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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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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 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26

Second Reading: 1 John 4:11-16

Gospel: John 17:11b-19

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, May 17, 12:15 PM

+ Laz Fernandes, + Nestor Misquita
+ Rita Gonsalves
+ Christine Polic

Tuesday, May 18, 7:00 PM

+ Antonio Soares, + Gracia & Perfecto Raposa
+ Doreen Correia

Wednesday, May 19, 12:15 PM

+ Agnes Kwok-Sun, + Sonya Trinchera
+ Angelina Vieira
Special Intention for the Magi Family

Thursday, May 20, 7:00 PM

+ Maria Grisoni
+ Joseph & Mabel Xavier
+ Albert Martins

Friday, May 21, 12:15 PM

+ Deceased Members of Coutinho Family
+ Ron Catahan
+ Farag Makram Ayoub
+ Mathew Ward

Saturday, May 22, 9:00 AM

+ Melvyn Fernandes, + Jerome Geneta
Special Intention for Zhi He Yang
Special Intention for Ryan & Flavia
Thanksgiving for the Joseph Family
Thanksgiving for Aaron & Angeline George

Saturday, May 22, 3:00 PM

+ Diana Franco, + Conrado Espino
+ Stanislaus Dias
Special Intention for the Magi Family
Special Intention for Ju Hua & Bao Jie Zheng
Thanksgiving for Marinne & Ramel Catedra

Sunday, May 23, 9:00 AM

+ Joana Mendonca, + Victor DaCosta
+ Deceased Members of Almeida Family
+ Deceased Members of D'Souza Family
Special Intention for Bernadette & Noel Pereira
Special Intention for Melanie Pereira
Special Intention for Guy Di Prospero
Thanksgiving for Roberto Perez
Thanksgiving for Stella
Thanksgiving for Marinne & Ramel Cathedral

SUNDAY REFLECTION

Today we celebrate the conclusion of Jesus' mission from his Father. We see Jesus stand before his chosen eleven as the Christ, Lord of the universe. With full authority for the salvation of the world, Jesus sends the Eleven forth to make disciples of all the nations. They are to baptize in the name of the Trinity and teach all they have been commanded by Jesus.

Then Jesus returns to his Father, leaving the earth in his bodily form. His leaving emphasizes the importance that faith will play in their mission. They are to put their trust in the Spirit he will leave with them, and they are to act on all they have been taught to believe. They will have doubts and fears as they go, so they are to remember his final words to them:

"I am with you always"

Jesus' abiding presence with them through the Spirit will give them strength and courage when they need it to continue their efforts.

Over the past few weeks, you and I have been renewed in our faith by our celebration of Jesus' death and rising. Today, as we celebrate his return to his Father, Jesus speaks to us, his disciples, with the full authority of the Christ: I send you forth to make even more disciples. Announce the truth of what I have taught you by living it every day. When you feel the insecurities of the journey, recall my promise to you: "I am with you always." My Spirit will provide the strength you need to continue.

As we carry out our mission each day, we are not to waste time trying to judge our success or failure. Jesus asks us to place our faith in him and give the best effort we can each day. St. Francis de Sales reminds us to begin each day anew, trying to be faithful today to letting Jesus live in us and love through us.

As we celebrate Jesus' return to his Father, let us renew our faith in all that Jesus has taught us. With confidence, let us set about living today with grace and enthusiasm. Remember: Jesus is with us always!

Gospel Reflection CF: <https://oblates.squarespace.com/sundays-salesian-feed/ascension-of-the-lord-may-1316-2021>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Week's Readings

First Reading: Acts 2:1-11

Second Reading: 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13

Gospel: John 20:19-23

Camp Merciful

Dear Parents,

We have good news and bad news:

First, the bad news: With sadness, and owing to the fears created by the Covid-19 pandemic, we regret to inform you that we are unable to offer our Camp Merciful here this summer. Despite our promise to do everything reasonably possible to ensure the safety and security of each child, the interest expressed was insufficient to justify the outlay of human and financial resources. We anticipate a return to a more normal summer next year, and certainly by then we expect to have Camp Merciful up and running again. We apologize for any upset or disappointment.

All is not lost, however. The good news: we are looking at providing opportunities other than full-day camp for our young people, aware that the current COVID lockdown restrictions limit us greatly. The health and safety of your children and our staff will always be a priority to us. We anticipate greater flexibility and opportunities after June, however, when the current lockdown ends. We will have a greater sense of the possibilities by mid-June, so that will give us time to draw up a schedule of events in July and August for different age groups, and to and work with our Summer Youth Staff to do everything we can to make faith-based, fun and safe experiences available for your children and family this summer.

We will keep you updated. Announcements will be posted in our parish bulletin and website, so please be sure to check these regularly.

Thank you for your patience and understanding.

God bless,

Danielle Lape

Youth Minister Coordinator

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Catholic Conscience presents: The Catholic Leaders Mission

The Civic Engagement Leadership Council of Merciful Redeemer Parish invites you to join us in a formation opportunity, designed to equip each of us better to engage respectfully, responsibly and effectively in the building up of our civic and moral culture.

Working as a Catholic in a civic or political vocation is more than a job or volunteer experience. In the vision of Catholic teaching, civic participation is a vocation—one of the most important for nourishing the true common good of all. For Catholic civic leaders, proper formation is critical. Whether one is a politician or just seeking to live the Gospel and their vocation as a Catholic citizen of this city and province and country, it is imperative that each of us be informed and effective.

This is the purpose of our Catholic Leaders Mission: our two-day workshops offer spiritual and moral formation, methods of discernment, and practical skills needed for working in politics and civic vocations. Attendees emerge ready to serve their communities in a spirit of political love, through commitment to the principles of Catholic social teaching and the enhancement of the dignity of every Canadian – including the unborn, the elderly, the young, families, and those who are too often forgotten by society, as well as workers, farmers, business owners, and all future generations.

Who will benefit from the Catholic Leaders Mission Program?

Catholic politicians and political candidates;
Catholics who are discerning a decision whether to or not to stand for election or seek appointment to political office, whether that office be trustee, city council, or provincial or federal office;
Catholics who work in politics, including political staff and public servants;
Catholics who work for or volunteer for Catholic charities and advocacy organizations; and
Catholics who serve in community leadership roles, such as service on a board of directors, a parish council, or a committee.

To register, visit <https://catholicconscience.org/catholicleadersmission/>

ShareLife Campaign

Thanks to your generosity, so far we've raised \$73,989, which is 30% of our goal! To donate, please visit our parish website!

NEWS & UPDATES!

Adoration Chapel

Monday, Wednesday, Friday

1:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Tuesday, Thursday

10:00 a.m. – 6:00 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.

Humanitarian Relief – India's COVID-19 Outbreak

India is reeling from a devastating COVID-19 outbreak. In recent days, the country has been reporting more than 400,000 of new cases and 4,000 deaths every 24 hours. International observers expect that the actual numbers are significantly higher. The medical system, funeral services and other social supports are unable to meet the country's needs at this time.

In response to numerous inquiries from parishioners and clergy, we are providing information for those who may wish to contribute to relief efforts to assist the people of India.

The Archdiocese of Toronto will send donations through Development and Peace to Caritas Internationalis, an international confederation of Catholic humanitarian organizations that is already in India helping those who are suffering during this COVID-19 outbreak.

Since the pandemic began, India's Catholic Church, acting principally through Caritas India, has been supporting some of the most disadvantaged groups, such as those with inadequate housing, migrant labourers, persons with special needs and widows. Relief services and materials provided by the Church, or with its support, include:

- Food at kitchens and distribution centres in slums, at migration transit points, etc.
- Masks, sanitizers and hygiene kits to vulnerable communities
- Psychosocial support and hotline services to traumatized and grieving people
- Public education campaigns on infection prevention and vaccination
- Supporting the public healthcare system, including donating expertise, facilities and equipment from Church-run clinics and hospitals

To learn more about Caritas' work in India, please watch this video: <http://bit.ly/CaritasIndiaRelief>

Those wishing to help may do so in the following ways:

- Online through www.archtoronto.org
- By phone through the Development Office – 416-934-3411
- Through the parish, making cheques payable to: Name of Parish – India's COVID-19 Outbreak – Disaster Relief

Please continue to pray for the people of India and all those who are suffering from COVID-19 worldwide. Thank you for your continued assistance.

St Vincent de Paul Society

As you know, due to Covid we had to cancel the bundle up drive for May. If you still wish to drop off clothing, linens draperies and boots/shoes, you can do so directly to the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul store in Etobicoke.

Store address: 60 Newcastle Street, Etobicoke
Store and Warehouse Outlet (Royal York and Evans)
Hours of Operation: 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. from Tuesday to Saturday
Email: stores@ssvptoronto.ca

You can leave your items in the open bin at this location. Thank you for your donations and helping those in need. Many blessings!!

MERCIFUL REDEEMER YOUTH MINISTRY

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For High School Students (Gr. 9-12)

Every 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month, 4:30-6 PM
Next Life Night: May 22nd, 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)

Every 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month, 4:30-6 PM
Next Edge Night: Saturday, May 29th, 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

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

26 May at 4:30 p.m.

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

"Bonfire"

27 May from 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Join us as we "gather" around a *virtual* bonfire for some fellowship, good conversation, and friendship. For all those in Gr. 9-12.

Edge Fellowship (Games Night)

27 May from 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

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

Summer Opportunities

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.

The Saints: Service and Faith Through Depression

The Son of Man mourned the death of John the Baptist by seeking solitude on the sea. He wept when Lazarus died. He agonized in the garden. He suffered the Way of the Cross. Although Our Lord rarely displayed anger, biblical accounts relay his sorrow and suffering.

Through Jesus' passion he carried the world to his Father, and in their suffering, many great holy men and women draw us closer to him. As Westerners in the modern era, few of us suffer the overt religious persecution endured by the members of Christ's early Church, but increasingly, anti-Catholic and anti-Christian sentiment has infiltrated modern culture. The novel coronavirus has magnified depression and anxiety, and brought to light some very real suffering. Loss of community, loss of occupation, and loss of life have altered our reality.

While these challenges are unique to our circumstances, they are no less pronounced than the struggles of humankind throughout history. C.S. Lewis said, "God whispers to us in our pleasures, speaks in our consciences, but shouts in our pains. It is his megaphone to rouse a deaf world." Throughout history, the body of saints has provided guidance, an example, and incredible inspiration in times of darkness. Through trials and suffering, external pressures, and internal conflict, they have risen above earthly circumstances to gain heavenly favor; they have relinquished their deafness to hear God.

(Tune in next week for the second part of this series!)

St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross

Edith Stein experienced many dark days on her journey to faith and ultimate joy. The eleventh child born into a devout Jewish family on October 12, 1891, Stein grew up in the eastern reaches of the German Empire, what is modern-day Poland. She lost her father at a young age and gradually lost her faith, replacing it with the religion of academia. Stein devoted herself to women's issues while studying at the University of Breslau, referring to herself as a "radical suffragette."

Stein began work as an assistant to Edmund Husserl, a widely acclaimed philosopher, in 1913 at Gottingen University. This prestigious position, and interactions with the philosopher Max Scheler, would lay the groundwork for Stein's later conversion to Catholicism. But before then, she would experience intense depression.

Serving in an Austrian field hospital during the dark days of World War I, she viewed the deterioration of young soldiers in the typhus ward, and despite her numerous academic accolades, Stein was often turned away from teaching positions due to her gender. An accumulation of wartime experiences and professional rejection would further her despondence, causing her to once write, "I gradually worked myself into real despair...I could no longer cross the street without wishing that a car would run over me...and I would not come out alive..."

She continued her studies after the hospital closed, acquiring a doctorate *summa cum laude* in 1917. Her thesis "The Problem of Empathy," concluded that, "there have been people who believed that a sudden change had occurred within them and that this was a result of God's grace." Stein continued to work toward understanding the human condition and through her devotion to that study, she was coming to the realization of true faith. "My longing for truth," she would later write, "was a single prayer."

Then came a moment that, according to Stein, would redirect her course more resolutely. Visiting a recently widowed friend, she was met with Christian hope and joy. She felt inspired. Humanity, she witnessed, was only a journey home. Reading the autobiography of St. Teresa of Avila furthered her conviction.

From darkness to daylight, as a daughter of the Carmelite order, Stein would teach and lecture on the faith. Giving meaning to those trapped in mental darkness, she advised that, "there is no chance and that the whole of...life, down to every detail, has been mapped out in God's divine providence..." She believed her dark days led her to her true calling.

Stein championed the small moments and beauty of motherhood and service as a woman and emptying of oneself to gain fulfillment and joy. She would continue to serve, teach, and write until her death as a martyr in Auschwitz on August 9, 1942.

Article CF: <https://media.ascensionpress.com/2021/05/05/the-saints-service-and-faith-through-depression/>