by God himself! Men and women "live on this earth," Pope Francis wrote, "and all that they do and seek is fraught with passion" (Amoris Laetitia, 143). But recall it must be a self-giving, not merely self-indulging, passion in accord with the meaning of our bodies as unitive in love, and procreative in life. Selfish passion

is self-destructive and needs a "radical transformation" from selfishness to selflessness.

- 3. WONDER FOR THE OTHER: Our origin in Genesis "confirms in a definitive way the importance of sexual difference ... so that Adam's life does not sink into a sterile and, in the end, baneful encounter with himself. Only the woman, created from the same 'flesh' and cloaked in the same mystery, can give a future to the life of the man ... " (Vatican Document on the Collaboration of Men and Women in the Church). Can we stop and be amazed at the incredible differences we reveal and just revel in the wild perspectives we each bring to life? This wonder for the other is the front porch to the house that holds the human family.
- 4. TESTIFY TO LOVE: Everyone knows in their heart of hearts the difference between love and lust, its opposite. So let's do everything possible to shut up and shut down the Fifty Shades of Grey films and other works that come out of Hollywood—works that contradict the true meaning of the #MeToo movement and why it started (a movement which, ironically, is also coming out of Hollywood).
- 5. REVEAL GOD THROUGH THE BODY: Recall #1 above, that our task is the dignity of the other through showing dignity for ourselves. Point out the hypocrisy of the "nearly naked dress trends" and the inappropriate dress that is sold even at pre-teen ages. Fight it in your own way. Let the high calling of the body to reveal the beauty and wonder and communion that is God be revealed through carrying ourselves with respect and sensibility to the other person.

In the words again of our "Apostle of the Human Person", St. John Paul II:

"Man must be reconciled to his natural greatness."

This begins in the love cradle of the family! A "family is mature when the emotional life of its members becomes a form of sensitivity that... follows each one's freedom, springs from it, enriches, perfects and harmonizes it in the service of all." (Pope Francis, Joy of Love, 146).

Article CF: https://media.ascensionpress.com/2018/04/11/5-ways-to-heal-wounds-caused-by-sexual-indignity/