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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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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

Knights of Columbus Michael Fonseca, 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

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: Wisdom 2:12, 17-20

Second Reading: James 3:16—4:3

Gospel: Mark 9:30-37

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, September 20, 12:15 PM

+ Remedios Bayato, + Adalia Borda

Special Intention for Monsignor Owen Keenan

Tuesday, September 21, 7:00 PM

+ Remedios Bayato

+ Domingo Lim Garcia

+ Kay Du Quesnay

Special intention for Sao-kham Mork Gerra

Wednesday, September 22, 12:15 PM

+ Joana Mendonca

+ Philomena Anthonypillai

+ Quentin Fontana

Thursday, September 23, 7:00 PM

+ Dr. M. J. Thomas, + Giacomo Russo

Thanksgiving to St. Padre Pio

Friday, September 24, 12:15 PM

+ Serafim da Costa Junior

+ Rodrigo & Lorenzo Tiqui

Thanksgiving for Paul Whiting

Saturday, September 25, 9:00 AM

+ Victor Fernandes, + Mariela Sepulveda,

+ Ignace Herold Gouljhar, + Holy Souls in Purgatory

+ Jeannine Calou, + Henry Anthony Lobo,

Special Intention for Burke & Mitchell Families

Thanksgiving by the D'Silva Family

Saturday, September 25, 5:00 PM

+ Raymond Henry Travas

+ Firmin D'Souza

+ Maria Carlucci

Saturday, September 25, 7:00 PM

+ Sylvia Dsouza

+ Vicente Coleongco Junior

Thanksgiving by Dias Family

Sunday, September 26, 8:30 AM

+ Robert Prakash

+ Nicholas Shaw

Thanksgiving to Our Blessed Mother

Sunday, September 26, 10:00 AM

For all parishioners

Sunday, September 26, 12:00 PM

+ Ruffina Jane Goes

+ Philomena & Anthonypillai

+ Edward Hernandez

Sunday, September 26, 7:00 PM

SUNDAY REFLECTION

"Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

At Jesus' baptism by John in the Jordan, the Father had identified Jesus as his Son, the beloved one in whom he is well pleased. This is a reference to the "suffering servant" in the prophet Isaiah. The servant must suffer and die to fully actualize his identity.

In today's Gospel, Jesus begins to prepare his disciples for what is to come. He identifies himself with the "just one" in the Book of Wisdom which we heard in today's first reading. He will be put to the test to give proof of his gentleness and patience. He will be condemned to a shameful death – and God will take care of him.

Mark comments that the disciples did not understand the saying and were afraid to question him. Apparently, they distracted themselves by arguing about who was the greatest among them.

Jesus was not distracted and continued to teach them about himself and how they were to live. "If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all." Jesus is among them as servant – the "suffering servant."

The child Jesus places in their midst and embraces is how they are to receive him: peaceably, gently, without inconstancy or insincerity, open to wisdom from above.

Jesus comes to us as the "suffering servant" – Savior and Lord. He invites us to embrace him as he did the child. May we not allow ourselves to become distracted by petty, personal concerns. Let us accept Jesus as the First and Only in our lives, for he has shown us how to be the last and the servant of all.

Article CF: <https://oblates.squarespace.com/sundays-salesian-feed/twenty-fifth-sunday-in-ordinary-time-september-19-2021>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Week's Readings

First Reading: Numbers 11:25-29

Second Reading: James 5:1-6

Gospel: Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

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 with their name and information. We will be in touch shortly with more details as we get this ministry off the ground!

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! 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.

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.

Change of Address

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

Altar Servers

If your child is in grade 3 - 10 and is interested in being an altar server, please email Vicky at 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.

ShareLife

Thanks to generous donors like each one of you, ShareLife agencies helped 150,000 people locally last year. They include 1,900 young pregnant and parenting women and their babies. These women take parenting classes, receive diapers and healthy food, and get one-on-one support as they complete their high school education. We encourage you to support this work by making a gift to ShareLife. Those who are able, please make your donations through <https://sharelife.org/> or drop off your envelopes at the Parish office.

October 3rd is the next ShareLife Sunday. Please give generously.

SPA (Spiritual and Personal Awakening) Postponed until the spring

We are hopeful that by springtime we can resume our gathering in a safe and beneficial way for all participants. After much thought, it has been determined that this ministry does not work via Zoom!

Merciful Moms

Merciful Moms is hoping to resume gathering on a Tuesday morning at 10:00 a.m. sometime in the coming weeks! Meanwhile are gathering via Zoom on Tuesday evenings at 8:30 p.m. Please email jane@mercifulredeemer.org for more information.

Cardinal Collins' Stewardship Sunday Homily

View Cardinal Collins' stewardship Sunday homily here!
<https://www.archtoronto.org/stewardship-sunday>



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LIFE TEEN

Leading Teens Closer to Christ

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.



EDGE

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.

**"As a servant of
God, do not trust
yourself and
your strength
completely, but
put all your trust in
the infinite power
of divine grace"**

- St. Vincent Pallotti

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Mary Magdalene Showed Up, Stayed, and Trusted

She's called the Apostle to the Apostles. She was the first to encounter the resurrected Jesus and tasked by him to tell the others. She's wrongly referred to as a reformed prostitute and more heretically the secret wife of Jesus. We know little about her yet everyone knows her name. She is both mysterious and fascinating.

My daughter summed her up perfectly. When asked what she knows about St. Mary Magdalene her response was quick and simple:

"She was always there with Jesus. They had a really good friendship. We never hear about her wavering in her faith and trust in the Lord."

What Mary of Magdala did, and didn't do, is a shining example for us. She showed up, she stayed, and she trusted. On paper it seems easy. Show up. Stay. Trust. For her it led to a deep friendship with Jesus and later, sainthood. In our real, messy, twenty-first century, turbulent, uncertain, living-in-a-pandemic lives where our collective and individual futures hold a looming question mark, it's harder, right?

I'm not a biblical historian but I think an argument could be made that lived reality today is no worse than that of Jesus' time on earth. Life in the desert two thousand years ago was primitive and dangerous. They lived under Roman rule without the hope of heaven. People worked so they could stay alive, not so they could have luxuries or go on vacation. People died young. There was no reprieve from the elements. They had a Savior but many didn't know it. They still lived under strict Mosaic law. Widows were often forgotten. Some had a good life, most tried to get by. It makes me think.

Frustrated

I realized recently that I'm mad about COVID and what has been taken away because of it. I'm mad that so many people lost their jobs and businesses. I'm mad that kids had their education cut short. My heart was sad for high school seniors who lost the best semester of high school. That's a big deal for an eighteen-year-old. I'm sad for the people who died alone and for their family and friends who couldn't be with them. I hated that I couldn't go to Mass and receive Jesus in Holy Communion, that I couldn't celebrate Easter with my parish community, and that the same might happen for Christmas. I'm angry that there is an invisible virus that we know little about unleashing loss and disorder on

the world. At night, when I'm tired, it all seems very dim. I yearn for the pre-COVID life.

Then I open up the book I am reading that takes place during World War II and read about the blitz in London. Every night the Nazis rained bombs down upon that city. Every night. And each morning people awoke to fresh damage, weeping for their neighbor's loss, thankful for their own safety. During that war, the entire world sacrificed. Everybody's lives were changed and didn't go back to normal. The uncertainty they lived with was bigger and more significant than ours. Just as in Jesus' time, the question mark loomed large.

So with the clarity of morning I ask myself if it's worse now. Probably not. That takes the edge off the anger but it simmers underneath. I'm still frustrated.

What We Know Matters

Enter Mary Magdalene and my daughter's astute observation.

Mary is rightly held up as an example of God's great mercy but there's more. She's an example, a role model because she too lived in a difficult time. She struggled as we do because no matter when or where you live, life is hard. She figured out the simple answer. She showed up. She stayed. She trusted. It's unfortunate we don't know more. Hers is an example of the hidden life. But maybe we don't need to know more. We know what we need to know.

Show Up

Mary was part of Jesus' entourage. She was there listening, learning, perhaps asking questions. I can be like her when I go to Mass and Adoration. I can show up. But when Mass and Adoration get taken away, I can still show up in daily prayer. I can listen, because God is speaking to us all the time. I can learn by reading the Bible, the Catechism, and the writings of holy saints. I can ask questions. I can share my frustration and I can sit quietly in Jesus' calming presence. It takes effort. It means I have to put aside other things for a time. Mary and the disciples she was with put aside much to be with Jesus. They dropped their nets. I can drop my net too.

Stay

The Gospels show Mary Magdalene at the Cross alongside the Blessed Virgin Mary and John. Mary

Magdalene had the guts and the fortitude to stick around while her friend Jesus was tortured and killed. Being there was risky and she took that risk because she loved Jesus. She knew he was her Savior. She stayed. I must stay too. My soul needs Jesus. While in quarantine, unable to go to Mass, my sharp edges started returning. It was harder to go to prayer and when I did it was dry. It reminded me that it is imperative that, like Mary, I stay. I need to stay with my Lord. I need to rest in his love. By remaining with him, Mary Magdalene was a witness to a broken world. I need to do the same.

Trust

Mary trusted that Jesus was who he said he was. She had faith that he is the Son of God and that by his crucifixion he was saving her. She trusted that her sins were forgiven when she repented. She trusted in his goodness and his love for her. When it got hard, when it became risky she trusted that it would be OK. When he ascended to heaven, and everything changed, she trusted.

I can do that too. The things that occupied my hopes and dreams a year ago are changed now. Plans I made are canceled. But I can trust in Jesus' goodness. I can trust in his love for me. I can trust that no matter what happens, whether COVID roars back, our political climate continues to be divisive, and the fall high school soccer season gets canceled, Jesus will be there and will help me as long as I show up and stay.

Show up. Stay. Trust. These four words will help sustain me; as will these words from Exodus:

"The Lord will fight for you, and you have only to be still." - Exodus 14:14

Prayer to Trust in Divine Mercy

Most merciful Jesus,

I turn to You in my need.

You are worthy of my complete trust.

You are faithful in all things.

When my life is filled with confusion, give me clarity and faith.

When I am tempted to despair, fill my soul with hope.

Most merciful Jesus,

I trust You in all things.

I trust in Your perfect plan for my life.

I trust You when I cannot comprehend Your divine Will.

I trust You when all feels lost.

Jesus, I trust You more than I trust myself.

Most merciful Jesus,

You are all-knowing.

Nothing is beyond Your sight.

You are all-loving.

Nothing in my life is beyond Your concern.

You are all-powerful.

Nothing is beyond Your grace.

Most merciful Jesus,

I trust in You,

I trust in You,

I trust in You.

May I trust You always and in all things.

May I daily surrender to Your Divine Mercy.

Most Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of Mercy,

Pray for us as we turn to you in our need.

Amen.



FIRST COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION SCHEDULE

FIRST COMMUNION MASSES:

Was: Sat 8 May, 12:00 p.m.	Is: Sun 26 Sept. 2021, 2:00 p.m.
Was: Sun 9 May, 4:00 p.m.	Is: Sun 26 Sept. 2021, 4:00 p.m.
Was: Sunday 16 May, 2:00 p.m.	Is: Sun 3 October 2021, 2:00 p.m.
Was: Sun 16 May, 4:00 p.m.	Is: Sun 3 October 2021, 4:00 p.m.

CONFIRMATION MASSES:

Was: Mon 26 April, 5:00/7:00 p.m.	Is: Mon 20 Sept. 2021, 7:00 p.m.
Was: Wed 28 April, 5:00/7:00 p.m.	Is: Wed 22 Sept. 2021, 7:00 p.m.
Was: Fri 30 April, 5:00/7:00 p.m.	Is: Fri 24 Sept. 2021, 7:00 p.m.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION - PARENTS' MEETING #1: ***Monday 4 October 2021 - 7:00 p.m.***

- To take place in the church.

CONFIRMATION - PARENTS' MEETING: ***Monday 8 November 2021 - 7:00 p.m.***

- To take place in the church.