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OFFICE HOURS

Appointment required

Tuesday 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Thursday 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Saturday 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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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://mercifulredeemer.org/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: 1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19

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

Gospel: John 1:35-42

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, January 18, 12:15 PM

+ Menino & Anna Maria Goes

+ Hilda Roach

Thanksgiving to Saint Anthony

Tuesday, January 19, 7:00 PM

+ Betty O'Sullivan

Thanksgiving by Amores Family

Wednesday, January 20, 12:15 PM

+ Kay Lee

+ Agnes Kwok-Sun

+ Betty O'Sullivan

Thursday, January 21, 7:00 PM

+ Adalgisa Russo

Friday, January 22, 12:15 PM

+ Ellen Morrison

Saturday, January 23, 9:00 AM

+ Agnes Kwok-Sun

Special Intention for Svenjak Family

Saturday, January 23, 3:00 PM

+ Joaquim De Mello

+ Benjamin Navarro

Sunday, January 24, 9:00 AM

+ Loida Ordoveza

+ Lewis D'Souza

+ Francis Fernandes

+ Mario Miranda

+ Regina Francis

+ Nuala Flynn

SUNDAY REFLECTION

Today's Scripture readings offer us an opportunity to reflect on discipleship.

St. John recounts the first encounter between two of John the Baptist's disciples and Jesus. Their dialogue is very instructive.

Jesus asks them:

"What are you looking for?"

They respond: "Teacher, where are you staying?" And Jesus invites them: "Come, and you will see." What they experience as they spend the day with Jesus causes Andrew to go to his brother Peter and tell him: "We have found the Messiah."

Spending the day with Jesus enables them to experience who Jesus is. The experience of Jesus is vital for the disciple, and we can only have that experience if we are willing to spend time with Jesus. Jesus tells each of us: "Come, and you will see."

Making time to be with Jesus in prayer, especially with the Scriptures, is vital for a fruitful discipleship. St. Francis de Sales encourages us to take a Gospel passage and allow ourselves to become part of what's happening in that passage. Put yourself in the place of one of the characters and see and listen to Jesus. In this way, we can allow ourselves to encounter Jesus in a real way.

Today's first reading offers us the attitude needed by a disciple. We heard a young Samuel experiencing a call. The priest Eli tells him to respond: "Speak, Lord, your servant is listening." That is the attitude we need as disciples. When we approach the Lord in prayer, these are the first words we need to utter: "Your servant is listening." They remind us that we want to be open to whatever the Lord may want to tell us. The good news we share in ministry is God's good news, not ours. We are messengers; God gives us the message.

As we consider the demands of social justice today, may we always be conscious of our need to take the time often to encounter Jesus and listen to him. May our attitude always be attentive: "Speak, Lord, your servant is listening." May the Lord continue to bless our efforts to be his peace and justice for our brothers and sisters.

<https://oblates.squarespace.com/sundays-salesian-feed/second-sunday-in-ordinary-time-january-17-2021>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Week's Readings

First Reading: John 3:1-5, 10

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

Gospel: Mark 1:14-20

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.

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.

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.

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 www.mercifulredeemer.org/communion-service for more information and to register for Communion service.

Priestly Vocations

A good vocation prayer to say every day from the time we are young until we are in our golden years is found in today's first Scripture reading: "Speak Lord, for your servant is listening". Just try it with sincerity, starting today and, 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

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- 3) Select our parish after opening

Change of Address

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

MERCIFUL REDEEMER YOUTH MINISTRY

<https://mercifulredeemer.org/youth-ministry> • mercifulredeemerym@gmail.com

   @mryouthministry



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 sign-up and to be sent the Zoom link, please register your child using the updated 2021 link found on the parish website at www.mercifulredeemer.org/youth-ministry

We have made some changes and will be doing a one-time registration for the year. Once you register your child with the link provided, you will automatically be sent the Zoom link before every Edge night. Thank you.



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 30th, 2021 from
12:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Register for Made Known Recharge happening on January 30th, 2021. We will be journeying with four other parishes in the Archdiocese for a special event. Join us for a day of prayer, worships, small groups and growing in holiness. The event is completely free. To register, please visit the parish website at www.mercifulredeemer.org/youth-ministry

Upcoming Events

LIFETEEN

Divine Mercy Chaplet via Zoom

19 January at 4:00 PM
26 January at 4:00 PM

Want to increase your prayer life? Join us every Tuesday this month at 4:00 p.m. to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet. This is open to all those in Edge and Lifeteen and your families! We will be meeting on Zoom.

Register in advance for this meeting on our parish website at www.mercifulredeemer.org/youth-ministry

Lifeteen Fellowship

21 January from 3:00 - 4:00 PM

Virtual Study Time

26 January from 11:30 - 12:30 PM
28 January from 4:00 - 5:00 PM

Made Known Recharge

Online recharge event for all those in Gr. 9-12.
30 January from 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

EDGE

Edge Winter Kick-off

23 January from 4:30 PM - 6:00 PM
Next Edge night is on 6 February

Edge Fellowships via Zoom

14 January from 6:00 - 7:00 PM
28 January from 6:00 - 7:00 PM

JP II and the Current Cry: 'We Want God'

On May 18, we celebrated what would have been the one-hundredth birthday of Pope St. John Paul II. This milestone caused the world to rightfully recollect about the life, mission, and message of this hero of our time. One of his most iconic moments occurred forty-one years ago this past June.

In his first visit as pope to his homeland of Poland, the communist powers found themselves inside the web of Catch-22. John Paul desired to see his home country and pray with one of the most vibrant and unshakeable Catholic nations the world has ever seen. There is no doubt that the Polish authorities at that time didn't want his visit to happen. However, if they forbid him from arriving they risked outraging the people as well as admitting that this faith leader actually had an impact on the real world. Faith was deemed irrelevant, ridiculous, and unnecessary. If they allowed him to come they knew that large groups of Catholics may come out to meet him which could spark an uprising from the people and leave Poland more susceptible to invasion from the Soviet Union. The Polish government was fearful that there could possibly be a showing of tens of thousands of Catholics upon the pope's entrance into the country. The communists were partially correct, they should have feared a large crowd: over a million people packed the streets as John Paul offered Mass in Victory Square in the city of Warsaw.

The content of the pope's homily was the redemptive role of suffering and the witness of the Polish people to the Faith of the risen Christ in the face of evil. Pope John Paul would later pen his encyclical, *Salvifici Doloris*, five years later which begins, "Declaring the power of salvific suffering." The suffering of the Poles was a fact, and the pope was both recognizing it and asking them to accept the invitation to provide witness to the redeeming quality of sacrificial love. He asked the crowd if they were willing to accept the duties that come along with such a witness. Their response is noted by Noonan to sound like "thunder" as they began to chant, "We want God, we want God, we want God ..."

Christ and the Multitudes

While our countrymen cannot claim to be ruled by the oppressive powers of communism and forbidden to worship, there is a sense that the crowds that sit, stand, and kneel in socially-distanced Masses and outdoor liturgies across the United States are itching to chant the same cry of that crowd in 1979. COVID-19 separated us from public worship and the reception of the Sacrament that is the food of angels. As churches reopen across the nation, the eyes are the only portion of the face

that one can view of others as we scan the separated congregations in our parishes. In the eyes, though, we can see the soul. The souls of these people are on fire with the same want, or rather, the same need for God.

That thunderous response by over a million people that June day in Poland echoes through the cities of our country as unrest continues. Everyday Americans attempt to continue in their careers, live their lives, care for their families, and pace themselves for continued phases of reopening after the pandemic and this tumultuous season in our country. On the minds and hearts of many is the desire to have contact with the divine. The true and radical nature of the Eucharist is the want and need of Catholics across the globe because our suffering has drawn us closer to Christ.

Authors and scholars have recounted that the pope's journey to Poland marked a shift toward the demise of communism in Europe. His words of encouragement and witness of strong discipleship, in the face of the powers of evil, helped drive oppression away. There is no overestimating the impact that John Paul II had in aiding the crush of these powers. However, in typical fashion, it is very likely that the pope would deflect this credit off of himself and place it on two factors: the true presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist and the multitudes that gathered that day.

We Need God

John Paul came to his homeland, and he performed the act most suitable and most impactful for the world and the Church: he celebrated the sacrifice of the Mass. Within the context of the Eucharist, he gave the world a message that had been preached before, but he applied it poignantly to the current circumstances: there is always meaning to our suffering and we are intimately united to Jesus when we suffer. The Mass is the perfect location to proclaim this message because it is, after all, the human entrance into that moment when Christ's sacrifice won our final victory.

That victory is secure, and its effects are bestowed upon us when we receive the Blessed Sacrament, but those effects are fulfilled when we act and speak similar to the crowds in Warsaw on that day forty-one years ago. We must shout, proclaim, and witness the truest, good, and beautiful statement ever made by humanity: *We want and need God.*

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