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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

3:00 PM (Sunday Vigil)

Sunday 9:00 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](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.org/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:** Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7

**Second Reading:** Acts 10:34-38

**Gospel:** Mark 1:7-11

## WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

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### **Monday, January 11, 12:15 PM**

+ Raymond and Trevor King

+ Susy Sa Ponte

+ Gloria Oliva

Thanksgiving by Vicky Soto

### **Tuesday, January 12, 7:00 PM**

+ Rabi Rabindran

+ Trinidad Pascual

Special Intention for Mark DeLeon

### **Wednesday, January 13, 12:15 PM**

+ Philippe Ng-Young-Lim

+ Kay Lee

+ Agnes Kwok-Sun

Special Intention for Michael & Cressilda Fonseca

### **Thursday, January 14, 7:00 PM**

Special Intention for Magnus Cruz

Thanksgiving for Phanie Benitez

### **Friday, January 15, 12:15 PM**

+ Leoncia & Cirilo Maulion

+ Maria & John Mascarenhas

+ Betty O'Sullivan

### **Saturday, January 16, 9:00 AM**

+ Agnes Kwok-Sun

+ Nelly Gunadi, + Vonny Wanantara

+ Jose Franciso & Felizarda Coutinho

+ Betty O'Sullivan

Special Intention for Elisabeth & John Folk & Family

Thanksgiving by Tony Ha & Family

### **Sunday, January 17, 9:00 AM**

+ Pedro Antonio

+ Eloy Salazar

+ Gertrudes Lorenzo

+ Laz Fernandes

+ Sandra Morrad

+Domenico Caracciolo

+ Sebastian Francis

+ Holy Souls in Purgatory

Thanksgiving to St Raphael

## SUNDAY REFLECTION

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Today we complete the Church's celebration of the unbelievable good news that God has fulfilled his promise to be Emmanuel - God with his people.

As we hear Mark recount the baptism of Jesus, heaven and earth are joined together as the Spirit descends on Jesus and we hear the Father's voice announce Jesus' true identity:

*"You are my Son, the Beloved: with you I am well pleased."*

To help us understand the full meaning of the Father's words, we have also heard the words of the prophet Isaiah. Jesus fulfills his prophecy: He is the Servant, the Chosen One, on whom the Father's favor rests. The Spirit of the Lord is upon him, and he will bring forth God's justice to the entire world. The wonder of this revelation is that he will bring about this justice with meekness and gentleness, especially toward the downtrodden.

That is the message we have received and the challenge we are offered by our baptism. Because Jesus wants us to share his very life, the Spirit of God has descended on us and dwells in us, and the Father speaks the same wonderful words to us that he spoke to Jesus: "You are my beloved son or daughter, with you I am well pleased."

Our Father has grasped us by the hand, and he wants us to be the living signs of his continuing care for all his people, especially the downtrodden.

Our Father wants to remind us at the beginning of each day: "You are my beloved son or daughter; with you I am well pleased." If we take the time to listen to his words each morning, they offer us direction for our day.

God's loving word must be an uplifting start to our day! Let us take the time to listen.

Gospel Reflection CF: <https://oblates.squarespace.com/sundays-salesian-feed/baptism-of-the-lord-january-10-2021>

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Next Week's Readings

**First Reading:** 1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19

**Second Reading:** 1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20

**Gospel:** John 1:35-42

### 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.

### 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 receive 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.

## Communion Service

The Cardinal has extended the permission for Communion services in lieu of Mass for the duration of the current lockdown.

The Communion service 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 NOON) and will close ONE DAY before Communion service begins. There are only eight spots available per time slot.

Visit <https://mercifulredeemer.org/communion-service> for more information and to register for Communion service.

### In Need of Some Winter Clothes?

A parishioner at Merciful Redeemer is looking to donate some new and lightly used winter clothes.

If you're looking for unused winter hats or a children's size (8 year old girl) snow pant, winter jacket set and/or snow boots that are gently used, please contact [pastor@mercifulredeemer.org](mailto:pastor@mercifulredeemer.org).

### Change of Address

If your home address or telephone number has changed, please send us an email at [register@mercifulredeemer.org](mailto:register@mercifulredeemer.org).

### Info and Awareness on Euthanasia

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

### 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!



OUR MISSION IS TO

LOVE, WALK WITH & EMPOWER THE YOUTH OF OUR COMMUNITY

TO BE JOYFUL & FEARLESS

DISCIPLES OF JESUS CHRIST

## MERCIFUL REDEEMER YOUTH MINISTRY

<https://mercifulredeemer.org/youth-ministry> • [mercifulredeemerym@gmail.com](mailto:mercifulredeemerym@gmail.com)

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

**New Schedule and Time Slot:** Every 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month, 4:30 PM - 6 PM  
**Next Edge Night:** Saturday, January 23th, 2021

We are so excited to kick-start our Edge ministry this year. We will be having our first Edge night on January 23rd online. To register and to be sent the Zoom link, please go to: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZllc-yqqz0uHdS4VL4GVPmd58djK-VMCqFk> or visit the parish website at <https://mercifulredeemer.org/youth-ministry>



**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 Life Night:** Saturday, January 16th, 2021

We are so excited to kick-start our LifeTeen ministry this year. We will be having our first Life night on January 16th online. To register and to be sent the Zoom link, please go to: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0ocOGgpjooGNCj1iY14CiODugAAAb8ADSOY> or visit the parish website at <https://mercifulredeemer.org/youth-ministry>

### PARENTS OF CHILDREN RECEIVING FIRST COMMUNION IN MAY 2021

**Parents' meeting:** 13 January at 7:00 p.m. Livestreamed via parish Youtube Channel at [https://www.youtube.com/results?search\\_query=merciful+redeemer+mississauga](https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=merciful+redeemer+mississauga)

If you have registered your child for first Holy Communion you will need to attend this virtual meeting. If there are new students who have not registered they must register at the parish; call 905-812-0030. Important information and explanation will be provided at this session. This meeting is for all students – Catholic schools, public schools, home-schooled and private schools.

#### First Confessions

**Was:** 10 February from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.  
**Is now:** 24 March from 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Located at the Church. Parents will bring their child at some point in those hours; we may use EventBrite to schedule (if we are still only allowed limited numbers in the church at one time); we will inform in due course if it is drop-in or by EventBrite sign-up.

If there are any further questions, please feel free to email Fr Suresh ([associate2@mercifulredeemer.org](mailto:associate2@mercifulredeemer.org)), Msgr Owen ([pastor@mercifulredeemer.org](mailto:pastor@mercifulredeemer.org)), or Jane ([jane@mercifulredeemer.org](mailto:jane@mercifulredeemer.org)).

# Our Desperate Need for forgiveness

I started bullying Chris sometime in the 5th or 6th grade. I don't remember exactly what year it was, but I know it was around then because that's when we took the bus together. Chris lived around the corner from me. I didn't know him well. I suppose that's the key ingredient of bullying—not knowing, in any real sense, your victim.

I do remember his clothes though. They were tattered, worn out, and faded. They never looked new. He was a little overweight and had a speech impediment. He would try to speak plainly, but he struggled. We didn't care. To me and my friends, he was just weird.

From the back of the bus we would demand he say certain words, and laugh when he said them. He'd try to ignore us, but inevitably he'd look back when we really got going. How could he not? A strong front only lasts so long.

I knew it was wrong, but I did it anyway. I shouted and hurled taunts. Maybe it was my own childhood insecurities, I'm not sure. In hindsight, I'm glad I felt bad when I partook in the bullying. It was my conscience bearing witness to an evil act, telling me that I was wrong.

Years went by, and every now and then Chris would pop into my mind. After coming to the faith in high school, I got into the habit of praying for him, hoping it would help somehow. Once I was in seminary, Christ became a constant thought on my mind as I searched my soul. I wasn't just discerning the priesthood, I was discerning my life. I would think, over and over again, "I bullied a young man". I resolved to say sorry if I ever saw him again, and thankfully that day came.

Two years after graduating college, I was on a train home from New York City. I got off at my town's station and started walking back to my house. At a nearby street corner I realized I was standing next to Chris. As we waited for the light to change, I took my opportunity.

"Hey, is your name Chris?"

"Yeah."

"You probably don't remember me. I'm Dan. We took the bus together as kids. I'm sorry for all the mean things I did to you. The name-calling, all that. Jimmy, Chris, and I were cruel. It was messed up and I'm sorry."

"Oh. Uh, it's okay. Don't worry about it."

"Ok. Again, I'm sorry."

We crossed the street, and went our separate ways.

I thank God I saw Chris that day. Divine providence always has a way of bringing people together at certain times, under certain conditions. That day was an opportunity to not just ask forgiveness, but to heal part of myself too. It was in this moment that I realized how much I needed that closure. I continue to pray for God's grace to heal any damage I did through my sins, but having that ability to say sorry to Chris, even after all these years, was exactly what my heart needed.

I have faith that God's love will continue to not only heal my own sorrow, but the wounds that bullying inflicted upon Chris. It's through that opportunity that I saw my own desperate need for forgiveness. I had repented and knew that God had forgiven me, but being able to look into Chris's eyes and show him how sorry I was revealed to me even more how much God loves me, and how much he desires his children to be in communion with one another.

May we all strive to desire this same forgiveness, and never forget to treat those around us with the love of Christ.

## Prayer for forgiveness

Lord Jesus,

You opened the eyes of the blind,  
healed the sick,  
forgave the sinful woman,  
and after Peter's denial confirmed him in  
your love.

Listen to my prayer:  
forgive all my sins,  
renew your love in my heart,  
help me to live in perfect unity  
with my fellow Christians  
that I may proclaim your saving power  
to all the world. **Amen.**



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