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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 PM

5:00 PM

7:00 PM

ADORATION CHAPEL

9:00 AM - 9:00 PM

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PARISH SCHOOLS

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 Aguinas 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

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 <u>mercifulredeemermi.archtoronto.org/en/parish-life/our-ministries/outreach/youth-ministry/</u>

Forged Young Adult Ministry

Society of St. Vincent de Paul mrcssvp.ca

Catholic Cemeteries & Funeral Services <u>catholic-cemeteries.com</u> **Bible Study Group** Wednesdays, 7:45 – 9:30 PM, via Zoom

CONFESSION TIMES

Tuesday 6:00 - 7:00 PM Saturday 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM **Advent confession times on page 3

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, November 29, 12:15 PM

+ Luiza Quadros, + Keith Martin, + Lina Peritore Thanksgiving by the Brittner Family

Tuesday, November 30, 7:00 PM

- + Monica Tavares, + Luiza Quadros
- + Xavier Menezes, + Sylvia Mangahas

Wednesday, December 1, 12:15 PM

+ Dolores Villa Flor, + Pauline Cyr Special Intention for Robert & Bernadette Douglas & Family

Thursday, December 2, 7:00 PM

- + Beatrice Gonsalves, + Percy Gonsalves
- + Orville Gonsalves, + Alfredo Omonte

Friday, December 3, 12:15 PM

- + Magnolia Ma, + Joseph Fernandes
- + Holy Souls in Purgatory

Special Intention for Pereira Family

Friday, December 3, 7:00 PM

- + Philomena & Anthonipillai, + Nina & Halim Morcos
- + Holy Souls in Purgatory, + Joseph Fernandes

Saturday, December 4, 9:00 AM

- + Teresa Duda, + Eduarda Costa,
- + Ronald Nevins-Selvadurai, + Yvette McCutcheo,
- + Sabina & Philips, + Hunter Mason,
- + Crystal Condurac, + Cristina Dela Vina,
- + Joaquim Carvalho, + Victor Yim

Thanksgiving by Remcy Menezes

Thanksgiving by Digna & Temi Pangilinan

Saturday, December 4, 5:00 PM

- + Deceased Members of Luk & Chui Families
- + Dominick Orgera
- + Maria Henry Lobo

Saturday, December 4, 7:00 PM

- + Sylvia Dsouza, + Felix Monteiro
- + Christine & Salvador DMello

Sunday, December 5, 8:30 AM

- + Paul David Ornelas
- + Deceased Members of Bretana Family Special Intention for Joseph Lewis

Sunday, December 5, 10:00 AM

For all parishioners

Sunday, December 5, 12:00 PM

+ Margaret John, + Malcolm Lee, + Angelina Palmieri

Sunday, December 5, 5:00 PM

- + Ramon Grajo, + Nenette Fererria
- + Jose Da Costa Maiato

Sunday, December 5, 7:00 PM

+ Flory Rebello

Special Intention for Alisha & Saul Sanches

SUNDAY REFLECTION

Each year, we begin our Advent season with a strong reminder: we are preparing ourselves for the return of Jesus who has already come among us, sharing our humanity.

We hear St. Paul exhorting us to let the Lord come more fully into our lives this Advent, so that his love in us may increase and overflow into the lives of those around us. We hear Jesus telling us be vigilant and pray for strength. Do not let your heart become distracted by the anxieties of daily life. We all know how easy it is to become frightened and anxious as we look around us and see the signs of our times. There is much happening in our world - and closer to home, our own personal lives - that can distress us. That is why Jesus encourages us to stand erect and raise our heads. Our redemption is at hand.

Jesus has suffered and died for our sins; we are saved. He has risen, and he shares his life and love with us. He has told us that God's great desire for us is to be one with him. Jesus' love within us makes this possible. We have nothing to fear as long as we hold his hand each day. His presence and the power of his grace are the reason for our confident hope.

Advent is a season of waiting, a season of expectant hope. As disciples of Jesus, our waiting is always active and alert. We are looking for Jesus wherever he wants to be found. In order to do this kind of waiting. we must learn to discipline ourselves often each day. Discipline ourselves to be aware of Jesus within us seeking to reach out in loving kindness to anyone who needs to experience God's loving presence in his or her life. Discipline ourselves to be accepting and thankful whenever Jesus chooses to surprise us with his love given through others. This discipline of vigilant waiting only happens when we choose to be prayerful in our daily living. Perhaps this Advent season could be well spent learning this prayerful discipline. It is not difficult. All we must do is choose to take a few moments several times each day to be aware and thankful for Jesus' great love within us. That awareness and our thankfulness will make it more likely that we will choose to reach out with Jesus' love to those around us.

As we learn this discipline, we will understand why we can be confident in the face of the distress in our world. Jesus' love within us makes us ready whenever he chooses to return.

Article Cf: https://oblates.squarespace.com/sundays-salesian-feed/first-sunday-of-advent-november-28-2021

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today's Mass Readings

First Reading: Jeremiah 33:14-16
Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3:12—4:2
Gospel: Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

Sunday Missals

2022 Sunday Missals & Calendars are available for 5 dollars each. Please email secretary@mercifulredeemer. org to purchase your copy (\$5) here at the parish office.

K. of C. Charitable Christmas Drives

Visit <u>mercifulredeemer.archtoronto.org</u> to check out all of the charitable drives being held by the Knights of Columbus this Christmas season!

Christmas and New Years Schedule

Registration through Eventbrite is MANDATORY and will open **Dec 12 at 2:00 PM**. Please visit our website for more info and to register.

CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES Friday 24 December 2021

4:00/6:00/8:00/10:00 p.m./Midnight

CHRISTMAS DAY
Saturday 25 December 2021

8:30 &10:00 a.m./12:00 Noon (NO EVENING MASS)

NEW YEAR'S EVE MASSES

Friday 31 December 2021 5:00/7:00 p.m.*

*Followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction at Midnight

NEW YEAR'S DAY
Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
Holy Day of Obligation
Saturday 1 January 2022

8:30 &10:00 a.m./12 Noon. (NO EVENING MASS)

Tax Receipts

Please note that we close our books on December 31, 2021. Tax receipts will be mailed out in mid February, 2022. If you have made credit card donations through our website, receipts will be issued to you directly by the Archdiocese of Toronto. If you have any questions, please email office@mercifulredeemer.org. We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continuous support to the parish especially during the pandemic. May the Lord shower his blessings upon you now and always.

2022 SUNDAY OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

The 2022 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES will be available for pick up in the church foyer from the weekend of Dec. 4/5 onwards.



Wednesday, 15 December, 2021 Merciful Redeemer Parish

> 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Christmas Gift Card Drive

The Society of Saint Vincent DePaul is preparing for its Annual Christmas Gift Card Drive to help bring the Spirit of Christmas to the families in great need, in our parish community. The Society is specifically requesting donations of gift cards for supermarkets (Freshco, Loblaws, Walmart). Please drop off your gift cards or monetary donations in the St. Vincent DePaul poor box in the Narthex or in the Offertory collection baskets at Mass. Donors will receive tax receipts for gift cards over \$20. You are required to include the receipt of gift card purchase to be eligible for the tax receipt. Thank You for your generous support as we turn concern for the less fortunate into action!

Vocations

"Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life." Are worldly cares dragging you down? Be a follower of the Master. If God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997 or vocations@archtoronto.org

Website: www.vocationstoronto.ca



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For High School Students (Gr. 9-12) Every Saturday from 5:15 - 7:00 PM Next Life Night: 4 December, 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. We welcome all youth to join us in-person every Saturday evening from 5:15-7 PM. Come participate in an evening full of faith, friendship, small groups and so much more. All COVID-19 protocols will be followed and enforced.

Lifeteen 21/22 Registration Form: https://forms.gle/ TaF4UraczobZxvSe7

*Note: Due to limited spots in our parish hall, we will be doing weekly signups before each Life night. The Sign up link opens every Monday night at 5:30 PM. Link will be sent to your email after completing the registration form.





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) Cohort A: 30 November, 2021 Cohort B: 7 December, 2021 (Both 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 and find community. EDGE will be inperson on Tuesdays, bi-weekly, from 5:30-7 PM. Join us for an evening of games, a talk, small groups, fellowship and a lot more. You won't want to miss it!

*Note: There will be 2 cohort groups for Edge this year. You may choose which group your child will join in their registration.

Registration will be on a first come, first serve basis.

Please use the following link for the onetime EDGE registration form: forms.gle/ huxPeTBPXicnRE1w7

See you soon!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe/National Day of Prayer in Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples 12 December, 2021 from 12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. St. Ann Parish, Toronto

Please join the Native Peoples' Mission community in celebrating the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Our Lady of Guadalupe is the patroness of Indigenous Catholics in South and North America. December 12 was also declared by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops as a National Day of Prayer in Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples.

Contact: Sr. Petite Lao, RNDM Email: petite.lao@utoronto.ca

Poster: https://bit.ly/OurLadyofGuadalupeDec12

Anniversary of Christianity in the Philippines 1 December, 2021 from 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Our Lady of the Assumption Church 2565 Bathurst St., Toronto

Organizing committee chairman, Fr. Lorenzo Salandanan, extends an invitation for all to attend a special closing Mass celebrated by Cardinal Thomas Collins, Archbishop of Toronto. In compliance with WorshipSafe protocols, the number of attendees is limited and registration will be on a first-come, first-served basis. The registration link will be on our website www.ph500toronto.com and on www.facebook. com/500yocTO starting on Tuesday, November 16. The Mass can also be viewed online on Wednesday, December 1.

Despite the challenges posed by the pandemic, we were able to commemorate this special time in the history of the Filipino Church, through an inaugural Mass last March and the many virtual activities and talks done throughout the year. We are grateful for the participation of Filipino clergy, religious and lay groups as well as the valuable support of the diocese and the Filipino faith community.

Christianity first came to the Philippines on March 16, 1521, and thereafter, the faith spread throughout the archipelago, making it the only predominantly Catholic nation in Asia. The faithful of the Archdiocese of Toronto are in unity with Filipinos worldwide as we celebrate this significant moment in the history of the Church in the Philippines.

Twas the Night Before Christmas Children's Play

18 December, 2021 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. (Virtual)

Join CCRC's Children's Ministry for a virtual Christmas play, 'Twas the Night Before Christmas. An evening of fun, songs and

Contact: Sandra Brum
Email: Childrenministryccrc@gmail.com
Website: https://ccrctoronto.com/childrenministry

Youtube: www.youtube.com/c/CCRCToronto

Virtual Rosary

November 21, December 12, January 1, February 11, March 25, April 26, May 13 and June 27 – 1:00 p.m.

Come join the Catholic Women's League of St. Monica's Parish for a monthly virtual rosary held on a feast day of our Mother Mary. The rosary will be said every month between November 2021 and June 2022.

Email: cwlstmonica@gmail.com

Register: https://bit.ly/VirtualRosaryCWL

Surviving the Holidays Workshop 4 December, 2021 from 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre, Niagara Falls Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre 7020 Stanley Ave., Niagara Falls, Ont.

Wondering how you will survive the weeks surrounding Christmas? Are you dreading the holidays, knowing that your life has changed and that happy memories from past years can't be recreated? You are not alone. Holidays can trigger feelings of sadness, loss, emptiness and anxiety. Learn practical coping strategies to navigate the holiday season and find peace and hope for the coming year. Presenter: Anna Racine.

Phone: 905-356-4113

Email: reservations@carmelniagara.com **Cost:** \$65 (includes lunch and materials)