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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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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: John 3:1-5, 10

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

Gospel: Mark 1:14-20

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, January 25, 12:15 PM

- + Rolando Amancio
- + Ellen Morrison
- + Raymond Henry Travas

Special intention for Martel Manalo

Tuesday, January 26, 7:00 PM

- + Trevor Evelyn
- + Rosalina Gabin

Special Intention for Lincoln & Michella Murzello Special Intention for Martel Manalo Thanksgiving by Mohan Joseph

Wednesday, January 27, 12:15 PM

- + Denis & Alice Viegas
- + Kay Lee
- + Ephram Alves

Special Intention for Martel Manalo

Thursday, January 28, 7:00 PM

- + Rose Navamany Sebastiampillai
- + Ray Zurowski

Special Intention for Martel Manalo Special Intention for Digna Pangilinan

Friday, January 29, 12:15 PM

+ Giuseppe Addario

Special Intention for Martel Manalo Special Intention for Sean Nwabuoku

Saturday, January 30, 9:00 AM

- + Michael Mc Sadden
- + Maria de Frias

Special Intention for Nellie Folk

Saturday, January 30, 3:00 PM

- + Betty O'Sullivan
- + Martel Manalo

Sunday, January 31, 9:00 AM

- +Jose Capellan
- + Manina Fernandes.
- + Julema Pinto
- + Bosco Pinto
- + Deceased Members of Alejo & Amores Families Special Intention for Anna BeharrySingh Thanksgiving by Bryan Family

SUNDAY REFLECTION

There is wonder and challenge in today's Scripture readings. Imagine for a moment how surprised Jonah must have been when the people of Nineveh responded so quickly to his call to repent. It was not too much earlier that Jonah has feared the assignment and refused to go and suffered his whale experience. Then he had changed his mind and now found that his fears were needless.

Imagine too the amazement of Zebedee and the hired fishermen when his two sons just take off after this itinerant preacher. What was it about Jesus that would make them put aside everything they were used to and follow him? That's where the challenge of Jesus' words comes in:

"The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near: repent, and believe in the good news."

There is something in his words that tells us things will be different when we accept Jesus as God present among his people. St. Paul gives us an insight into the difference: "The world as we know it is passing away." The earthly matters that seem so important, that seem to run our lives, have no lasting value. The real value is learning to use these things in a way that reflects how God wants them to be used.

We all might ask: and how do we do that? St. Francis de Sales gives us a way that can help. He tells us: take hold of the present moment as a time graced by God to bring us closer to him. Whatever we are called to do because of the circumstances of our daily life can help us to grow in holiness - union with God. God will give us the grace we need to do each action of our day in a way that is loving - in a way that Jesus would do it.

If we can learn to live in the present moment, accept the grace that God will give us for that moment, and try to love as Jesus would love in whatever we're doing, then the kingdom of God is there in our midst. In meeting the challenge of the present moment with the grace of God, we will be filled with wonder - wonder that God loves us so much that He is with us at every moment. He reforms our lives - and the way we live makes the kingdom of God present to all around us. What a challenge - and what an amazing grace!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Week's Readings

First Reading: Deuteronomy 18:15-20 Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:32-35 Gospel: Mark 1:21-28

Virtual Extended French Information Session #2 Mississauga Region 25 January, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

Parents/Guardians are invited to attend an Extended French Virtual Information Meeting for the Duffer-in-Peel Catholic District School Board (see date/time below). The principal of your child's home school can inform you as to which Extended French location your child may attend for the Grade 5 Extended French program.

**Any families that were unable to attend Session #1 are welcome to join Session #2.

Zoom Meeting Link

Meeting ID: 985 3857 2281

Passcode: 5SAPx0 (zero not letter O)

For more information regarding the Extended French program, please visit the DPCDSB Extended French webpage. Applications will be online via the Board Website and will be open February 3-16, 2021.

Religions at the Service of Fraternity in Our World 28 January, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. Online Event

"...the goal of dialogue is to establish friendship, peace and harmony, and to share spiritual and moral values and experiences in a spirit of truth and love..." - Pope Francis

As we celebrate the Feast of St. Thomas Aquinas on Thursday, January 28, join us for "Religions at the Service of Fraternity in our World," an online panel discussion with Muslim and Catholic speakers on Pope Francis' encyclical Fratelli Tutti (On Fraternity and Social Friendship).

Register: https://bit.ly/ReligionsAtTheService **Poster:** http://bit.ly/ReligionsAtTheServicePoster

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/ communionservice for more information and to register for Communion service.

Interreligious Dialogue on Ecology: Pope Francis and Asian Religions on the Protection of the Environment 11 Febuary, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.
Online Event

This lecture will first summarize Pope Francis's teaching on the care for the Earth, our common home, as expressed in Laudato Si' and Querida Amazonia. Next, it will explore how the papal teaching can find support in Asian religions, especially Daoism and Buddhism. It will conclude with reflections on how this interreligious dialogue can be a source of inspiration for our common work for ecojustice.

Poster: http://bit.ly/scarboromissionslecture **Website:** http://bit.ly/ScarboroMissionsWebsite

Email: fraser.centre@utoronto.ca

GRIEVING WITH GREAT Hope

On behalf of Fr Suresh and Fr Tom, I would like to renew my condolences and that of our parish to you and your family on the death of your loved one. You are in our prayers during this time of sorrow.

The death of your loved one is one of life's most difficult experiences and the pain of grief can be overwhelming. While everyone's grief is unique, you do not need to grieve alone. Our parish wishes to bring the Spirit of Christ's compassion to those who are grieving. Jesus's offering comfort to Martha is exactly what he is also offering to all of us today along with His promise and hope of the resurrection after death. Jesus shows us that grieving is not a sign of weakness or a lack of faith because He too, experienced grief and sorrow, and wept at the death of his friend Lazarus.

One of the ways our parish supports parishioners experiencing loss of a beloved is with the Grieving with Great HOPE ministry. Sponsored by the Archdiocese of Toronto, this Catholic faith-based program consists of a five-week grief support workshop by video on-demand format. It offers a prayerful, practical, and personal approach. Normally offered in-person, it will be online via Zoom at this time. The sessions will be offered each Tuesday from 2 March until 30 March (7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.). They are facilitated by Sr. Gabriel Mary Riddle, CPS, Pastoral Assistant at St. Peter's Parish (Toronto) and assisted by seminarians from St. Augustine's Seminary. They will journey with you, be present to you, and pray for you. There is no cost to attend, but online registration is required. If this is something you think could be of assistance, please register by 23 February at: http://bit.ly/BS-RegisterMar2021. Your registration confirmation email will inform you how to join the online Zoom sessions.

Jesus promised "Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted" (Matt. 5:4) and "I will turn their mourning into joy. I will comfort them and give them gladness for sorrow." (Jer. 31:13). May you find comfort in knowing our Parish cares and is here to journey with you through this difficult time. If you need to speak to someone please do not hesitate to call the parish office or email the Ministry of Consolation and Hope at hope@mercifulredeemer.org

May the love of God sustain you, the peace of God

be with you, and the promise of God comfort you. And may the soul of your deceased, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

With renewed condolences and the assurance of our continued prayers.

REMINDERS

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.

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.

Change of Address

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

Info and Awareness on Euthanasia

Visit https://mercifulredeemer.org/euthanasia and https://www.archtoronto.org/euthanasia

Want to Know More About The Bible?

You can now access our Bible study archive at https://mercifulredeemer.org/resources/catholic-materials
Scroll down to the bottom of the page to find weekly notes from past studies like Revelation, Isaiah, Genesis and much more!

Tax Receipts

Tax receipts will be mailed in February.



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For Middle School Students (Gr. 6-8)

Schedule and Time Slot: Every 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month, 4:30 PM - 6 PM Next Edge Night: Saturday, February 6th, 2021

Thank you to all those who attended our first Edge night of the year!

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 your child is interested in joining, please register using the updated 2021 link found on the parish website at www.mercifulredeemer. org/youth-ministry. 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)

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. You won't want to miss it! 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

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

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 Fellowships via Zoom

28 January from 6:00 - 7:00 PM

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- 1) Download myParish App
- 2) Enable the location setting on your device
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Meet the Messengers: Hosea, Prophet of Mercy

This is the beginning of a series where Thomas Smith takes a closer look at six prophets from the Old Testament, God's messengers. Be sure to check the bulletin for the next five weeks to catch the rest of the series!

Meet The Messengers: Hosea

In this first post, we will meet the messenger Hosea. Our prophet lived in the eighth century BC, during the reign of King Jeroboam II. His audience was the Northern Kingdom who had abandoned covenant faithfulness with the Lord. Their spiritual lives were marked by idolatry, injustice, and oppression of the poor.

God's first command to Hosea wasn't to simply call people to repentance, but to embody in his own life, the broken relationship between the Lord and his people, Israel.

Hosea was called to marry a prostitute named Gomer, who would symbolize Israel's own unfaithfulness. His marriage and family became a living parable to his audience. This dramatic embodiment was intended to awaken Israel to their true spiritual condition and call them to return to the Lord and his life-giving law.

Embody God's Message with Your Life

Like the ancient prophets, we are called not only to share our message but to embody it. It is not enough to simply present an armload of faith facts. The world needs more than words. They need to see a gospel that is lived and embodied in our relationships, marriages, families and professions.

What is the fundamental message we are called to embody?

While there are many parts to the "Good News," Pope Francis, led by the Holy Spirit, has been emphasizing, in particular, the message of mercy. He has demonstrated that it can be an open door to welcome not only new believers but those who may have felt estranged or distant from their faith.

So, let's ask ourselves in what ways can we embody that message?

There are many ways, but let me propose three. They involve interior conversion, prayer, and concrete actions.

Become a student of Mercy. Commit to memory the seven corporal works of mercy and the seven spiritual works of mercy (see Catechism of the Catholic Church 2447). Use them as a regular spiritual checkup or examination of conscience. Ask yourself, "How am I regularly performing or supporting with my prayers or almsgiving these fourteen works?"

Pray daily for God's mercy to be upon our world, especially war-torn countries. Ask for God to have mercy upon your nation and enkindle mercy within its citizens, so we will be the guardians and protectors of those in most need of our mercy, especially the unborn and aged. The Chaplet of Divine Mercy is a wonderful way to gather this intention to the Heart of Jesus.

Most importantly, BE mercy! Look for every opportunity to speak and demonstrate God's merciful love in your daily encounters. This is one of the most powerful ways to evangelize because it is revealing the face of the Merciful Father revealed in Jesus to others. Include in your morning prayer this intention:

Morning Prayer

Lord, help me this day to embody your merciful love in word, deed, and prayer. Give me your eyes of mercy to see the needs of those around me and respond with generosity, compassion, and love.

Article CF: https://media.ascensionpress.com/2020/01/15/meetmessengers-hosea/ Gospel Reflection CF: https://oblates.squarespace.com/sundays-

salesian-feed/third-sunday-in-ordinary-time-january-24-2021