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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 AM - 2:30 PM

## ADORATION CHAPEL

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**St. Aloysius Gonzaga** 2800 Erin Centre Blvd. | (905) 820 3900

**Divine Mercy** 2840 Duncairn Dr. | (905) 812 5445

**Our Lady of Mercy** 5820 Glen Erin Dr. | (905) 814 9216

**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](mailto:tob@bell.net)

**Knights of Columbus** Michael Fonseca, [gk16254@ontariokofc.ca](mailto: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](http://www.forgedministry.com)

**Society of St. Vincent de Paul** [www.mrcssvp.ca](http://www.mrcssvp.ca)

**Catholic Cemeteries & Funeral Services** [www.catholic-cemeteries.com](http://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

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**First Reading:** Acts 9:26-31

**Second Reading:** 1 John 3:18-24

**Gospel:** John 15:1-8

## WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

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**Monday, May 3, 12:15 PM**

+ Liliana & Antonio Vicente, + Anita Lee  
Special Intention for the Magi Family

**Tuesday, May 4, 7:00 PM**

+ Caroline Manjani  
Special Intention for the Magi Family  
Thanksgiving for Ian Slim

**Wednesday, May 5, 12:15 PM**

+ Violet & George Shaw, + Natty Almeida  
Special Intention for Robert & Bernadette Douglas & Family

**Thursday, May 6, 7:00 PM**

+ Attilio & Domenica Russo, + Thomas Mariano  
Thanksgiving for Jacob Patrick McDonald

**Friday, May 7, 12:15 PM**

+ Jose Eguaras, + Giovanni Boem,  
+ Swampillai & Philomena Anthonypillai  
+ Mathilda Martins  
+ Deceased Members of Coutinho Family  
+ Holy Souls in Purgatory  
Special Intention for the Pereira Family

**Saturday, May 8, 9:00 AM**

+ Federico Estoque Sr.  
+ Lydia De Ocampo  
+ Joseph D'Sa  
+ Leila Paraginil

**Saturday, May 8, 3:00 PM**

+ Antonio Santos  
+ Lucille Wood Palma  
+ Janice Klacza  
+ Maria Rolinda Hodgkins  
+ Hector Sarmiento  
Special Intention for the Magi Family

**Sunday, May 9, 9:00 AM**

+ Calogera Peritore  
+ Apolonia Correa  
+ Anton Swampillai  
+ Sylvia Braganza  
+ Elba Vialu  
+ Cecilia & Antonio Castillo  
Thanksgiving to Mother Mary  
Thanksgiving by Melisa Perez

## SUNDAY REFLECTION

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Today, Jesus is telling us that a personal, intimate relationship with him is essential if we are to bear fruit as his disciples.

As branches need a vine in order to bear fruit, we need Jesus. Jesus is very clear: "Without me, you can do nothing." The opposite is also true: with Jesus, we can do everything. Jesus reveals his great desire for us: "Remain in me, as I remain in you." Our efforts to remain in Jesus each day give glory to our Father.

One of the ways we remain in Jesus as he remains in us is that we love in our deeds, and not merely talk about loving. St. Francis de Sales offers us some practical advice about how to do this each day. He encourages us to begin our day by being conscious of God's presence and love:

My God, I know that you are here with me.

You are loving me today.

Help me to be conscious you are with me

in everything I say and do today.

Then, as we begin each new activity of our day, he encourages us to be conscious again of God's presence and ask for the help of his grace so that we might do this activity in a way that is pleasing to God.

All of the activities of our day are part of God's plan for our salvation. God graces them, making them holy activities, no matter how ordinary they may seem to us. Eating a meal, shopping for food, listening in class, working at a job, meeting with friends, washing clothes and pots and pans – each of these activities can be holy when I choose to do them as God's will for me right now, and I ask God for the grace to do them in a loving way.

When we make this short prayer at the beginning of each of our activities and trust in God's presence and love with us, we are better able to accept any difficulties we may meet in an activity and possibly see them as God's way of pruning us so that we can bear more fruit.

De Sales' advice helps us to remember that we are branches on Jesus, the vine, as we go about the tasks of daily living. It also helps us to do our actions and speak our words in a way that is loving.

Let us pray that his advice may help each of us to deepen our friendship with Jesus and to love one another more as Jesus has loved us.

Gospel Reflection CF: <https://oblates.squarespace.com/sundays-salesian-feed/fifth-sunday-of-easter-may-2-2021>

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Next Week's Readings

**First Reading:** Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48

**Second Reading:** 1 John 4:7-10

**Gospel:** John 15:9-17

## 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 [mercifulredeemermi.archtoronto.org](http://mercifulredeemermi.archtoronto.org) for more information and to register for Communion Service.

## Where Holiness is Found - Ordinary People Called to Extraordinary Lives

**5 June, 2021 from 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**

### Online event

Join us as we consider what Pope Francis calls the “feminine styles of holiness” and reflect on how the example of holy women can inspire us today. Presenter: Dr. Anne Jamieson.

Cost: \$25

Register: <http://bit.ly/DayOfReflectionForWomen>

Contact: St. Augustine's Seminary of Toronto at 416-261-7207 or email [lay.formation@staugustines.on.ca](mailto:lay.formation@staugustines.on.ca)

Website: [www.staugustines.on.ca](http://www.staugustines.on.ca)

## 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](mailto: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.

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

### Virtual 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.

Contact: Annalisa Parente at 416-934-3400 ext. 569 or [aparente@archtoronto.org](mailto:aparente@archtoronto.org)

Register: <http://bit.ly/reclaiminglove-reg2021>

# NEWS AND UPDATES!

## Welcome Back to the Adoration Chapel!

<b>Monday</b>	1:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
<b>Tuesday</b>	10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
<b>Wednesday</b>	1:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
<b>Thursday</b>	10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
<b>Friday</b>	1:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
<b>Saturday</b>	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](mailto: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](mailto:alimanni@cfstoronto.com)

We welcome people from all ethnic, cultural and religious backgrounds

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## 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](http://www.qstours.com)



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### For High School Students (Gr. 9-12)

**Schedule and time Slot:** Every 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month, 4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

**Next Life Night:** Saturday, May 8th, 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 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

**Next Edge Night:** Saturday, May 15th, 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

### May Prayer Time

Tuesdays at 4:00 p.m.

*Join us every Tuesday this month as we pray the rosary in devotion to our Blessed Mother, Mary.*

### Edge Friendship

5/19 May from 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

*A space to share, connect and grow in fellowship with your fellow Edgers!*

### Lifeteen Games Night

12/26 May from 3:30 p.m.

*Come hang out with your Core leaders for some fun games and activities.*

### Edge Fellowship (Games Night)

13/27 May

*Play some online games with us and show off your competitive side. Open to all those in Gr. 6-8.*

### 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.*



# CAMP MERCIFUL 2021

## Attention Parents:

In light of the current Covid-19 situation, and the realities of variants, and double variants, lockdowns and uncertainty, we must give careful consideration to what we can safely offer in terms of our summer “Camp Merciful” for children in Grades 1-5. It may be the case that all day camps are cancelled by government/health authorities, and our efforts to move forward will be fruitless. It may also be the case that many parents are afraid of the potential of their children for exposure to Covid-19; though we will abide strictly by any relevant health guidelines, we cannot guarantee absolutely, should Camp Merciful go ahead, that transmission of the virus will not occur.

On the other hand, assuming day camps are allowed to run, having the opportunity for your child/ren to attend our successfully run, faith-based and wildly fun Camp Merciful may just be the tonic necessary for children and parents alike, to get the most out of summer in this crazy time. Before we go any further in our planning, however, know that the number of children attending will have to be smaller, to allow for social distancing at all times, especially indoors. At the same time, the number of attendees cannot be so small as to render the benefits woefully marginal compared to the outlay of effort and expense.

Thank you for all you do to raise your beautiful children in the faith, and for your prayers for our Youth Ministry Team.

## Danielle Lape

Youth Ministry Coordinator  
(905) 812-0030 ext. 7

## Msgr. Owen

Merciful Redeemer Pastor  
pastor@mercifulredeemer.org

Therefore, we are asking parents of potential campers to let us know how you feel. Do you feel comfortable sending your child to the parish for Camp Merciful, knowing that we intend to do everything we can to keep our beautiful young people safe and happy and healthy and holy? Or do you feel that, given the situation and with all of its unknowns, you are not comfortable sending your child to Camp Merciful?

**Please let us know (mercifulredeemerym@gmail.com) by Friday 7 May if you intend to send your child to Camp Merciful.**

Bear in mind, all children will be able to attend (financial hardship of parents is not a barrier; please speak to Msgr Owen about that, if it is the case). If we do not have enough interest, we will not move forward. A decision needs to be made sooner rather than later, as staff would have to be hired, funding arranged, activities planned, and safety anticipated.



# Resisting Temptation at the foot of the Cross

Attend any sporting event and chances are you will see someone holding a sign that says “John 3:16.” This is certainly a wonderful verse from Scripture that I am glad to see broadcasted to the world—because everyone should know that God sent his only son to save us. However, I wonder how many people know the verse that follows:

“For God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.” - John 3:17

I’m not sure the general opinion of non-Christians (or sadly, even some Christians) is that God is not out to condemn the world.

Think about how many times you have heard people joke that God is going to strike them down with a lightning bolt or send them to hell for something they said or did. While said in jest, I’m sure somewhere in their heart they actually are worried that God will smite them. And, don’t we all fear God’s wrath when we fall into sin? Don’t we all act similar to Adam and Eve after we have sinned and try to run and hide from God rather than run to him for mercy?

## Negativity and Temptation

But perhaps it’s our own focus on negativity that directs our thoughts so easily to God’s justice than to his mercy. Think about your present moment—the stress of the day, worries about the family, temptations that are lurking, insecurities, doubts, lack of motivation, self-criticism—the negativity so easily piles up. It can be really easy to beat ourselves up, even more, when we sit down to pray, thinking, “Wow! So much for picking up my cross and following the Lord today. God must not be very pleased with me.”

It is tempting to see the Cross not as an act of tremendous mercy on God’s part, but a tremendous failure on our part; and, if we give in to this temptation we condemn ourselves because we think God does too, and we become discouraged. The temptation to condemn ourselves is strong and very dangerous! So let’s talk about temptation. St. Francis de Sales says:

“I tell you this so that if you ever happen to be attacked by strong temptations you can know that God confers an extraordinary favor on you. By it he declares that he wants to make you great in his sight but that you must

always be humble and self-fearful. Your only assurance that you will be able to overcome little temptations even after you have prevailed over great ones is by constant fidelity to his majesty. No matter what temptations may come to you and no matter what pleasure accompanies them, as long as your will refuses consent not only to the temptation but also to the pleasure, they should not disturb you since God is not offended by them.”

Did you catch that line? God confers an extraordinary favor on you. WHAT? Yep. Extraordinary favor. These daily crosses, these attacks against purity, chastity, humility, self-control—are extraordinary favors from God because of the glory of the Cross. Christ has transformed our suffering through his own suffering. So when we resist temptation—carry our cross—we unite our suffering with his and receive the graces he merited on the Cross.

This is easy to recognize with the usual temptations, but what about those temptations that I mentioned earlier? What about the ones that tell us we are not carrying our crosses well, that we’re not good at being holy disciples, that in fact, we shouldn’t be helping others in their faith because we don’t have our own figured out yet? Those are self-condemning temptations! They must be resisted and rejected even more so than the temptations to indulge in pleasure or lose our patience. These are the temptations that cripple our spiritual lives and paralyze our prayer. These are the temptations that lead to frustration and anger with God and we easily lose our peace and motivation to persevere.

But, these are also the temptations that, if resisted, will confer upon us those extraordinary favors that God promises. So let us rejoice today in the Cross! Let us examine our hearts and see where we need to hold more firmly to the Cross and keep our gaze forever fixed on him. Today, let our hearts hear Jesus speak from the Cross and say to us: I love you, my beloved; do not be afraid to look upon me with love! Let us linger for a moment longer at the foot of the Cross today and rejoice.

Article CF: <https://media.ascensionpress.com/2020/08/18/resisting-temptation-at-the-foot-of-the-cross/>

# SCHOOL NEWS

## DIVINE MERCY

### Virtual Book Fairs 26 April - 10 May

Time to Shop!

Dear families,

It's here! Our school's Scholastic Virtual Book Fair has begun! Our very own shopping site will be open from April 26th - May 10th! Experience the joy of a Book Fair online by joining us at our Virtual Family Event! Make your favourite snacks, and come together as a family to view the fun, exciting and inspiring titles by clicking this link on April 26th : <https://virtualbookfairs.scholastic.ca/pages/5156339>

Share this link with Grandparents, too! Extended family can participate in the Virtual Book Fair from the comfort of home.

Remember, all purchases benefit our school and earn Rewards that can be redeemed for books and Education Resources for our school's classrooms and library. Thank you for participating in our Scholastic Virtual Book Fair!

Happy reading!

## ST ROSE OF LIMA

It is Catholic Education Week 2021, May 2 – May 7. At St. Rose of Lima Catholic School, we start off our celebrations on Monday with Fr. Tom's message during our Liturgy to celebrate "Nurturing Hope", this years CEW theme. Our daily announcements will focus on the themes for each individual day (Preparing the Earth, Sowing the Seeds of Gratitude, Cultivating Relationships, Harvesting New Fruit, Marveling in Wonder) and the Virtue of the Month: Acceptance.

In addition to our daily focus on gospel values and living our Catholic virtues, our weeklong events include: Author Lakshmi Iyer's visit focusing on diversity and acceptance, Coach Miguel Martinez MTC Life presentations for all students about nurturing a healthy mind, body and spirit, Lula Lounge Extended French/FSL Virtual Music/Dance Presentations, and our Career Awareness Day. Each new day we are given the opportunity to live our faith remembering that, *"those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength."* (Isaiah 40:31)

## ST SEBASTIAN

### Rosaries

In recognition of students receiving their First Holy Communion and Sacrament of Confirmation, the St. Sebastian Catholic School Council has purchased handheld rosary bracelets as a gift for this special occasion. The rosaries are made by a volunteer in the community and all proceeds from the rosaries are donated to the Mississauga Food Bank helping those in need during these challenging times with the pandemic. St. Sebastian would like to congratulate all students receiving their First Holy Communion and Sacrament of Confirmation and thank the St. Sebastian Catholic School Council for their generosity.

