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OFFICE HOURS

Appointment required

Monday - Friday

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Saturday

10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

MASS TIMES

All Masses will now be
livestreamed

Mon, Wed and Fri

12:15 PM

Tues and Thurs

7:00 PM

Sat 9:00 AM, 3:00 PM (Vigil Mass)

Sun 9:00 AM

CHURCH HOURS

Mon, Wed and Fri

1:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Tues and Thurs

10:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Sat 10:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

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://mercifulredeemermi.archtoronto.org/en/parish-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 3:13-15, 17-19

Second Reading: 1 John 2:1-5a

Gospel: Luke 24:35-48

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, April 19, 12:15 PM

+ Marlito Rabang
+ Robin Ambrose,
+ Anna Beharrysingh
Thanksgiving by Nathaniel James Uy

Tuesday, April 20, 7:00 PM

+ Giles Barreto

Wednesday, April 21, 12:15 PM

+ Johnathan Potts
+ Anselma Ng
Thanksgiving by Carina Slim

Thursday, April 22, 7:00 PM

+ Paulino Fernando
+ Charles Martins
+ Enrico Alquinto

Friday, April 23, 12:15 PM

+ Deceased Members of Coutinho Family
+ Johana Mendonca
Thanksgiving by Whiting Family

Saturday, April 24, 9:00 AM

+ Vinere Rogtan, + Movin D'Souza, + Enrico Alquinto
+ Eliazarina D'Silva, + Natty Almedia,
+ Barnabas George
Special Intention for Sharon D'Souza & Family

Saturday, April 24, 3:00 PM

+ Maria Theresa Ratneya
+ Nativity Almeida
+ Charles & Lilius Stephenson
Special Intention for Rose Rodrigo
Special Intention for the Magi Family

Sunday, April 25, 9:00 AM

+ Dalmacio & Joel Palarca
+ Monica & Francisco De Vera Sr.
+ Antoni Staniszewski
+ Enrico Alquinto,
+ Gloria Macabali
Special Intention for Hector Bautista
+ Raymond Henry Travas
Thanksgiving by Shirley Palomares
Thanksgiving for Broderick Family

SUNDAY REFLECTION

It is hard for us to imagine what it must have been like to be in the room where the disciples had gathered and were now listening to the two who had just returned from Emmaus and were telling them about their experience of the risen Jesus. All of them had to have been excited and full of questions.

Then Jesus came and stood in their midst and spoke to them very gently: "Peace be with you." It's obvious that Jesus understood their amazement and confusion. He immediately wants to set their minds at ease: "See my hands and feet; it is I. Touch me; I'm not a ghost." "Have you anything to eat?" And he eats the piece of fish they gave him. We're told the disciples were incredulous with joy.

Then Jesus takes the time to explain to them all the Scriptures - from Moses and the prophets and psalms - that referred to him. All of this was to prepare them for their mission as witnesses to all these things. Jesus wants to have a similar encounter with each of us in prayer. He wants us to know him as our crucified and risen Lord. He wants us to experience him as our Advocate with the Father - the One who forgives our sins and reconciles us with the Father. He wants to open our minds and hearts to the depths of God's word in the Scriptures - words which invite us into the fullness of the mystery of God's great love and mercy - words which are meant to transform us into his brothers and sisters.

Sometimes we find ourselves tempted to think that there must be one definitive experience of Jesus that will change us forever - an experience like the one in today's Gospel. We search the books of spiritual writers, trying to find that "best" way to make this happen. And we often find ourselves frustrated - and feeling very imperfect: "I must be doing something wrong."

Today's Gospel is instructive. Jesus is the one who chooses the time and way he will reveal himself. The disciples were just there in the room; they did not have to do anything to prepare for Jesus' coming among them. They were just thinking about him and their minds were filled with questions. Then Jesus is there, telling them: "Peace be with you."

Our expectations for some definitive experience of Jesus may be blinding us to the experience that Jesus wants for us. He knows our desires - and our limitations. He may not want to overwhelm us at a particular moment. He does want us to be there in prayer with an open heart. He will fill us with his love in the way he knows we need it.

May our eagerness for an experience of Jesus in prayer always be tempered with confidence and trust in his loving care for us.

Gospel Reflection CF: <https://oblates.squarespace.com/sundays-salesian-feed/third-sunday-of-easter-april-18-2021>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Week's Readings

First Reading: Acts 4:8-12
Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-2
Gospel: John 10:11-18

ShareLife

This weekend is ShareLife Sunday, please give generously!

"Vulnerable members of our community are relying on you and me to ensure ongoing access to the care they so desperately need. This is why it's crucial we meet our parish campaign goal of \$13.8 million. Our goal can be met, but only if we each do our part." - Cardinal Thomas Collins

Our Parish goal is \$247, 900.

First Communion and Confirmation

With regret, all First Communion and Confirmation Masses are cancelled until further notice.

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.

CANCELLED: Beauty and Excellence at Merciful Redeemer (was 21 April from 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.)

Unfortunately, due to updated COVID restrictions, our renovation reveal is cancelled and renovations will be postponed.

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.qstours.com

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.

Communion Service

Merciful Redeemer is holding Communion services for the duration of lockdown. The schedule is as follows:

SATURDAY

5:00 p.m. – 8:50 p.m.
in 10-minute intervals.

SUNDAY

10:00 a.m. - 1:50 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. - 7:50 p.m.
in 10-minute intervals

NOTE: Registration is mandatory, will open on a weekly basis (every Sunday at 2:00 PM) and will close ONE DAY before Communion service begins. There are only eight spots available per time slot.

Visit mercifulredeemer.mi.archtoronto.org
for more information and to register for
Communion Service.

NEWS AND UPDATES!

Welcome Back to the Adoration Chapel!

Monday	1:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Tuesday	10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday	1:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Thursday	10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Friday	1:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Saturday	10:00 a.m. – 2:30 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.

Online Bereavement Introductory Program

Program Objective

The Online Bereavement Introductory Program offers both women and men a learning environment which is safe, welcoming and non-judgmental. The program provides 4 weeks of psycho-education, which assists and accompanies the bereaved in exploring grief, experiencing healing and renewing faith. The program resources include PowerPoint, audio/video media and time will be allocated for questions and group discussion.

Program Goals

- Understanding the fundamentals of grief and mourning
 - Explaining the transitional dynamics of loss
 - Developing skills for emotional management and practical care
 - Renewing faith and rediscovery of personal spirituality
- Program Access

The ideal candidate is ready and able to participate in a group setting. Each candidate will be screened prior, to being considered for admittance into the program.

Start date & time: Wednesday May 12, 2021 @ 7:00 pm

Total cost: no charge

For more information and to register please contact:
Arcangelo Limanni, MRE (416) 921-1163 ext. 2225
alimanni@cfstoronto.com

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

Visit us at mercifulredeemermi.archtoronto.org



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LOVE, WALK WITH & EMPOWER THE YOUTH OF OUR COMMUNITY

TO BE JOYFUL & FEARLESS

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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, May 1, 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.

Save The Date

Thank you to all those who joined us for our Spring break activities this past week. We hope all of you enjoyed and had a great time! **Please save the date for our upcoming youth events this month:**

April Prayer Reflection

20/27 April at 4:00 p.m.

EDGE Fellowship

22 April from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Lifeteen Games Night

21 April from 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.

EDGE Friendship

*Moved to 29 April from 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Summer Opportunities

More details to come!

Edge Camp 2021

NEW DATES

29 August - 2 September

Edge Camp is for all those who are currently in Gr. 6-8 and all participants must already be registered in our edge ministry program. For more details on how to register, please contact Danielle, the youth minister.

JOIN OUR VIRTUAL
COUPLES FOR CHRIST
CHRISTIAN LIFE PROGRAM

SATURDAYS, BEGINNING APRIL 24, 2021
3:00PM TO 4:30PM



"Born to love, live to love and we will die to love still more" - St. Joseph

**BUILD A DEEPER RELATIONSHIP
WITH GOD**

**STRENGTHEN YOUR FAMILY
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TO REGISTER, CONTACT:

[ROBERT & REBECCA NATANEGARA] [289-400-1840] [rnatanegara@yahoo.ca]
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SESSIONS ARE HELD VIRTUALLY THROUGH ZOOM

Couples for Christ (CFC) is a Catholic movement intended for the renewal and strengthening of Christian family life. Rooted in the Sacraments, we strive to build the church of the home and the church of the poor through our family ministries, advocacies, and programs. Our community is open to kids, youth, singles, married couples, and mature men/women regardless of status/situation.

Monthly General Assemblies: Every Sunday, 2:00 – 5:00 PM

Service Team Meetings: Monthly

Registration: Monthly

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Website: www.couplesforchrist.ca | www.couplesforchristglobal.org

Putting on the Armor of God

In one of the most famous passages in the New Testament, St. Paul outlines the spiritual armor every Christian must be clad in if we are to have victory in the spiritual life:

“Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we are not contending against flesh and blood, but against the principalities, against the powers, against the world rulers of this present darkness, against the spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. Therefore take the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having girded your loins with truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and having shod your feet with the equipment of the gospel of peace; besides all these, taking the shield of faith, with which you can quench all the flaming darts of the evil one. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. Pray at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication.” - Ephesians 6:10-18

His language here would have been especially significant to many Ephesian converts who were steeped in a culture of protective amulets, curses, and magic. New believers would leave behind these pagan counterfeits and instead clothe themselves in Christ and the true weapons of spiritual warfare.

Like a lot of Bible readers, I assumed St. Paul’s primary inspiration for the different parts of armor must have come from his observance of Roman soldiers (after all, he was likely in prison or under house arrest when he wrote this letter). However, some of the typical weapons of a first-century soldier (like the heavy javelin and leg armor) are conspicuously missing. Instead, I believe St. Paul turned primarily to his Jewish roots and the Old Testament.

In Isaiah we see God the Divine Warrior equipped for battle in the same armor St. Paul will propose. This is a great comfort to me, as we are engaged in a cosmic battle against immense spiritual forces of darkness. We are called to clothe ourselves in his armor if we hope to be more than conquerors (Romans 8:37).

The Armor of God and Isaiah

Let’s look at the first six pieces of armor and their

ancient antecedents in Isaiah:

1. Gird (belt) your loins with the truth – see *Isaiah 11:5*
2. Put on the breastplate of righteousness – see *Isaiah 59:17*
3. Shod your feet in the Gospel of peace – see *Isaiah 52:7*
4. Take the shield of faith – see *Isaiah 21:5*
5. Take the helmet of salvation – *Isaiah 59:17*
6. Take the sword of the Spirit (the Word of God) – *Isaiah 49:2*

When I became a Catholic I discovered another source of St. Paul’s imagery: the Wisdom of Solomon. In chapter 5, we see much of Isaiah’s armor again (Wisdom 5:17-20). I also learned, there were even specific prayers that our Catholic priests would say as they vested for Mass connecting their garments to the armor of God.

There is a seventh piece of armor to consider (which shouldn’t surprise us given the importance of the number seven in the Bible). It’s in the final verse where St. Paul says, *“Pray at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication”* (Ephesians 6:18). We are engaged in an intense battle, and if we ever hope to stand (a term St. Paul will use four times in these verses), we have to spend significant time on our knees. I love how the Catechism puts it, *“Against our dullness and laziness, the battle of prayer is that of humble, trusting, and persevering love”* (CCC 2742).

Article CF: <https://media.ascensionpress.com/2020/04/03/putting-armor-god-2/>