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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 2:1-11

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

Gospel: John 20:19-23

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, May 24, 12:15 PM

+ Casilda Sequeira

+ Stephen Manuelpillai

Special Intention for Stanley & Renata Drzewicki

Tuesday, May 25, 7:00 PM

+ Raymond Henry Travas, + Evelyn Yacoub

Special Intention for Susie Vallela & Family

Wednesday, May 26, 12:15 PM

+ Sheela Ilogon, + Brenda Geroche

Special Intention for the Magi Family

Thursday, May 27, 7:00 PM

+ Monica Tavares, + Jeru Sethna

Thanksgiving for Eligia Fernando

Friday, May 28, 12:15 PM

+ Faye Alves, + Judith Andrade Noronha

+ Deceased Members of Coutinho Family

Saturday, May 29, 9:00 AM

+ Dorinda Rogtan

+ Epifanio Da Costa

+ Annunziata Fabrizia

+ Yannick & Ketty Villegas

Special Intention for Magdalena & Victoria Partyka

Special Intention for Ryan & Flavia

Thanksgiving to St. Anthony

Thanksgiving for Sylvia Mangahas

Saturday, May 29, 3:00 PM

+ Douglas Marigomen

+ Sonnie Paulin

+ Julie Bridgemohan

Thanksgiving by the Magi Family

Sunday, May 30, 9:00 AM

+ Monica Tavares

+ Deceased Members of Fernandes Family

+ Deceased Members of Gomes Family

+ Joyce Davis

+ Jocelyn Calaoa

+ Antonio D'Onofrio

+ Wanda & Stanislaw Badzioch

Thanksgiving by Shirley Palomares

Thanksgiving by Dimple Chaudhry

Thanksgiving by Eva Fernandes

SUNDAY REFLECTION

Jesus breathes new life into his disciples. Jesus announces that mutual forgiveness will be the mark by which his community will be recognized. And as God has forgiven them in Jesus, Jesus tells them to forgive one another as a sign of the new life they share.

(St. Luke's account of Pentecost in the Acts of the Apostles describes the coming of the Spirit in a much more dramatic fashion than John. As the Spirit descends on the disciples as tongues of fire, the disciples begin to make bold proclamation of the Good News in an astounding way. In John, Pentecost takes on the form of a more intimate conversation and communication.)

The very same Spirit is given to each of us at our Baptism. The Spirit's presence has been strengthened in us through Confirmation. (In some Christian traditions – mostly in the East - Baptism and Confirmation as essentially administered/celebrated back-to-back at the same time.) We are one in the Body of Christ because we all share the one Holy Spirit.

Each of us has special gifts that have been given to us as a way of manifesting the Spirit's presence in us. Our gifts are given not solely for our own good, although that is a good place to start! Ultimately, our gifts of the Spirit are meant for the good of others. When we use our gifts for others, we witness to our oneness in Christ. No one's gift or ministry or work is more important than anyone else's - all are needed for the unity of the community of the Church.

Each of us is important because we bring a gift or talent or way of working that no one else can bring to the group. We all lose something when an individual person's gifts are not welcomed or used in the community. We need one another in order to experience the full wonder of God's love for us.

"Come, Holy Spirit, come!" This is a bold request on our part. Are we really open to the outpouring of the Holy Spirit that God wants to give us? Are we willing to use the gifts of the Holy Spirit in order to be drawn more deeply into the Mystery of God's love? Can we find new ways to use these gifts in our efforts to love one another during the day?

May this feast of Pentecost be a rebirthing in each of us of all the spiritual gifts that help us stay centered in the Holy Spirit.

Gospel Reflection CF: <https://oblates.squarespace.com/sundays-salesian-feed/pentecost-may-23-2021>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Week's Readings

First Reading: Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40

Second Reading: Romans 8:14-17

Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20

Christian Life Program for Married Couples Every Sat, 5 June - 24 July from 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Online event

Couples for Christ (CFC) is a recognized Catholic movement with a mission to renew and strengthen Christian family life in order to truly build "domestic churches," as envisioned by the Second Vatican Council. Married couples who are interested in joining the CFC movement are invited to participate in an introductory eight-week course, which is called the Christian Life Program (CLP). There are no fees required to attend. The only investment needed is your time and openness.

Email: wydmarck@gmail.com

Website: www.couplesforchrist.ca

Annual Day of Reflection for Women 5 June, 2021 from 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

It's been a stressful year for all of us - a year of unknowns and constant changes. Take a few moments to breathe, reflect, and pray. This retreat, designed especially for women, looks at the everyday moments of our lives and asks how can I live a life of extraordinary calling? Where is holiness found? Please join us as we consider how each of us, as ordinary women, are called to live extraordinary lives.

Visit <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/lay-formation-online-womens-retreat-tickets-124265697045> to register.

The Zoom link will be sent to participants after registration.

Online Sacred Heart Novena Retreat from St. Augustine's Seminary 3 - 11 June

Our online retreat is made up of a series of 30-minute video presentations. Each video is a short retreat conference and will feature a priest from the seminary community. To conclude the retreat, you are invited to join a livestream Mass from St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica presided by Cardinal Thomas Collins, Archbishop of Toronto.

YouTube: <http://bit.ly/StAugustineSeminaryYouTube>

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 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.

ShareLife Speaker Series: Caring for our Mental Health 27 May from 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Online event

Struggles with mental health, anxiety and depression have increased drastically during the pandemic. Elizabeth Pierce from Catholic Family Services of Durham – a ShareLife-funded agency – will present strategies for coping during these difficult times. These tools will be applicable for children, youth and adults. Following the 25-minute presentation, Elizabeth will answer your questions about mental health.

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

Merciful Redeemer 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!!



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OF OUR COMMUNITY

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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: Saturday, June 12th, 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

* We will meet from 5-6 pm this week*

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.

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 - 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 - 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

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

Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen

A man of the modern era, Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen embraced a changing world, utilizing progressive technological tools to illuminate and celebrate the ancient tradition of the Catholic Faith.

Born Peter Sheen on May 8, 1895, to a farmer and his wife, Sheen was raised in a traditionally Catholic home in rural Illinois. As with Stein, Sheen devoted himself to his studies. His thirst for truth and study of the Catholic faith drew him from humble beginnings. His study of human nature through theology, philosophy, and religious studies was continuously shared and communal. Delivering lectures and sermons years before he became a hallmark radio host, Sheen unabashedly shared and discussed the faith. Though he studied the internal, he lived externally, sharing his gifts and understanding.

This would lead Sheen to his ultimate fame as a television host. His series *Life Is Worth Living*, on The Catholic Hour radio program would win him an Emmy and showcase Catholicism to the world in a way it had never been on display before. For the twenty years following his guest spot in 1930, Sheen never shied away from the conflicts of the world. Social strife and morality in the tradition of Thomas Aquinas were foundational to Sheen's messaging.

Recognizing a social culture of disillusionment, Sheen may not have experienced depression personally, but he recognized its base and spoke on it. In *Peace of the Soul*, Sheen writes, "Depression comes not from having faults but from the refusal to face them. There are tens of thousands of persons today suffering from fears which in reality are nothing but the effects of hidden sin. The examination of conscience will cure us of self-deception. It will also cure us of depression."

Sheen responded to the call for service to the point of physical exhaustion. He wrote of giving personal attention to 75-100 letters a day, preparing for a ceaseless string of lectures and never missing an opportunity to serve. "If you cannot reason yourself into the meaning and the purpose of life, you will act yourself into the meaning and purpose of life," he said.

Though Sheen committed an hour each day to the veneration of the Blessed Sacrament, he spent the majority of his days studying. His success in evangelizing was driven by relentless service to his calling. He died December 9, 1979.

St. Pope John Paul II

Karol Wojtyła was born May 18, 1920, in a Poland overshadowed by the widespread destruction of Europe

during the first World War. A boy who would become pope, St. John Paul II was known for his central place in international conflict—a man who would stand up to communism and the widespread quelling of religious expression during the Cold War, a champion of Vatican II, and a world traveler, beloved and welcomed across nations.

But before he was a pope, Wojtyła was a boy who suffered great personal loss. His mother, a devout Roman Catholic, died when he was eight years old. The loss of his only sibling, Edmund, an older brother who contracted scarlet fever in the hospital where he worked as a doctor, furthered his suffering. Forced to abandon traditional studies under the communist regime that overtook Poland, Wojtyła labored in a quarry to support himself and his father, who would die of a heart attack in 1941. At just twenty-one years of age, Karol was left with no family. He would turn to lean heavily on his faith, finding light in darkness, "spiritually uniting himself to the Cross of Christ," and grasping the, "meaning of suffering" (*Salvifici Doloris*).

In *Salvifici Doloris*, published February 1984, Wojtyła wrote, "For it is above all a call. It is a vocation...He does not discover this meaning at his own human level, but at the level of the suffering of Christ. At the same time, however, from this level of Christ the salvific meaning of suffering descends to man's level and becomes, in a sense, the individual's personal response. It is then that man finds in his suffering interior peace and even spiritual joy."

As his call to the priesthood became clearer, Wojtyła would undertake further hardship as communist persecution of religion bled into 1940s Poland. As he writes in *Rise, Let Us Be on Our Way*, "God's love does not impose burdens upon us that we cannot carry, nor make demands of us that we cannot fulfill. For whatever He asks of us, He provides the help that is needed."

As pope, St. John Paul II acknowledged mental suffering as an opportunity to grow spiritually, a "mystery" that could lead caregivers to great kindness and compassion and the sufferer to new growth. In his address to participants in the 18th International Conference on the theme of Depression, Pope St. John Paul II described the illness of depression as involving a, "crack, or even fracture in social, professional or family relationships."

"In his infinite love, God is always close to those who are suffering. Depressive illness can be a way to discover other aspects of oneself and new forms of encounter with God. Christ listens to the cry of those whose boat is rocked by the storm."

The stormy seas, as calmed by our Lord (Mark 4:35-41), called for little more than the asking by his disciples.

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