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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 PM - 8:00 PM

**Sunday** 1:00 PM - 8:00 PM

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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** Mondays 9:00 - 10:00

PM, via Zoom, [tob@bell.net](mailto:tob@bell.net)

**Knights of Columbus** Michael Fonseca, [fs@saintfaustina.ca](mailto:fs@saintfaustina.ca)

**Men's Fraternity** Saturdays, 8:00-10:00 AM, via Zoom

**Merciful Moms** Tuesdays, 8:30-9:30 PM, via Zoom,

[jane@mercifulredeemer.org](mailto:jane@mercifulredeemer.org)

**Youth Ministry** <https://mercifulredeemermi.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:** Isaiah 50:5-9a

**Second Reading:** James 2:14-18

**Gospel:** Mark 8:27-35

## WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

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**Monday, September 13, 12:15 PM**

+ Agnes Kwok Sun, + Mark Stephenson  
+ Yorrick D'Souza

**Tuesday, September 14, 7:00 PM**

+ Celeste Soto  
Thanksgiving by Ferrao Family  
Thanksgiving by Maria D'Costa

**Wednesday, September 15, 12:15 PM**

+ Vittorio Grisoni, + Maria Rebello  
+ Hadi Susanto

**Thursday, September 16, 7:00 PM**

+ Serafim Sr. & Maria do Costa, + Rosa Lydia Saldanha  
+ Lucy De Guzman

**Friday, September 17, 12:15 PM**

+ Teresita Shirley Velso  
+ Ronald George Wilson  
Special Intention for Julie

**Saturday, September 18, 9:00 AM**

+ Rodrigo San Francisco, + Mariela Sepulveda,  
+ Nina D'Silva, + Harris Jacob, + Alex Tan  
+ Laz Fernandes  
+ Deceased Members of the Dias and Fernandes  
Family  
Special Intention for Juliene De La Cruz  
Thanksgiving by Maria D'Costa  
Thanksgiving for Lourdes Fernandes

**Saturday, September 18, 5:00 PM**

Thanksgiving for Gabua Family  
Special Intention for Margaret Podolak  
Special intention for Elizabeth Noel Corr

**Saturday, September 18, 7:00 PM**

+ Sylvia Dsouza  
Thanksgiving for Christopher Soffee

**Sunday, September 19, 8:30 AM**

+ Caroline Yurchuck, + Eman Abdulahad  
Thanksgiving for Caley Orbegoso

**Sunday, September 19, 10:00 AM**

For all parishioners

**Sunday, September 19, 12:00 PM**

+ Walter Sanson  
+ Benedict Rosario  
+ Hermogenes De Souza

**Sunday, September 19, 7:00 PM**

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## SUNDAY REFLECTION

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Today's Gospel passage is the turning point in the Gospel of Mark. Jesus asks his disciples an innocent-enough question: "Who do people say that I am?" And we hear the various ways that people are seeing Jesus. Then Jesus asks the crucial question: "Who do you say that I am?" And Peter responds: "You are the Christ – the Messiah."

We heard Jesus begin to tell them that he, the Messiah, is going to be rejected, suffer, die, and rise after three days. Peter is shocked and begins to argue with Jesus. Imagine his surprise when Jesus calls him "Satan." "You're not thinking as God does, but rather as human beings do." And Jesus goes on to tell his disciples that, in order to follow him, they will have to take up their cross. They will have to lose their life in order to save it. If they weren't confused at first, they must be very confused now. Do I want to follow someone who offers me suffering and self-denial? That's not a very appealing invitation. How is this "good news"?

What is "God's thinking" that Jesus is talking about? We need to look at the larger picture of Jesus' message. St. John tells us: "God so loved the world that he sent his only Son so that we might have life." Jesus has come to show us how much God loves the world. He reveals God's great desire for us – that we share in divine life and love. Jesus loves us so much that he is willing to give his own life for us – to suffer and die – so that we can be reconciled to God and share God's life.

The Father's love for Jesus is so great that Jesus' willing death for us is transformed into new life in the resurrection. Self-denial and suffering are not ends in themselves. They are the inevitable consequences of unconditional love. When love is patterned on divine love, no cost is too great for the one who loves.

Divine love is always life-giving – eternal life-giving. Jesus' love was so focused on us that self-denial and suffering, even death on the cross, became the means of salvation and reconciliation. You and I now share in God's life and love because Jesus' love for us was unconditional.

Jesus offers us the challenge: love one another as I have loved you. Loving others as Jesus loved will have its costs. Jesus has shown us that the costs are life-giving. When we embrace self-denial, suffering, and even death, because we love, they will always lead us to resurrection – new life – eternal life.

May we know Jesus' great love for us and learn to love generously as Jesus did.

Article CF: <https://oblates.squarespace.com/sundays-salesian-feed/twenty-fourth-sunday-in-ordinary-time-september-12-2021>

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## *Next Week's Readings*

**First Reading:** Wisdom 2:12, 17-20

**Second Reading:** James 3:16—4:3

**Gospel:** Mark 9:30-37

### **Merciful Redeemer Children's Choir**

We are so excited to announce the beginning of a **CHILDREN'S CHOIR!**

If you are a child (ages 7-12) and would like to make some "joyful noise", then this choir is for you! The children's choir will be singing for the 10:00 AM mass on Sunday Mornings.

If you have a child who would like to participate, please email [jane@mercifulredeemer.org](mailto:jane@mercifulredeemer.org) with their name and information. We will be in touch shortly with more details as we get this ministry off the ground!

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### **RCIA - Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults**

If you are interested in faith and God and want to learn a little bit more about becoming Catholic, then don't hesitate to contact [jane@mercifulredeemer.org](mailto:jane@mercifulredeemer.org)! The RCIA is a group of adults that gather once a week to learn about the Catholic faith and receive the Sacraments at Easter. These are unprecedented times, but perhaps all the more reason to make this a priority!

The RCIA process begins **Thursday, 7 October**. If COVID restrictions permit for us to do so, we will be gathering in person (socially distanced) from 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

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### **Life Chain 2021**

Join the thousands participating in Life Chain across Canada and the US standing together in prayer and witness for moms and their babies.

**Where:** North-West corner of Glen Eric Dr. and Erin Centre Blvd

**When:** 3 October, 2021 at 1:30 p.m.

### **Altar Servers**

If your child is in grade 3 - 8 and is interested in being an altar server, please email Vicky at [vicaltarserver.mrp2021@gmail.com](mailto:vicaltarserver.mrp2021@gmail.com) and make note of the points below:

1. Fill out the altar server registration form located on the parish website:  
<https://mercifulredeemermi.archtoronto.org/en/parish-life/our-ministries/liturgical/altar-servers/>
2. There will be a meeting at the church for all altar servers and their parents on Monday, 13 September from 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

## *Bundle up for the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul*

We are collecting donations at Merciful Redeemer Parish from 18 - 19 September!

We DO NOT accept appliances, baby or regular furniture, books, mattresses, dishes, construction material or video tapes.

For more information, please visit [www.ssvptoronto.ca](http://www.ssvptoronto.ca)

### **Living the Gospel by Supporting Residents of Long-term Care September 12, 2021**

The Houses of Providence in Scarborough is a ShareLife-funded agency that provides long-term care for seniors.

"It's been hard during COVID-19," says Mary, one of its residents, "but we understand the precautions that staff are taking. Providence staff have been absolutely wonderful and are doing a good job. I thank them every time I see them for their hard work."

Did you know that you can contribute to ShareLife agencies like the Houses of Providence through Pre-Authorized Giving? Please consider making a monthly contribution to ShareLife using PAG.

October 3 is the next ShareLife Sunday. Please give generously during the special collection or anytime at [sharelife.org](http://sharelife.org).



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LOVE, WALK WITH & EMPOWER THE YOUTH OF OUR COMMUNITY

TO BE JOYFUL & FEARLESS

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For High School Students (Gr. 9-12)

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

**More information for our youth programs to come in the fall. Thank you for your patience.**

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

**More information for our youth programs to come in the fall. Thank you for your patience.**

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.

### FILL IN THE BLANKS: Mark 8:31-35

#### Jesus Foretells His Death and Resurrection

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great \_\_\_\_\_, and be rejected by the \_\_\_\_\_, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be \_\_\_\_\_, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to \_\_\_\_\_ him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on \_\_\_\_\_ things but on \_\_\_\_\_ things."

He called the crowd with his \_\_\_\_\_, and said to them, "If any want to become my \_\_\_\_\_, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will \_\_\_\_\_ it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the \_\_\_\_\_, will \_\_\_\_\_ it."

#### WORD BANK:

save, killed, suffering, rebuke, gospel, human, disciples, divine, followers, elders, lose

Answers: suffering, elders, killed, rebuke, divine, human, disciples, followers, lose, gospel, save

# *In an Age of Proud Leaders, We are a Moses People*

When the figure of Moses follows Abraham in the Old Testament, it can seem like a great decline in character, as though God chose a lamb after a lion. It seems that way for a reason, because, that is exactly what he did. Through this succession, God created a pattern that would remain over the centuries, until he sent himself as a lamb to men.

## **Abraham, Father of Many Nations**

After years of sin and turmoil caused a great divide between creation and Creator, God chose a man others would easily recognize as a leader to develop his nation, his people. Abraham's character is strong and fierce, both in his belief and in his lack of fear. The only one he feared was God himself, with a holy respect for God's power and might. And so, God called him forth from his home into the desert to begin something radically new. He called Abraham to found a nation that would turn men back to God.

Abraham leads a fierce and large tribe, warring with other nations and meeting with princes and kings. Abraham's relationship with God is unique. He talks to God, parrys with him, knows his awesomeness, and is compliant to him, regardless of the world's disdain. The subsequent power bestowed on him is great. His faith is rewarded with a promise of populating a new world, as numerous as the stars in the night sky and as innumerable as the grains of sand by the sea. (Genesis 22:17)

That "assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen," (Hebrews 11:1-2) earn Abraham a place above other men, for:

"By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; he went out, not knowing where he was to go."

By faith he sojourned in the Promised Land as in a foreign country, dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs of the same promise. He was looking forward to the city with foundations whose architect and maker is God." (Hebrews 11:8-10)

## **A Leader in Radical Trust**

His faith, his devotion to the Law of the Lord, and his radical and immediate acceptance of God's will is almost inhuman. He is a different sort of man than most, a second Noah, leading the people into the desert. He

trusts that his faith will reap rewards well beyond man's understanding.

But Abraham's people are only the beginning of the great plan God has for his people, for "These all died in faith, not having received what was promised, but having seen it and greeted it from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth." (Hebrews 11:13-16) The promise has been made clear and the faithful can see it. But, it will take a baby in a basket to transform God's new nation into a people that walks directly behind Him.

## **A Different Kind of Abraham**

Genesis is not referred to as Abraham's book, but Moses'. As the first Book of Moses, Genesis ushers in the first covenant. But, a new covenant is handed down to Moses. regeneration After years of separation between a people and their God, a regeneration is coming. This pattern of new growth and connectedness will shoot forth until God's own birth.

Nearly five centuries after Abraham forms his covenant, a baby is found in the reeds of the Nile. This baby is Moses, who is providentially saved from Pharaoh's murderous law. Moses is perfectly positioned to carry his people against Pharaoh as a new Abraham of prestige and promise.

But Moses is not the person we expect. As a man, Moses is introduced to the people as a murderer and an outlaw. He lacks confidence and begs to be released from his calling. And yet, the great God continues to shape him.

## **What Moses Did**

From an extraordinary beginning to an ordinary life, Moses is brought forth by God through the great sign of a bush. This bush, covered in flame but not consumed, is an apt portrayal of what Moses will endure in the years to come. Despite his flaws, he is not burned up, he is steady in service to his God. He will display that steadfastness as he returns, again and again, to Pharaoh's court to plead, to warn, and to incite. The fruit of Moses' loyalty is a transformation from meekness to courage.

Moses' leadership and gifts vary greatly from Abraham's. He is weak in speech and lacks Abraham's bold confidence in his fear of God. Godcrafts a very

different relationship with his new Abraham, a leader who will transform and shape a new covenant between God and his People. Where Abraham founds the faith, Moses moves the people. And, by submitting to the Lord, he moves and changes himself as well.

### **A Special Friendship with God**

Within this beautiful, redemptive friendship, Moses implores God and convinces him to forgive his wayward people. He speaks to the Lord, “face to face, as a man speaks to his friend.” (Exodus 33:11)

“This very thing that you have spoken I will do; for you have found favor in my sight, and I know you by name.” (Exodus 32:17)

Then, after years of law-setting, organizing, and structuring, of battles fought and won, of living fully with the Lord, Moses dies in the desert. He dies in the land of Moab with the Promised Land just before him, the land he would not enter. (Deuteronomy 34:4)

And yet, no prophet was quite like Moses, “whom the Lord knew face to face...” (Deuteronomy 34:10). His “great might” and “awesome power” (Deuteronomy 34:12) reverberated throughout time. It was still on the mind of the people when the final covenant-maker and covenant-fulfiller arrived.

### **We Are a Moses People**

Few of us are born Abrahams, innately powerful and easy in faith. But we are all Moses, in need of a relationship with God. We need to know him, to trust him, and to talk to him as a friend throughout our lives.

In spite of our stuttering, he can make our language clear. In spite of our doubt, he can drive us to courageous deeds. In spite of our reluctance, he can direct us. In spite of our frustration, through him we can forbear. In spite of our failure to move mountains, he will still meet us upon them.

Though we walk as aliens in a foreign land, he can lead us to a journey’s end, at peace and prosperous in all that is truly good.

Article CF: <https://media.ascensionpress.com/2021/09/01/in-an-age-of-proud-leaders-we-are-a-moses-people/>

## *Prayer for Guidance*

O Holy Spirit of God, take me as your disciple; guide me, illuminate me, sanctify me. Bind my hands that they may do no evil; cover my eyes that they may see it no more; sanctify my heart that evil may not dwell within me. Be my God; be my guide.

Wherever you lead me, I will go: whatever you forbid me, I will renounce; and whatever you command me, in your strength, I will do. Lead me, then, unto the fullness of your truth. 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!**

Vsit [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/>

### **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!

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## EVENTS IN THE ARCHDIOCESE

### Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience

22-24 October, 2021

#### Virtual

Discover the possibilities of a marriage lived as God intends it! Live your best life in love! Restore your loving communication with your spouse and rekindle the romance. The Marriage Encounter experience is a skill-building enrichment program where you, as husband and wife, learn how to be the best couple you can be; a special weekend to spend in ways that normal, daily living tends to inhibit. No group discussion. Based on Catholic values but open to couples of all faiths. Rediscover the love in your relationship!

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

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

### Receptive Ecumenism: The Role of the Spirit in New Ecumenical Endeavours

17 September, 2021 from 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

#### Online

How can we understand the promotion of unity among today's divided Christians? Amid the apparent stalling progress of ecumenism, is there a future for a full, visible communion? Receptive ecumenism provides a way forward, allowing churches to receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit from one another in this present stage of unity.

Dr. Paul Murray of the Centre for Catholic Studies at Durham University, in England, will lead an online conversation on the significance of receptive ecumenism, its foundations and the unique opportunity it presents for new ecumenical endeavors. The focus of this conversation will be on the relationship between receptive ecclesial learning and the work of the Spirit within this process, with attention given of the relationship between Catholics and those from the Evangelical and Pentecostal streams of Christianity. Sponsored by the Glenmary Home Missioners.

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

### Online Blue Table Webinar 4: Ethics and Ecology

22 September, 2021 from 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

#### Online

The Globethics.net Academy (a consortium of diverse international ecumenical and educational organizations) is launching the Blue Table Webinar Series. This series offers a distinctive opportunity to engage with ethical issues applied to a variety of subjects and contexts. Webinars will be held on every fourth Wednesday of the month from September into November 2021. On Wednesday, September 22, they will explore: "Ethics and Ecology."

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

### Seasons of Grief Retreat – Surviving Loss

17 September, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. - 19 September, 2021 at 1:00 p.m.

#### Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre

7020 Stanley Ave., Niagara Falls, Ont.

Are you in a season of grief? This retreat is for anyone who has experienced loss or life changes. Explore the components of grief and find tools and resources to navigate your way through your journey to healing. Presenter: Anna Racine ([www.annaracine.org](http://www.annaracine.org)).

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

**Phone:** 905-356-4113

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

### Come to St. Joseph

17 September, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. - 19 September, 2021 at 1:00 p.m.

#### Manresa Jesuit Spiritual Renewal Centre

2325 Liverpool Rd., Pickering

A silent Ignatian weekend retreat for men and women. Come to St. Joseph; come and get to know the one chosen to care for and form God's Son for human life. Come to know the one chosen to care for you. Facilitated by Fr. Robert Foliot, SJ. A suggested offering of \$235 per person. Includes two nights' accommodation, meals, program and spiritual direction.

**Register:** [www.manresa-canada.ca](http://www.manresa-canada.ca)

**Contact:** [registration@manresa.ca](mailto:registration@manresa.ca)

**Phone:** 905-839-2864