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OFFICE HOURS

Appointment required

Tuesday 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM **Thursday** 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

Sunday 10:00 AM

CHURCH HOURS

Monday, Wednesday and Friday

1:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday and

Sunday

11:00 AM - 7:00 PM

ADORATION CHAPEL

Closed until further notice

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PARISH SCHOOLS

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

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: Isaiah 60:1-6

Second Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, January 4, 12:15 PM

+ Anacleto Gallevo, + Theo Liem Special Intention for Robert & Bernadette Douglas & Family

Tuesday, January 5, 7:00 PM

- + Swampillai & Philomena Anthonypillai
- + Socorro Carvalho
- + Marco Lucido

Wednesday, January 6, 12:15 PM

- + James Guglick
- + Nestor Misquita
- + Kay Lee
- + Pires Mendonca
- +Diomedes Madera

Thursday, January 7, 7:00 PM

- + Mark Frankland
- + Philips Balendra

Special Intention for Marian & Glen Shaw

Friday, January 8, 12:15 PM

- + Peter Pinto
- + Francis D'Souza

Saturday, January 9, 9:00 AM

Special Intention for the Pereira Family Special intention for Roisin Paul Special Intention for Dunbar & Folk Families Special Intention for the Wylie Family

Sunday, January 10, 10:00 AM

- + Belen Cacalda
- + Sandra Morrad
- + Holy Souls in Purgatory
- +Terrence Hylands

SUNDAY REFLECTION

Today we celebrate the manifestation of God to the world in the person of Jesus.

The magi were men of the East who were wealthy and educated. They were able to see the signs of the times concentrated in a single star and came to honor a great one born into the world.

Naturally, they began by seeking him in a palace, since they came looking for the King of the Jews. They eventually find a poor infant born to parents who were far from home. They bend their knee before the helpless infant and offer gifts of great value to a child that is poor. Station in life is forgotten in the presence of this child whose star they had followed.

We are invited to follow the example of the magi.

This is the 2021st anniversary of the event these wise men experienced. We know that Jesus is God become flesh and blood like us. He has told us that God is so passionately in love with humanity that he entered the human condition in order to redirect human history back into its proper order – the establishment of the kingdom of God.

He came to remind us that each of us is created by God and destined for God. Our destiny is eternal union with our God. As one of the Sunday prefaces used to remind us, addressing God our Father: "So great was your love that you gave us your only Son as our redeemer. You sent him as one like us, though free from sin, that you might see and love in us what you see and love in Christ."

Today's feast offers us a challenge for this New Year. Can we become like the magi, open to recognizing God's presence in the poor and less fortunate around us? Can we receive the Good News that Jesus has shared with us, by humbling ourselves before the helpless? Can we announce the good news by acting justly and peaceably in our homes and schools and workplaces?

2021 offers each of us an opportunity to deepen our faith and widen our love. It offers us opportunity and grace to grow. May we have the wisdom of the magi to see the signs of our time in the world around us and follow the lead of grace. We too will find Jesus with Mary his mother. May we learn to humble ourselves before him in the many forms he will take each day and offer him all that we have in loving service.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Week's Readings

First Reading: Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7 Second Reading: Acts 10:34-38 Gospel: Mark 1:7-11

Envelopes and Pre-Authorized Giving

Using envelopes or enrolling in Pre-Authorized Giving (PAG) for your monetary offerings to the Church will ensure that you receive an annual tax receipt, and relay to us that you are an active parishioner at Merciful Redeemer. When you enroll in PAG, your specified offering will be withdrawn on the 20th of every month. However, you will still need to use your envelopes for special collections at Mass. You may also withdraw from PAG anytime. You can obtain a form from your parish office or simply download it online at https://mercifulredeemer.org/support-the-parish.

Thank you for your continued support of our parish during these challenging times!

2021 Envelope Boxes: now available for pick up in the church foyer during opening hours. They have been placed by last name in alphabetical order. Our envelope numbering system has been revamped and as such, some of our parishioners have been re-assigned new numbers. Please follow COVID protocols while handling the boxes. If you are new to the parish or if you are an existing parishioner who cannot find their envelope box, kindly contact the Parish Office.

St. Augustine's Seminary Lay Formation Program: The Songs of the Angels in the Book of Revelation 23 January, 2020 at 9:30 a.m. Online Event

After a brief introduction to the Book of Revelation, this talk will explore the hymns of the Apocalypse, their role and function, and St. John's message of hope in a time of crisis. Presented by: Monsignor A. Robert Nusca.

Cost: \$25

Register: https://bit.ly/HymnsoftheAngels

Phone: 416-261-7207

Email: lay.formation@staugustines.on.ca **Website:** www.staugustines.on.ca

Want to Know More About The Bible?

You can now access our Bible study archive at https://mercifulredeemer.org/resources/catholic-materials. Scroll down to the bottom of the page to find weekly notes from past studies like Revelation, Isaiah, Genesis and much more!



For High School Students (Gr. 9-12)
Virtual attendance ONLY

New Schedule and time Slot: Every 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month, 4:30pm-6 PM Next Edge Night: Saturday, January 9th, 2021

We are extremely grateful for all who have joined us for our in-person and virtual Lifeteen nights this year. We will be continuing all Lifeteen and youth events after the New Year and holidays. Stay tuned for more updates and announcements on our parish bulletin and social media accounts (@mryouthministry). Visit www.mercifulredeemer.org/youth-ministry for more info and to register.



For Middle School Students (Gr. 6-8)
Virtual attendance ONLY

New Schedule and Time Slot: Every 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month, 4:45pm-6 PM Next Life Night: Saturday, January 16th, 2021

Thank you to all those who have attended our in-person and virtual Edge nights this year. We look forward to kick-starting again in 2021! Please check our bulletin and social media accounts (@mryouthministry) for more updates and announcements. Visit www.mercifulredeemer.org/youth-ministry for more info and to register.

Gospel Reflection: https://oblates.squarespace.com/sundays-salesian-feed/epiphany-of-the-lord-january-3-2021

Thank You!

On behalf of us priests here at Merciful Redeemer, I wish to express our gratitude to the many people who kept us going over the demanding Christmas Week and Christmas Eve and Christmas Day period. The generous and delicious food – maybe a few too many cookies and chocolates! – gave us the strength to do everything we could to keep the church open and offer Holy Communion to as many as we could. THANK YOU!

Thanks also to everyone for your goodness to the parish, your financial support and your envelopes to keep us up and running. Alas, we are much behind last year and the year before, but please know how grateful the entire parish is — all those who, whether they support us or not — receive the benefits of the prayers and work and material support of this parish. For your donations to the SVdP Society, the Knight Diaper Drive... all that you do to share the Light of Christ, may God reward you with every grace and heavenly blessing.

And thank you to the many people who dropped off cards and parcels for Msgr Owen and Fr Suresh and I. Your expressions of gratitude for our ministry here and the many kind things you wrote are a source of much encouragement for us. We have enough cookies, Tim Horton's gift cards — and someone even gave Msgr Owen a fresh pair of cool sunglasses! — to keep us going for another year. With deep gratitude and sincere humility — THANK YOU.

Sunday Communion services during lockdown:

Good news: the Cardinal has extended the permission for Communion services in lieu of Mass for the duration of the current lockdown. So, from the weekend of 9/10 January until the end of lockdown – we will livestream the Sunday Vigil Mass at 3:00 p.m., hear Confessions from 4:00-5:00 p.m., and have a brief Communion Service every 10 minutes from 5:00 p.m. – 8:50 p.m.

Then, on Sunday, we will livestream Sunday morning Mass at 9:00 a.m., with Communion Services every ten minutes from 10:00 a.m. until 1:50 p.m., and from 5:00 p.m. until 7:50 p.m. Watch the parish website for sign-up via Eventbrite starting this Sunday (https://mercifulredeemer.org/communionservice). We must keep Sunday afternoons free for Baptisms and other parish responsibilities. This schedule will last on Sundays until the current limit of 10 people in the building at a time has been removed and we can return to some semblance of normal.

REMINDERS

Change of Address

If your home address or telephone number has changed, please send us an email at register@ mercifulredeemer.org.

Remembering the Parish in Your Will

A bequest is a beautiful way to express your faith and gratitude for a lifetime of blessings! A gift to the parish or any of our diocesan charities in your will creates a lasting legacy that will help the church continue its heritage of service and pastoral care to the faith community. When making your will, please consider a bequest to our parish. To learn more about making a bequest, please call the parish office or the Development Office of the Archdiocese at 416-934-3411 ext 519 or visit www.archtoronto.org/development.

Spiritual and Supportive Care

If you or a family member are admitted to a hospital within Trillium Health Partner (Credit Valley Hospital, Mississauga Hospital, and Queensway Health Centre):

- 1. Identify yourself as Roman Catholic at time of admission and a parishioner at Merciful Redeemer so you will be put on a list which the Roman Catholic Priest Chaplains and Roman Catholic visitors consult and see patients according to their needs.
- **2.** If you wish to recieve Holy Communion, please call the Spiritual and Supportive Care office. The Spiritual and Supportive Care staff will ensure that you are on the list to be seen by a Eucharistic Minister.

Info and Awareness on Euthanasia

Visit https://mercifulredeemer.org/euthanasia and https://www.archtoronto.org/euthanasia



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