OFFICE HOURS
Monday - Friday
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Saturday
10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

CHURCH HOURS
9:00 AM - 9:00 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 P
7:00 PM

ADORATION CHAPEL
9:00 AM - 9:00 PM

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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
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:** Genesis 2:18-24  
**Second Reading:** Hebrews 2:9-11  
**Gospel:** Mark 10:2-16 or 10:2-12

**WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS**

**Monday, October 4, 12:15 PM**  
+ Lim Teng Chay, + Antonio Cacciacarro  
Special Intention for Theresa Fernandes  
Special Intention for Msgr Owen Keenan

**Tuesday, October 5, 7:00 PM**  
+ Theresa Mascarenhas, + Giovanna & Valentino Laudadio, + Nicholas Shaw

**Wednesday, October 6, 12:15 PM**  
+ Steven & Alice Pereira  
+ John & Maria Mascarenhas  
Special Intention for Robert & Bernadette Douglas & family

**Thursday, October 7, 7:00 PM**  
+ Michele Palmieri  
Thanksgiving by Nisreen Sampson

**Friday, October 8, 12:15 PM**  
+ Teresa Sequeira, + Michael & Maria Chin-You Roberto Siqueira

**Saturday, October 9, 9:00 AM**  
+ Mariela Sepulveda, + Nicholas Shaw,  
+ Michael & Maria Chin-You,  
+ Vicente Coleongco Junior, + Lourdes Meese,  
+ Ricardo & Lermie De Leon, + Merlita canlas  
+ Leopold Gracias, + Kenny Garvey, + Elias Gallardo  
Thanksgiving for Elisa Yarker

**Saturday, October 9, 5:00 PM**  
+ Rose D’Souza, + Nicola Alessandria  
+ Dominick Orgera

**Saturday, October 9, 7:00 PM**  
+ Sylvia Dsoouza, + Ermelinda Antunes

**Sunday, October 10, 8:30 AM**  
+ Czelslaw Piotrowski, + Philomela Pham Thi Ty  
Special Intention for Ryan Rampersad  
Thanksgiving for Leon D’Silva

**Sunday, October 10, 10:00 AM**  
For all parishioners

**Sunday, October 10, 12:00 PM**  
+ Eduardo Gallano Senior  
Thanksgiving by Manuel Uy  
Thanksgiving to St. Rita

**Sunday, September 10, 7:00 PM**  
+ Renato Greco, + Mr. & Mrs. David Cardoso  
+ Norton & Valdemira Ferreira

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**SUNDAY REFLECTION**

“Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.”

Jesus’ words today may not be easy to listen to; they can make us uncomfortable. It’s important to hear his words in the context in which they were spoken. Jesus is responding to a hostile question about divorce. Jesus responds to their question by explaining to them God’s plan for marriage. He invites his listeners to consider the creation story in Genesis.

The author offers an acknowledgement of Adam and Eve’s intimate relationship by creation as the reason for the sacredness of marriage. The relationship of husband and wife in marriage becomes a concrete realization of God’s plan for creation. As Jesus comments: “They are no longer two but one flesh.” And so he adds: “Therefore, what God has joined together, no human being must separate.” Jesus’ words are not spoken in judgment. They are meant to explain the place of marriage in God’s plan of salvation. Perhaps this can help us understand why the Church places such emphasis on preparing couples for the sacrament of marriage. The Church wants couples to look more deeply at the sacredness of their relationship. Christian marriage is much more than the legal union of the secular world around us. The Church would like couples to think beyond their feelings of love and discern whether or not God has brought them together as “suitable partners.”

Are they willing to recognize that they are graced by God for each other? Are they willing to work with each other and with grace each day to become “one flesh”? For the Christian, marriage is a way of being holy together, not just a sanctioned way of living together. Jesus is presenting us with the ideal for married love. He knows our limitations as human beings so he promises married couples the grace they will need each day to work patiently with each other toward that ideal. He is also compassionate and accepting of us when we fail.

During this Eucharist, let us pray for all married couples: for those who find joy in becoming “one flesh,” for those who struggle in their efforts to be faithful, for those who have been hurt and betrayed by their partners. Let us pray too for those considering marriage. May they have the patience, wisdom and courage to seek “a suitable partner” made for them by God, with whom they can work to become “one flesh.”

ANNNOUNCENMENTS

Next Week's Readings

First Reading: Wisdom 7:7-11
Second Reading: Hebrews 4:12-13
Gospel: Mark 10:17-30 or 10:17-27

Thanksgiving Food Drive
The Knights of Columbus will be hosting a food drive starting the weekend of September 25/26 up until Thanksgiving weekend. There will be a crate in the church foyer for all non-perishable food donations. The contents will be sanitized before being donated to families in need and food banks. Thank you for your generosity!

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

What is Eucharistic Adoration?
Eucharistic Adoration is the worship of the Eucharist outside of the Mass.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church tells us that, “Adoration is the first attitude of man acknowledging that he is a creature before his Creator. It exalts the greatness of the Lord who made us and the almighty power of the Savior who sets us free from evil. Adoration is homage of the spirit to the ‘King of Glory,’ respectful silence in the presence of the ‘ever greater’ God. Adoration of the thrice-holy and sovereign God of love blends with humility and gives assurance to our supplications.” (CCC 2628)

We can show our adoration to God in many ways, but in Eucharistic Adoration, we spend time adoring the true presence of Christ in the Eucharist.

“So, could you not watch with me one hour?” - Matt 26:40

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.

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

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!

Fall 2021 Bible Study - The Book of Genesis

“Ignorance of the scriptures is ignorance of Christ” - Saint Jerome.

Date: October 13, 2021 – December 15, 2021
Time: Wednesday evenings from 7:45 – 9:30 pm: Virtual study by Zoom.
Course materials: Ignatius Catholic Bible Study – GENESIS – Commentary, Notes and Study Questions

For further information and registration please contact Rosie Uy at ruy2930@gmail.com

All are Welcome!
For High School Students (Gr. 9-12)
Every Saturday from 5:15 - 7:00 PM
Kick-off: 23 October 2021 (In-Person)

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. After months of waiting, we are thrilled to announce that Lifeteen will be running in-person, every Saturday evening starting this month. Join us for an evening of faith, friendship, small groups and so much more. All COVID-19 protocols will be followed and enforced. *Please note: Due to limited spots in our parish hall, we will be doing weekly sign-ups before each Life night. Registration will on a first-come, first-serve basis.

If you are interested in joining the Lifeteen program at our parish, please register your child using the following link: https://forms.gle/9R4EyGH9VivVvJq9

Registration opens 4 October at noon.

For Middle School Students (Gr. 6-8)
Tuesdays from 5:30 - 7:00 PM
(Edge will run bi-weekly; There will be 2 cohort groups for this year)
Kick-Off: Tuesday, November 2nd, 2021 (In-Person)

Edge is a middle-school ministry program that aims to offer a safe and fun environment where children can learn more about their faith.

We are pleased to announce that Edge will be returning next month in November and will be in-person. Join us for an evening of games, a talk, small groups, fellowship and a lot more. You won’t want to miss it! Please note: There will be 2 cohort groups for Edge this year. Registration will be on a first come, first serve basis.

If you are interested in registering your child for our Edge program, please use the following link: https://forms.gle/huxPeTBPXicnRE1w7

Registration opens 4 October at 1 PM.
Worldwide Marriage Encounter
October 22-24, 2021
Virtual/Online

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 or (905) 792-1925
Website: wwme.org

St Michael's College Applications and Open House
The Office of Admissions of St. Michael's College School is now considering applications for September 2022. St. Michael's College School is Ontario's only independent Catholic school for young men from Grade 7 to Grade 12. Virtual Open Houses for prospective students and their families will be held on Tuesday, October 26 and Thursday, October 28 beginning at 7:30 p.m. We invite you to register at ApplySMCS.com. St. Michael's College School offers a generous bursary programme that provides financial aid to qualifying students.

A Day of Recollection: Know How to Suffer and Be Stronger Than Suffering
23 October 2021 from 9:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
St. Francis Centre (208502 Highway 9, Caledon)

The Evangelist Luke through Peter on Pentecost Day reveals what went on in the secret of Jesus’ heart as he hung agonizing on the cross. We will trace the theme of suffering in the Holy Scriptures and propose seven spiritual goods into which we can transform our suffering. We end with a reflection on Mary’s and Jesus’ suffering through the narration of the Evangelist Luke and present an example of a very holy woman who lived in our Archdiocese of Toronto, and who like Jesus, was stronger than suffering.

Fee: $40 (includes hot lunch)
Register: Call Lina at 519-941-1747

40 Days for Life
22 September, 2021 - 31 October, 2021

Help save lives in Mississauga!
You can protect mothers and children by joining this worldwide mobilization to pray and fast for an end to abortion! Through prayer and fasting, peaceful vigils and community outreach, 40 Days for Life has inspired 1,000,000+ volunteers! With God’s help, here are the proven results in 26 coordinated campaigns:

- 18,855 babies saved from abortion
- 221 abortion workers converted
- 112 abortion centers closed

Here’s how to take part in 40 Days for Life:
- Vigil location: Park/register at St. Catherine of Siena Church. Walk 5 min. to Southwest corner of Confederation Pkwy. and Queensway (50-75 steps west of Confederation Parkway on the south side, just east of the 170 Queensway parking lot). Site complies with Bubble Zone legislation.
- Vigil hours: (7:00 am to 7:00 pm daily)

Local Right to Life contact information:
- Phone: 647-990-2656
- Email: righttolifemb@gmail.com
- Website: www.righttolifemb.com
- Learn more … get involved … and sign up for prayer times by visiting our campaign at the website address shown below!

Register on-line and book your 1-hour slots at 40daysforlife.com/Mississauga

Month of the Holy Rosary Retreat
12 October, 2021 from 9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre
1617 Blythe Rd., Mississauga

Celebrate October, the Month of the Holy Rosary, by attending a day retreat at Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre in Mississauga.

Cost: $40 (includes morning coffee and muffin, hot lunch and the program)
Register: Call Anne at 905-278-5229
We, the Catholic Bishops of Canada, gathered in Plenary this week, take this opportunity to affirm to you, the Indigenous Peoples of this land, that we acknowledge the suffering experienced in Canada’s Indian Residential Schools. Many Catholic religious communities and dioceses participated in this system, which led to the suppression of Indigenous languages, culture and spirituality, failing to respect the rich history, traditions and wisdom of Indigenous Peoples. We acknowledge the grave abuses that were committed by some members of our Catholic community; physical, psychological, emotional, spiritual, cultural, and sexual. We also sorrowfully acknowledge the historical and ongoing trauma and the legacy of suffering and challenges faced by Indigenous Peoples that continue to this day. Along with those Catholic entities which were directly involved in the operation of the schools and which have already offered their own heartfelt apologies, we, the Catholic Bishops of Canada, express our profound remorse and apologize unequivocally.

We are fully committed to the process of healing and reconciliation. Together with the many pastoral initiatives already underway in dioceses across the country, and as a further tangible expression of this ongoing commitment, we are pledging to undertake fundraising in each region of the country to support initiatives discerned locally with Indigenous partners. Furthermore, we invite the Indigenous Peoples to journey with us into a new era of reconciliation, helping us in each of our dioceses across the country to prioritize initiatives of healing, to listen to the experience of Indigenous Peoples, especially to the survivors of Indian Residential Schools, and to educate our clergy, consecrated men and women, and lay faithful, on Indigenous cultures and spirituality. We commit ourselves to continue the work of providing documentation or records that will assist in the memorialization of those buried in unmarked graves.

Having heard the requests to engage Pope Francis in this reconciliation process, a delegation of Indigenous survivors, Elders/knowledge keepers, and youth will meet with the Holy Father in Rome in December 2021. Pope Francis will encounter and listen to the Indigenous participants, so as to discern how he can support our common desire to renew relationships and walk together along the path of hope in the coming years. We pledge to work with the Holy See and our Indigenous partners on the possibility of a pastoral visit by the Pope to Canada as part of this healing journey.

We commit ourselves to continue accompanying you, the First Nations, Métis and Inuit Peoples of this land. Standing in respect of your resiliency, strength and wisdom, we look forward to listening to and learning from you as we walk in solidarity.

24 September 2021