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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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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://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: 2 Kings 4:42-44

Second Reading: Ephesians 4:1-6

Gospel: John 6:1-15

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, July 26, 12:15 PM

+ Umberto & Salvatore Taddeo
+ Special Intention for Glen & Marian Shaw
+ Special Intention for Msgr Owen Keenan

Tuesday, July 27, 7:00 PM

+ Carmela Pate
+ Servando Salomon
+ Special Intention Rudy Fernandes

Wednesday, July 28, 12:15 PM

+ Rosa Taddeo, + Dennis Borja
Thanksgiving by Vanessa D'Souza

Thursday, July 29, 7:00 PM

+ Sylvia Dsouza
Special Intention for Msgr Owen Keenan
Special Intention for Dorothy & Loumide Okukale

Friday, July 30, 12:15 PM

+ Monica Tavares, + Laurentina Lopes
Special Intention for Msgr Owen Keenan

Saturday, July 31, 9:00 AM

+ Ignacia Macatangay, + Godfrey Francis
+ Ricardo Perez, + Belchoir DeMelo
+ Annunziata Veloso, + Cathy Cassar
Special Intention for Iris Louie and Family

Saturday, July 31, 5:00 PM

+ Italo Leondardi, + Elizabeth Kemp
Special Intention for Msgr Owen Keenan

Saturday, July 31, 7:00 PM

+ Sylvia Dsouza, + Avelina Soriano, + Eliza Tauro

Sunday, August 1, 8:30 AM

+ Maria DaSilva
+ Deceased members of Bretana Family
Thanksgiving for Brandon Sanelli

Sunday, August 1, 10:00 AM

For all parishioners

Sunday, August 1, 12:00 PM

+ Margaret John, + Dalmacio & Joel Palarca
+ Monica & Franciso De Vera Senior

Sunday, August 1, 7:00 PM

+ Sylvia Dsouza
+ Leonard Lyn
Special Intention for Msgr Owen Keenan

SUNDAY REFLECTION

"This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world."

We just heard how he fed one hundred from the twenty barley loaves given to the prophet Elisha – and there was some left over as God had said. The Gospel recounts Jesus feeding five thousand with five barley loaves and two fish – and leftovers filled twelve baskets. God truly visits his people and feeds them generously.

But these signs were only hints of God's generous care. At the Last Supper Jesus ate with his disciples, He takes bread and a cup of wine and gives thanks and tells them to eat. He tells them that the bread they are eating is his body soon to be given for them, and the wine is now his blood soon to be poured out on the cross for the sins of all. Then he instructs them to continue this sacred rite in remembrance of him.

You and I are here today to continue to fulfill that command of Jesus. Each time we celebrate Eucharist, Jesus feeds us with his body and blood. Our God comes to be one with us. St. Peter Chrysologus, an early writer of the Church, asks us to open our minds and hearts to the wonder of this gift: "God always gives greater gifts than he is asked for. ...He gives himself as food to be eaten. ...(And God promises) 'You who have continued with me will eat and drink at my table in my kingdom.' He who prepares such great provisions to sustain you on your journey, what has he not prepared for you in that ever-lasting abode? So, do not be anxious about the quality of this banquet."

If our God has provided the body and blood of Jesus as food for our journey, then his promise for the future will be just as surprising and generous. What, then, are we to do as we journey? St. Paul tells us: "live in a manner worthy of the call you have received." Live humbly, gently, patiently, bearing with one another through love. Strive to preserve the unity of the spirit through the bond of peace.

He is reminding us to remember the food we have eaten and allow Jesus to fill us with himself. As we remember, we are called to live as Jesus did, to love as Jesus loved, to be humble and gentle and patient as Jesus was, to be transformed more and more in the image of Jesus so that we can be Jesus' presence in our world. The gifts of God are generous; the Gift-giver calls us to be generous in turn.

Gospel Reflection CF: <https://oblates.squarespace.com/sundays-salesian-feed/seventeenth-sunday-in-ordinary-time-july-25-2021>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Week's Readings

First Reading: Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15

Second Reading: Ephesians 4:17, 20-24

Gospel: John 6:24-35

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.

Phone: 905-813-3984

Want to Know More About The Bible?

You can now access our Bible study archive at <https://mercifulredeemermi.archtoronto.org/en/resources/catholic-resources/> where you'll find weekly notes from past studies like Revelation, Isaiah, Genesis and many more!

Marriage

Couples planning to be married must contact a priest at least one year in advance, be registered parishioners, live within the parish boundaries, attend Mass regularly, and participate in a Marriage Preparation program. Please contact the Parish

Priestly Vocations

If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious, or permanent deacon, contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto.

Phone: 416-968-0997

Email: vocations@archtoronto.org

Website: www.vocationstoronto.ca

EnCourage Toronto

Do you or does a loved one experience same-sex attraction? Courage and EnCourage provide spiritual support and pastoral guidance in full accordance with authentic Catholic teaching on homosexuality and chastity. For more information on our meetings and events, see contact info below:

EnCourage: Spiritual support for family and friends of those who experience same-sex attraction; faithful to church teaching on chastity.

Chaplain: Fr. Eric Rodrigues

Phone: 416-928-5094

Email: encouragetoronto@yahoo.com

Courage: Spiritual support for adults who experience same-sex attraction and who desire to develop a life of interior chastity in union with Christ.

Chaplain: Fr. Kevin Belgrave

Phone: 416-928-5094

Email: couragetoronto@yahoo.ca

All inquiries are kept confidential.

Letters of Reference for Catholic Teacher Applicants

If you or one of your children are currently studying to become a teacher in our Catholic schools, part of the application process for the Board includes a letter of reference from your pastor. If you are from this parish and intend to ask for a reference letter, please note that you will have to be attending Mass here regularly and participating in a parish ministry before such a recommendation will be given. If you have a son or daughter currently in Teacher's College and they intend to use Merciful Redeemer as the parish from which they will request a letter of reference, but they do not attend this parish (because they are away at school), they will be required to obtain a letter from the pastor of the parish where they are attending while away at school. Please remember all our teachers – present and future – in your prayers!

Info and Awareness on Euthanasia

Visit <https://mercifulredeemermi.archtoronto.org/en/resources/euthanasia/> and <https://www.archtoronto.org/en/>

Baptism

Parents are to be registered parishioners, live within the parish boundaries, attend Mass regularly, and participate in a preparation program. Please contact the Parish Office for more information.



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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

Merciful Adventures 2021
Starting 12 July

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 8-12. Spots are limited! Please contact Danielle, the youth minister for more information.



Motivation to Get Your family Together to Pray

One of my favorite movies as a kid, and even to this day, is *The Incredibles*. I remember watching this movie for the first time thinking, “That is my family.” For those who haven’t seen it, the movie is all about a family of superheroes in the throes of the ups and downs of family life trying to figure out their identity as individuals and as a family with superpowers, while saving the world and still trying to remain semi-normal.

Being Normal or Being Chosen

I always could relate to the daughter Violet growing up. She complained about wanting to be normal:

“We act normal, mom! I want to be normal! The only normal one is Jack-Jack, and he’s not even toilet trained!”

There is this struggle between the desire to be like the world and conform to worldly normalcy while leaving behind her true identity, something I struggled with a lot as a teen. I wanted so badly to look good to my peers at school. To look like I was cool, or maybe in my mind, to be good enough for them.

My favorite part of the movie is when the whole family joins forces to defeat the evil Syndrome. At some point, each member of the family realizes they’re never going to fit in with the rest of the world. Being superheroes is one of the things that makes them who they are. It is part of their identity, and because of those powers, when they join together, they can save the world from death and corruption. They finally realized that they were in a sense chosen for the mission of saving the world around them by their unity as a family! Sound familiar?

Unit-y

The family unit is a hidden military base. Sound a little far fetched? Let me explain. The devil would like nothing more than to tear apart the family unit, because if he can break apart the families of society, then everything else will crumble. Think about it! When Mom and Dad aren’t happy in their marriage, and when siblings are constantly at each other’s throats it breeds a cycle of brokenness.

But I look at the families who choose to be plugged into each other’s lives, and even more importantly, into their relationship with God, and something is very different. There is a peace that cannot be gained by just keeping things afloat.

I remember praying the Rosary as a family almost every day growing up (even when I had to drag myself into the room). Somehow I would leave that Rosary feeling not only connected more to God but also to my family. I really and truly stand by the fact that those nights of prayer together not only kept us together as a family unit, but made me stronger in who I was: in my identity as a daughter both in my family and the family of God.

The Struggle Is Real

It is a struggle to remember our identity in the family of God when we can’t even see how our own family fits into the picture. As it happens, the family unit is a reflection of the Trinity. The love of the Father and Son becoming another being in the Holy Spirit for all eternity is much like the love of husband and wife bringing a new, unrepeatable life into the world. By participating in the vocation of marriage, we become co-creators with God himself! How beautiful.

It would be easy to just stop there, but praying together as a family takes that gift a step further. It solidifies the familial bond and allows the Holy Spirit to enter more fully, bringing more life and grace into the hearts of each individual and strengthening each to love with the sacrificial love of Christ. And isn’t that the hardest thing to do in our families? To love each other to the point of laying down our lives? I can barely bring myself to do the dishes, let alone lay down my life.

All this being said, no family is perfect. Being a broken person by yourself is hard enough, but living with more than one? Easier said than done. But imagine a world of families making prayer the center of their family life. What would that look like? For the family, yes, but even beyond? I know it might sound a little exaggerated, but I look at the state of our world at the moment and I wonder, “Jesus, are you coming soon?” Because it just feels like things are quickly falling apart. Everyone is confused about who they are and what they have to offer the world. Is it possible that one family praying together consistently could make a difference?

You’re Not Alone

Yes. I really believe it could, because I have seen how praying with my family has brought grace into some of the most impossible situations. It has brought mercy into our broken relationships. It has brought healing for other families who have asked for our prayer when we

chose to not let our promise to pray for them return void. It has brought us together to remember who we are and the mission we have together to, in a sense, change the world.

Do I think we can do it because of our prayer? No. I believe that change comes because we have a God who is faithful and listens to us and meets us there when we are gathered in his name.

I know this might all seem overwhelming, but you are not alone in the struggle. Just take the first step. Bring your family together to pray regardless of the groans and fits. There have been many Rosaries where my siblings were crying, goofing off, and the whole thing just felt so unholy, but the Lord will bless your faithfulness in the midst of struggle because he is faithful. He loves you a whole heck of a lot and wants to be a part of your family! You can do this! Know that I am praying for you.

Article CF: <https://media.ascensionpress.com/2021/07/14/motivation-to-get-your-family-together-to-pray/>

REMINDERS

Adoration Chapel Guidelines

Let's help each other stay safe and healthy!

MAXIMUM of 10 Visitors at a time (The Church is also available for 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.

Change of Address

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

Mass Registration

Eventbrite registration no longer required for weekday Masses

Prayer for family Strength

Heavenly Father, You are our ultimate source of strength. When we are weak, You are strong. You lift us up when we are down. You renew our strength, and we soar on wings like eagles. Thank You, God, for always raising us up with Your mighty hands.

How strong our bonds are with our families depends on You, Lord. Which is why we ask You to always be the center of our family relationships. Enable our families to be as a triple-braided cord that cannot easily be broken. Let Your Spirit fill our hearts so we can love each other just as Christ loves us.

In our times of trials and troubles, God, we look to You. Life can hand us many different challenges that we know we cannot face on our own. But with You, Father God, we believe that nothing is impossible. We believe that You will always grant us the endurance to overcome any obstacle that may come our way.

You are our strength when we are weak, God, and we are always grateful when You manifest Your power through our lives. All these we pray in Your Name, **Amen.**



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

EVENTS IN THE ARCHDIOCESE

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).

Cost: \$65 (includes lunch and material)

Email: reservations@carmelniagara.com

Phone: 905-356-4113

4th Annual Parish Ministry Conference

26 - 30 October, 2021

Online

The Office of Formation for Discipleship is pleased to announce our 4th Annual Parish Ministry Conference, With Burning Hearts, from October 26 to 30, 2021. The conference will be a virtual, interactive place where all in parish ministry can gather to pray, learn, and be refreshed in understanding how every parish ministry is catechetical, and how we might go forward in the pandemic and post-pandemic context.

Save the date and join our email list to receive updates

<https://bit.ly/OFDFlocknote-SignUp>

or visit our website at
www.archtoronto.org/conference
for more information.

Street Patrol

7 July, 2021 - 1 September, 2021

St. Patrick's Parish

131 McCaul Street, Toronto

Would you or your group like to help the homeless? Street Patrol is a walk through Toronto's downtown core, offering food and friendship to the homeless. Food and drinks are prepared independently ahead of time by you or your group. You may volunteer once or as many times as you wish. Individuals or small groups do NOT need to contact Street Patrol in advance. You may just show up. Larger groups (12 people or more), please book ahead. See FAQ on our website for more information.

Contact: Lucio

Email: inmylife@rogers.com

Phone: 416-738-9197

Web: <https://bit.ly/StreetPatrol>

Surrender to our Eucharistic Lord! - Praise & Worship with St. Augustine's Seminarians

7 August, 2021 from 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica, Toronto

All young adults (18-39) are invited for an evening of praise and worship hosted by seminarians from St. Augustine's Seminary.

Annual Mass for the Faithful Departed

18 August, 2021 from 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Online

Due to the protocols surrounding COVID-19, this year's Annual Mass for the Faithful Departed has unfortunately been cancelled at our seven Catholic cemeteries.

His Eminence Thomas Cardinal Collins, Archbishop of Toronto, will celebrate and livestream a special Mass in honour of our faithful departed on Wednesday, August 18, at 7 p.m. at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica. The Mass can be viewed here: www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live

Thank you for your ongoing support of Catholic Cemeteries & Funeral Services and for your continued prayers.