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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

\*Christmas schedule on page 5

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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 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 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 mercifulredeemermi.archtoronto.org/en/parish-life/ our-ministries/outreach/youth-ministry/ Forged Young Adult Ministry

Society of St. Vincent de Paul <u>mrcssvp.ca</u> 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 5

## WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

### Monday, December 6, 12:15 PM

+ Amorinha Braganza, + Rose Yu Garcia + Victor Rodrigues

### Tuesday, December 7, 7:00 PM

+ Grace Misquita, + Pascal Lobo, + Christina Philips Thanksgiving by Rose Hassanali

### Wednesday, December 8, 12:15 PM

+ Mary Wylie, + Deceased Members of Yap Family Special Intention for Luk & Chui Families

### Thursday, December 9, 7:00 PM

+ Thomas Viray, + Italo & Flora Leonardi

+ Baptista & Necessidade Fernandes

### Friday, December 10, 12:15 PM

Special Intention for Msgr Owen Keenan Special Intention for Aurora & Thomasal Eusebio Special Intention for Maritess Lim & Family Thanksgiving for Aaron & Rose Xavier

### Saturday, December 11, 9:00 AM

+ Hermogenes De Souza, + Santaninho Menezes + Holy Souls & Unborn Babies, + Deceased Members of Joaquim Fernandes & Family, + Mr. & Mrs. Maurice Fernandes, Thanksgiving by Gwen & Nelson D'Silva Thanksgiving by Yogaratnam Family, Thanksgiving for Aldwin & Evangeline Pangilinan, Special Intention for Aws Nazek & Athir Nasir, For the intention of Doris Perera

### Saturday, December 11, 5:00 PM

+ Mike Galloro, + Madjorie Benjamin + Holy Souls in Purgatory

### Saturday, December 11, 7:00 PM

+ Sylvia Dsouza, + Alejandro Bazan

### Sunday, December 12, 8:30 AM

+ Tiberius Fernandes, + Thomas & Elsie Thomas + Augusto & Gina Cecchin

### Sunday, December 12, 10:00 AM For all parishioners

### Sunday, December 12, 12:00 PM

+ S. B. John, + Rosario Comprado, + Fred Casino Special Intention for Joseph Lewis

#### Sunday, December 12, 5:00 PM + Rose Pereira, + Oscar Yonzon, + Julio Martins

### Sunday, December 12, 7:00 PM

+ Malini Rajanayagam, + Jose Remigio, + Sandra Wey

Please remember in your prayers all who have recently died, especially: + Mr. Sung Soon Paul Park, + Flordeliza De Castro, + John Prenevost, +Aurelia Fronda

## SUNDAY REFLECTION

Today we hear John the Baptist crying out his Advent message in the desert:

"Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight."

He is proclaiming repentance for the forgiveness of sins.

Luke likens the Baptist's message to the prophecy we heard from Isaiah. In the ancient world, whenever an important ruler was set to visit an area, all the roads of the area were repaired: valleys filled in, winding roads made straight, rough roads made smooth. All this was done so that the visit would be pleasant and delays could be avoided. And the people would benefit too, because the ruler would bring gifts and declare a holiday. All this preparation led to a welcome.

The Baptist is inviting us to make a similar preparation for welcoming the coming of our God in Jesus. Those who wish to welcome the Lord of life should desire to fill in the valleys created by our sins, make the winding roads of our conflicting desires straight, and smooth the rough roads of our anxieties and fears. This is repentance: a graced change in the way we choose to live. And the gifts that the Lord will bring us are the forgiveness of our sins and a deeper sharing in the very life and love of our God.

The Baptist is reminding us: If you really want the love of God shown to you in Jesus to fill you more deeply, then you must be willing to make room for him in your heart. You must clean out anything that takes up the space that he wants.

As we continue our preparations for welcoming Jesus among us, let us heed the Baptist's invitation: "Prepare the way of the Lord; make straight his paths." With the grace of God, let us choose to turn from our sinfulness more completely, so that our God can more easily come and dwell in us.

Article Cf: https://oblates.squarespace.com/sundays-salesian-feed/second-sunday-of-advent-december-5-2021

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today's Mass Readings

First Reading: Baruch 5:1-9 Second Reading: Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11 Gospel: Luke 3:1-6

### **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.

### Knights of Columbus Food and Crib Drive 28 November, 2021 - 19 December, 2021

The Knights of Columbus will be collecting food and baby items to support families in need within our parish, as well as local charities. Some of the most wanted items include diapers and new or gently used winter clothing for babies 0-3. Parishioners are asked to drop off their donations in the crate located in the church lobby. Thank you for your support and generosity.

### **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.

### Daughters of Isabella Clothing Drive 5 December, 2021 - 16 December, 2021 Great Hall, Mississauga Civic Centre 300 City Centre Drive, Mississauga

The Daughters of Isabella invites you all to please donate generously to our mittens, scarfs and hats drive for Children! All items collected will go the Salvation Army.

### **Christmas and New Years Schedule**

Our Christmas and New Years schedule is here! Please see page 5 of the bulletin or our parish website for more information.

### 2022 SUNDAY OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

2022 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES are available for pick up in the church lobby. Envelopes are arranged ALPHABETICALLY. Please DO NOT begin using these envelopes until January. You are requested to adhere to all Health protocols and hand sanitize after you have taken your envelope box. Kindly note parishioners with envelope numbers from 1251 onwards may be assigned a different number for 2022. If you cannot find your box or if you are currently not using envelopes but are interested in obtaining Sunday Offering Envelopes, please contact the parish office.

### Vocations

Could God be calling you to be a priest, deacon, brother, or sister to help our world of today to truly "prepare the way of the Lord"? Contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997 or vocations@archtoronto.org

### Website: www.vocationstoronto.ca

## WARNING: E-mail Impersonation Scam Targets Our Parishioners

In recent days, the Merciful Redeemer Parish has received reports from parishioners who have received suspicious emails supposedly from our priests. These emails attempt to start an online conversation or they have a suspicious document attached to the message. These emails are not from the Merciful Redeemer Parish. Online fraudsters are impersonating members of the parish staff and we ask you to be on the lookout for online scam attempts.

For this fraud effort, it is helpful to look carefully at the sender's information to determine whether an email is legitimate or not. The fraudster is unable to access the email accounts of our priests or staff, so they are using other email services to impersonate archdiocesan clergy and employees. For instance, the name in the "from" line will seem familiar, but the email address listed after the name will not be that person's usual account. Or the "from" line will list the familiar person's regular email address (instead of their name), but the email address listed after it will be another address entirely.

If the sender information seems odd or if the message is out of character for the sender, do not reply to the message or download any of its attachments. Please report the email to the parish office by calling us immediately. If we are vigilant with our online security, these fraud attempts should stop soon. OUR LOVE, WALK WITH & MISSION EMPOWER THE YOUTH OF OUR COMMUNITY

## MERCIFUL REDEEMER YOUTH MINISTRY

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### For High School Students (Gr. 9-12) Every Saturday from 5:15 - 7:00 PM NO Lifeteen this Saturday! See you at our social on Saturday, 18 December.

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: <u>https://forms.gle/</u> <u>TaF4UraczobZxvSe7</u>

\*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.





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JOYFUL FEARLESS DISCIPLES

**OF JESUS** 

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: 14 December 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: <u>forms.gle/</u> <u>huxPeTBPXicnRE1w7</u>

See you soon!

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### **PARISH EVENTS**

Advent Confessions 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 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)

### 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!

### **EVENTS IN THE ARCHDIOCESE**

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 crafts.

Contact: Sandra Brum Email: Childrenministryccrc@gmail.com Website: <u>https://ccrctoronto.com/children-</u> <u>ministry</u> Youtube: www.youtube.com/c/CCRCToronto

### 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: <u>https://bit.ly/OurLadyofGuadalupeDec12</u>

### Virtual CWL Advent Reflection 18 December, 2021 from 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Come join the Catholic Women's League of St. Monica's Parish for an Advent reflection with Fr. Graham Keep, who has spoken at events all over the world. Rosary will also be said during this reflection.

Email: cwlstmonica@gmail.com Website: <u>https://cwl-st-monica.mailchimpsites.com/</u> Register: <u>https://bit.ly/CWLAdventReflection</u>