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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 TEAM

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**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:** Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15

**Second Reading:** Ephesians 4:17, 20-24

**Gospel:** John 6:24-35

## WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

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**Monday, August 2, 12:15 PM**

+ Patricia Dunbar, + Rosa Taddeo

Thanksgiving for Gloria Manalo

**Tuesday, August 3, 7:00 PM**

+ Sebastian Diniz, + Gerardo B. Garcia, + Giovanni Sanelli

**Wednesday, August 4, 12:15 PM**

+ Alfredo Cacalda Senior

Special Intention for Msgr Owen Keenan

Special Intention for Robert & Bernadette Douglas and family

**Thursday, August 5, 7:00 PM**

+ George Joseph, + Napoleon Pascual

Thanksgiving by Manuel & Rosie Uy

Thanksgiving by Olivia Pais

**Friday, August 6, 12:15 PM**

+ Holy Souls in Purgatory, + Merwyn Fernandes

Special Intention for Pereira Family

**Friday, August 6, 7:00 PM**

+ Tina Monteiro

Thanksgiving by Ramani Selvanayagam & Family

**Saturday, August 7, 9:00 AM**

+ Edmundo Soto Senior, + Collin D'Mello

+ John De Petrillo, + Philip D'Souza

+ Jimmy Fernandes, + Lito Osmena

+ Leena D'Costa, + Shyam De Souza

**Saturday, August 7, 5:00 PM**

+ Holy Souls In Purgatory, + Collin D'Mello, + Mike

Galloro

**Saturday, August 7, 7:00 PM**

+ Leena D'Costa, + Sylvia Dsouza

Thanksgiving for Violeta Salvador

**Sunday, August 8, 8:30 AM**

+ Augusto & Gina Cecchin, + Magno Gonzalez Rivera

Special Intention for Dorothy Odukale

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

For all parishioners

**Sunday, August 8, 12:00 PM**

+ Isabelita Escuban

Special Intentions of Fr Suresh & Fr Abraham

Thanksgiving for Vanessa D'Souza

**Sunday, August 8, 7:00 PM**

+ Piedede & Joe Fernandes

Special Intention for Fortuno Family

Thanksgiving by Daniel & Linda Capistrano & Family

## SUNDAY REFLECTION

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*"I am the bread of life.  
Whoever comes to me will  
never be hungry, and  
whoever believes in me will  
never be thirsty."*

The Scriptures today invite us to open our minds and hearts to the lavish love of our God.

When the Israelites asked for food in the desert, God gave them exactly what they needed. Their grumbling didn't put him off; he fed them with manna and quail. God only asked them to trust in his loving care for them.

When crowds of people gathered around Jesus, he not only fed them; he gave them more than they could eat. God's only desire in both instances was to show his lavish love in such a way that it would move people to trust him with their lives.

When the people asked Jesus what they were to do to accomplish the works of God, he gave them a simple answer: believe in the one sent by God – believe in me. Then Jesus identifies himself: I am the bread of life, come down from heaven to give life to the world. All who come to him will never hunger or thirst.

All of us believe that Jesus is the bread of life for us. We desire to place our trust and confidence in God's loving care for us. We have also found that there is a challenge involved in this trusting. The challenge comes in our willingness to embrace God as he is, and not as we might like him to be. Confidence in God's loving Providence means accepting with our whole being that God will provide for us, but not always as we might want or expect. Hoarfrost on the ground in the early morning was not what the Israelites expected, but it was bread from heaven as God had promised.

Are we courageous enough in our faith to say to God: "Give us this bread always" and then meet the challenges of letting Jesus, the bread of life, live in us as each day unfolds?

Gospel Reflection CF: <https://oblates.squarespace.com/sundays-salesian-feed/eighteenth-sunday-in-ordinary-time-august-1-2021>

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## *Next Week's Readings*

**First Reading:** 1 Kings 19:4-8

**Second Reading:** Ephesians 4:30—5:2

**Gospel:** John 6:41-51

### **Private Tour of the Yehoshua Aryeh Fine Art Gallery in Jerusalem**

**25 August, 2021 from 8:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.**

#### **Online**

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

Yehoshua Aryeh and Jordyn Stauber are accomplished photographers from Israel, who have opened the YA Fine Art Gallery in Jerusalem. They will allow to (virtually) explore the physical beauty of the Land of Israel and its impact on the soul.

**Register:** <https://bit.ly/YAgallerytour>

### **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!

### **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 Office for more information.

### **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience**

**22 October, 2021 - 24 October, 2021**

#### **Online**

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.

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

**Spanish contact:** Gustavo & Milena Junca - 647-773-3963, [milenapenaq@gmail.com](mailto:milenapenaq@gmail.com)

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

### **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!



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## 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

**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.*



# *Sacraments Supersede Our Trials*

If I were to write the story of my daughter's First Holy Communion, it would have followed an expected pattern. Predictably traditional, a beautiful, hurried, and busy day with dozens of little girls in white, extended families filling the church building, packed pews and photographs, and celebratory cake in the hall. A large gathering at the house with more family, friends and neighbors, gifts, and reminders for thank yous to follow. A lot of cooking and cleaning and noise.

But a pandemic changes the rules and while it formats scenes off the traditional template, it waylays expectations in completely unexpected ways. In the greatest of plot twists, a quite different script was written for us.

The white dress, passed down a generation, was fixed and in place, white patent leather shoes with a half-inch heel slipped onto little feet, a wreath decked out in faux florals attached to the veil my sisters and I had worn many years before was set upon dirty-blonde curls. Her aunt slipped a new bracelet on her right wrist, her brothers' collared shirts were tucked and re-tucked and the baby grabbed at the lace flowers and satin bows with wet, one-toothed smiles.

## **Still One Body**

We had anticipated a full pew of family and friends, but were limited to two. We had expected a rushed early arrival followed by what would seem an age of waiting. Instead we had a fifteen-minute window to enter and sit, allowing the cleaning crew time following the 9 a.m. Mass.

Pews sectioned off by thick white cord, piano music with no vocals, blue x's taped to the floor at six-foot intervals and whispered reminders to "space out." And masks. On the first communicants, on us the parents, on the priest as he handed out communion. No lingering for photos, no formal gathering in the hall, no holy water, no blood.

There were three choices for dates, spread out over the summer. They were offered to us suddenly on a Sign-up Genius as a first-come, first-served basis after weeks of rising numbers and state-issued orders. I wrung my hands over the restrictions, rather than bringing it to God and laying it at his feet.

The vision was quickly fading and we discussed waiting until the church was once again a place of full

celebration, when we could invite extended family, friends, and neighbors, when we would be safe to truly gather.

Then we realized this was it, this was and is the full celebration of the Church, surviving pandemics and wars, fallen leaders, and persecution. The sacraments, ongoing and living and breathing life into the dead and making the old new. The sacrament was the celebration, blessed and holy, and unifying us in our faith as Christians. And whether we sat many or few, we were one body.

## **The Beauty of Sacred Tradition**

The protocols may have changed, schedules altered and condensed, but we have not been shut out and we have not been shut down. And when our state removed our constitutional right to assemble, our church continued to bestow on us our right to the sacraments, the gifts of the Church, creatively but unaltered.

It certainly wasn't our plan. But his plan is better and his plan is always good. And we, the faithful ones, must rejoice in good things (2 Chronicles 6:41), especially today, when we are separated from those we love, when much of our community consists of online gatherings, when service is limited to distanced giving.

The value of the day, the beauty of the sacrament was just as sweet and joyful in a quieter, smaller way. My daughter's hand slipped into mine was an unexpected gift, as families stayed together during the Mass. The service was simple and honorable, keeping in line with the feast day of its beloved St. Benedict and his simple rule. A two-thousand-year-old sacrifice that time has never defeated was made new again in young hearts.

## **Celebration of Heaven**

She walked the aisle breathlessly, taking time to bow her head, say her "Amen" and pray when she returned to the pew. She stood for a few pictures outside of the stables near our house next to a big, worn wagon wheel set against the four-board fence. There was less rushing and the gathering, close family who had remained in our home to watch the live stream, was intimate.

I know the Church has come under criticism for closures and adherence to governors' mandates that many would consider a vast overreach of authority.

Though the Mass, for a time, was not accessible, the Church as a whole never stopped living and serving, accommodating and adjusting as best it could in unchartered territory.

The next time I help my daughter into a beautiful white dress, we will be, I believe, in a world different than today's, albeit just as unpredictable and uncontrolled. But God is still in control and his design, imprinted on us, brought to life through the Church and the beauty of sacred tradition, will continue to supersede time in our celebration of heaven on earth.

Article CF: <https://media.ascensionpress.com/2020/07/20/sacraments-supersede-our-trials/>

## Prayer of Entrustment

Lord Jesus, you have promised the kingdom to those who approach you with childlike abandonment. You have promised your unlimited generosity to those who place their trust in you.

Lord Jesus, I entrust my whole life to you today.

I give you my heart; conform it to yours.

I give you my will; may I desire only your will.

I give you my joys; help me to recognize they are your gift.

I give you my struggles; show me how you were perfecting me.

I will go anywhere you want me to go.

I will do anything you want me to do.

I will say anything you want me to say.

Jesus, I trust in you.

**Amen.**

# REMINDERS

## 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)

## Download Our Parish App!

Visit [myparishapp.com](http://myparishapp.com)

- 1) Download myParish App
- 2) Enable the location setting on your device
- 3) Select our parish after opening

## Info and Awareness on Euthanasia

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

## Confirmation Responses

If your child is to be Confirmed in Fall 2021, you should have received an email calling you to disclose whether you will: (a) be confirming yours and your child's attendance to his/her Confirmation Mass, or (b) postponing your child's Confirmation Sacrament to Spring 2022. **Confirmation responses will be due by Sunday, August 15th by 11:59 p.m.**

## 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](mailto:adoration@mercifulredeemer.org) with your name, phone number and day and time of the regular weekly hour visit you promise to keep.

# 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](http://www.annaracine.org)).

Cost: \$65 (includes lunch and material)

Email: [reservations@carmelniagara.com](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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](http://www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live)

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