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## OFFICE HOURS

**Monday - Friday**  
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

**Saturday**  
10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

## CHURCH HOURS

**Monday - Friday**  
10:00 AM - 8:00 PM

**Saturday - Sunday**  
8:00 AM - 8:00 PM

## MASS TIMES

**Monday** 12:15 PM

**Tuesday** 7:00 PM

**Wednesday** 12:15 PM

**Thursday** 7:00 PM

**Friday** 12:15 PM & 7:00 PM\*

\*First Fridays of the month only

**Saturday** 9:00 AM

5:00 PM (Vigil Mass)

7:00 PM (Vigil Mass)

**Sunday** 8:30 AM, 10:00 AM,

12:00 PM & 7:00 PM

## ADORATION CHAPEL

**Monday - Saturday**  
10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

**Sunday** CLOSED

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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](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://mercifulredeemer.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:** Amos 7:12-15

**Second Reading:** Ephesians 1:3-14 or 1:3-10

**Gospel:** Mark 6:7-13

## WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

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**Monday, July 12, 12:15 PM**

+ Philomena Stanislaus Thuraisingam & Victor Stanislaus, + Alice Pereira  
Thanksgiving by Nisreen Sampson

**Tuesday, July 13, 7:00 PM**

+ Agnes Kwok-Sun, + Antonio Ebron, + Calogera Peritore

**Wednesday, July 14, 12:15 PM**

+ Pedro Visperas Junior & Senior  
+ Deceased Members of Sampson Family  
Special Intention for Zachary McIntyre

**Thursday, July 15, 7:00 PM**

+ Raymond Henry Travas, + Violet & George Shaw  
+ Vicenta Saraum Uy  
Thanksgiving by Sharleen Vanderkoen

**Friday, July 16, 12:15 PM**

+ Rachael & Michael Haffez, + Mario Rebello  
+ Carmel Keenan  
Thanksgiving by Joshua Christian McDonald

**Saturday, July 17, 9:00 AM**

+ Clothilde & Manuel Morta,  
+ Victorino "Ting Ting" Halili Cusi  
Special Intention for Msgr Owen Keenan  
Thanksgiving by Carmen Soto  
Thanksgiving for Shirley Palomares

**Saturday, July 17, 5:00 PM**

+ Anthony Pillai, + Filomena Machado  
Thanksgiving for Luk & Chui Families

**Saturday, July 17, 7:00 PM**

+ Maria Carlucci, + Salome Pandino, + Sylvia Dsouza

**Sunday, July 18, 8:30 AM**

+ Paul Popkey  
Special Intention for Msgr Owen Keenan

**Sunday, July 18, 10:00 AM**

For all parishioners

**Sunday, July 18, 12:00 PM**

+ Dalmacio & Joel Palarca, + Monica & Francisco De Vera Senior, + Jose Castro

**Sunday, July 18, 7:00 PM**

+ Larry Chiarot, + Edmond Swieton  
Special Intention for Msgr Owen Keenan

## SUNDAY REFLECTION

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We have just heard St. Paul remind us that we are an integral part of God's mysterious plan of salvation. Think for a moment about the wonderful truths he tells us about ourselves. Like the prophet Amos and the Twelve in the gospel, we are ordinary people.

Yet Paul tells us, in the eyes of God who made us, we are special:

- before the world came into being, God has chosen us in Christ to be holy

- because God loves us, he has destined us to be his adopted children in Christ

- in Christ, we have been blessed with every spiritual blessing

- in the blood of Jesus, our sins are forgiven; we are redeemed

- the riches of God's grace have been lavished upon us

- God has revealed to us in Jesus his mysterious plan of salvation

- we are chosen by God to praise his glory

- we have been sealed with the Holy Spirit as God's possession

- the Spirit within us is the sure promise of our inheritance – life with our God forever.

No matter how ordinary we may appear in our own eyes or in the eyes of the world around us, our God has made us special – each of us, all of us. And God sends us into the world, as Jesus sent the Twelve, to announce that good news of God's gracious love to everyone we meet.

God wants us to live in a way that shows that we have understood what God has done for us – that we treasure the work in grace in us. How we choose to live today and everyday reflects what we believe about ourselves. If I believe I'm ordinary, then I don't have much to bring to others. If I believe that God's grace makes me and others special, then I have something worthwhile to bring to others, and they to me.

God has given each of us a destiny – an inheritance. Our God made us to be holy as God is holy. How we choose to live our daily lives will give honor and praise to our God who has loved us and chosen us in Jesus. As we place our hope and trust in Jesus, and try to follow the inspirations of the Spirit within us each day, we are being led home to our Father's house.

May the words we have heard from St. Paul today help us to remember who we really are. The mercy and grace of our loving God has made us so.

Gospel Reflection CF: <https://oblates.squarespace.com/sundays-salesian-feed/fifteenth-sunday-in-ordinary-time-july-11-2021>

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## *Next Week's Readings*

**First Reading:** Jeremiah 23:1-6

**Second Reading:** Ephesians 2:13-18

**Gospel:** Mark 6:30-34

### **Power of Forgiveness Retreat**

**23 July, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. - 25 July, 2021 at 1:00 p.m.**

**Niagara Falls**

**Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre**

**7020 Stanley Ave., Niagara Falls, Ont.**

Two people holding hands

Understanding forgiveness is the first key to being able to forgive. Learn tools that will enable you to move forward with the healing process. Presenter: Anna Racine ([www.annaracine.org](http://www.annaracine.org)).

**Cost:** \$290 (includes all meals, accommodations and materials)

**Email:** [reservations@carmelniagara.com](mailto:reservations@carmelniagara.com)

**Phone:** 905-356-4113

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### **Free to Good Home**

**Slightly used:** dining room set (table, hutch, 6 chairs)

**Brand new:** contemporary double bed frame, lighted head-board with remote control.

Interested persons should contact the office.

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### **The Destruction of the Lithuanian Jews – The Ponary Massacre with Jacob Shoshan**

**28 July, 2021 at 8:00 p.m. - Wednesday, July 28, 2021 09:00 PM**

**Online**

A virtual event recommended by the Office For Promoting Christian Unity and Religious Relations with Judaism

Join Jacob Shoshan, an esteemed and highly sought-after "International March of the Living" guide and historian, to learn about a tragic event for the Jewish community, the Ponary Massacre.

For more details and to register, please visit: <https://bit.ly/PonaryMassacre>.

### **Anger Iceberg**

**21 August, 2021 from 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.**

**Niagara Falls**

**Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre**

**7020 Stanley Ave., Niagara Falls, Ont.**

Stained glass window of Jesus on the cross

Getting angry is only the tip of the iceberg. Anger is a secondary emotion. This workshop will identify the causes of anger and explore our own beliefs and patterns of response. Presenter: Anna Racine ([www.annaracine.org](http://www.annaracine.org)).

**Cost:** \$65 (includes lunch and material)

**Email:** [reservations@carmelniagara.com](mailto:reservations@carmelniagara.com)

**Phone:** 905-356-4113

## *Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience*

**22 - 24 October, 2021**

**Online event**

Discover the possibilities of a marriage lived as God intends it!

Restore your loving communication with your spouse and rekindle the romance in your marriage. The Worldwide Marriage Encounter experience is a special weekend for you to spend together as a couple and share your feelings, hopes and dreams. It is a skill-building enrichment program where together, you, as husband and wife, learn how to be the best couple you can be. No group discussion. Based on Catholic values but open to couples of all faiths. Available in English or Spanish.

**Contact:** Gerard & Marge - 905-792-1925, [gerard.marge@rogers.com](mailto:gerard.marge@rogers.com)

**Website:** [www.wwme.org](http://www.wwme.org)

**Brochure for couples:** <http://bit.ly/WWMECouples>

**Brochure for priests:** <http://bit.ly/WWMEPriests>



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

Every 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month, 4:30-6 PM

**We will be taking a short break for the summer.**

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

**We will be taking a short break for the summer.**

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*

#### **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.

##### **Merciful Adventures 2021**

**Starting 12 July**

**(More info on pages 5 & 6)**

We are excited to announce that we will be offering a hybrid-style (in-person and virtual) experience for all youth in Grades 1-12 this summer. It will be a fun and exciting opportunity for the youth to grow in their relationship with Christ. There will be outdoor games, talks, activities, Mass, and so much more.

*Registration has been extended for those in Grades 5-7 and Grades 8-12. Spots are limited! Please contact Danielle, the youth minister for more information.*

# Merciful Adventures FAQ

## What is Merciful Adventures?

Merciful Adventures is a summer program offered by Merciful Redeemer Parish which is available for all youth in **grades 1 to 12** throughout the summer. It consists of **online and in-person events** for your child to have a fun and exciting experience to grow in their relationship with Christ and build a strong community with fellow Children and the Church.



## Why is Merciful Adventures Hybrid and what does this mean?

Merciful Adventures is a program that consists of both in-person and online events. Despite the certain limitations due to COVID-19, we as a Youth Ministry decided to offer this hybrid-style experience so that the children can have a balance of both. The children and youth can look forward to being physically a part of our program while also having some fellowship events online. We plan to offer a **fun and safe experience** at the church while also running **community-building activities online**.

## What will my child do at Merciful Adventures?

Merciful Adventures will hold a variety of events for your child to participate in. During in-person days, the youth will participate in an **outdoor game**, which will be held in either the Parish Parking lot, St. Aloysius Gonzaga Secondary School field, or in the park next to John Fraser Secondary School. Your child will also be taught a **catechesis lesson**, in which we hope they can grow in their understanding of Church teaching and the love of Christ. **Small groups and prayer time** will also be activities that your child will be participating in. Finally, a more **creative event** will take place so that kids can express themselves through art and creativity. Last, but not least, your child will also be attending Mass with fellow participants which will build community and appreciation for the Eucharist. The day will end with other fun outdoor activities.

**Online fellowship** events will consist of **art classes, games, 'virtual camp fires', and movie nights** where they can come together and enjoy each other's company.

## How do I register?

You can register using this link by completing the google form:

<https://forms.gle/Mx62vjC4aWsttEc69>

Or you can download and print a form which you can find on the Parish Website, fill it out and bring it to the Merciful Redeemer office.

## What will be included in my registration?

Your registration will include:

- 1 reusable **water bottle** for your child
- Funding for materials used throughout the program
- Funding for **prizes**
- Individually **wrapped snacks**
- **Camp kits**

# Merciful Adventures FAQ



## What about Lunch and Snacks?

Lunch and snacks should be provided at home and your child should bring them with them when they attend in-person events. However, we are planning to provide your child and other participants individually wrapped snacks on the last day of the week. All snacks should be peanut and nut-free.

## What are the dates/schedules and fees?

If your child is in **Grades 1-4:**

- **Week 1: July 12-16** (9am-2pm, Monday, Wednesday, and Friday) **\$50 TOTAL**
- **Week 2: August 9-13** (9am-2pm, Monday, Wednesday, and Friday) **\$50 TOTAL**
- **BOTH Week 1 and Week 2: July 12-16, August 9-12** (9am-2pm, Monday, Wednesday, and Friday) **\$90 TOTAL**

If your child is in **Grades 5-7:**

- **Week 1: July 19-23** (9am-2pm, Monday, Wednesday, and Friday) **\$50 TOTAL**
- **Week 2: August 16-20** (9am-2pm, Monday, Wednesday, and Friday) **\$50 TOTAL**
- **BOTH Week 1 and Week 2: July 19-23, August 16-20** (9am-2pm, Monday, Wednesday, and Friday) **\$90 TOTAL**

If your child is in **grades 8-12:**

- **Week 1: July 26-30** (9am-2pm, Monday, Wednesday, and Friday) **\$50 TOTAL**
- **Week 2: August 23-27** (9am-2pm, Monday, Wednesday, and Friday) **\$50 TOTAL**
- **BOTH Week 1 and Week 2: July 26-30, August 23-27** (9am-2pm, Monday, Wednesday, and Friday) **\$90 TOTAL**

Online Event Schedule (All online events are free):

**July 13 & 15 and August 10 & 12** will have online events for grades 5 to 12

**July 20 & 22 and August 17 & 19** will have online events for grades 1 to 4 and 8 to 12

**July 27 & 29 and August 24 & 26** will have online events for grades 1 to 7

## Who are the counsellors?

Danielle, Sefra, Laura, Gabriel, Kristian and Vyshali are all excited to spend this great summer with you! They're probably faces you've already seen around the Parish!

## Have any questions?

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to email us at [mercifulredeemerym@gmail.com](mailto:mercifulredeemerym@gmail.com). Hope to see you there!

## *The Living: A Relentless Hope*

The Christians of the first century often referred to themselves as followers of “the Way.” They also called themselves “the Living.” The idea was analogous to the saying, “Everyone dies, but not everyone truly lives.” Among the social classes and religions of the day, Christians had a relentless, living hope that could never be stripped away.

What makes this name—“the Living”—incomprehensible, even ludicrous, to non-Christians was the fact that the early Church was so greatly persecuted. Despite the emotional, psychological, and physical threats they faced, their joy never ceased, and their hope could never be destroyed. While the world around them was consumed in materialistic ways and pleasure-driven lives, the early Christians hung on to Jesus’ redemptive love and personal contact with each of them through the power of the Holy Spirit. They were truly alive while others laughed at them and hung on to the world.

A major cause for this seemingly impossible foundation in hope is in Calvary and the empty tomb. Hope is not some empty phrase where one gambles that the future will turn out how we want it. Living out the call of discipleship is never blind nor is faith ever confined to what we can imagine. Hope is not a blind trust but rooted in the promise of Christ.

Our Faith ought to direct everything we do. Jesus’ life was a mission of “excess”—a desire to personify the eternal love of God for us. This abundant divine love enables us to love as Jesus himself loves us (see John 15:12). Many of us struggle with hope, even in ordinary times, when we are not facing a pandemic, financial insecurity, or social unrest. Now, more than ever, we must cling to hope. To do so, we must investigate what it means to be a person of relentless hope, a member of “the living” who exists as fully alive despite the surrounding details of life.

In his encyclical letter *Spe Salvi*, Pope Benedict XVI offers us some details about what hope is and what it does. The very title of the letter conveys the profound truth that “in hope we are saved.” Salvation, then, is wrapped up inside of hope: “Redemption is offered to us in the sense that we have been given hope, trustworthy hope, by virtue of which we can face our present” (no. 1). Hope is pivotal because of its relation to the present moment. Without hope, we stay adrift

amidst the dark seas of doubt, depression, and despair.

When evil wins small battles in our lives, we have moved into the category of the walking dead. We blend in with the culture and the world around us because we exist as if God does not have the final victory. Members of “the Living” are not naive, nor are they merely wrapped up in wishful thinking. True Christian hope admits and brings attention to the fact that “there are moments when it suddenly seems clear to us: yes, this is what true ‘life’ is—this is what it should be like” (no. 11).

In these short instances, we are given a divine insight that shines forth from that first Good Friday and Easter Sunday, from the empty tomb. Hope is the result of existing in the divine presence which is the eternal now. Keeping our perspective on eternal life is not an escape from this life; rather, it is a reorienting towards what is most true: Jesus Christ’s defeat of sin, evil, and death. Therefore, there is nothing that we cannot conquer in him.

According to Pope Benedict, eternity is not vague but is like “plunging into the ocean of infinite love, a moment in which time—the before and after—no longer exists. We can only attempt to grasp the idea that such a moment is life in the full sense, a plunging ever anew into the vastness of being, in which we are simply overwhelmed with joy” (no.12).

The seed of an authentic and immovable joy is hope—and hope is a condition in friendship when we know that God is with us, even though we cannot see him. Since God is a Trinity of Persons, we see that God himself is defined by relationship. Our move towards true life is only possible if we make our relationship with God our number one priority, no matter how difficult this might be. As the Holy Father says, “If we are in relation with him who does not die, who is Life itself and Love itself, then we are in life. Then we ‘live’ (no. 27).

Today, we are invited to travel deeper into our faith and be among “the Living.” Doing so will not only change the world and bring us closer to Christ; it will give us a relentless hope which can never be taken away. Then we will experience what it means to say that only hope saves.

Article CF: <https://media.ascensionpress.com/2020/12/02/the-living-a-relentless-hope/>