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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 3

**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 TEAM

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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 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](mailto:tob@bell.net)

**Knights of Columbus** Michael Fonseca, [fs@saintfaustina.ca](mailto: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](mailto:jane@mercifulredeemer.org)

**Youth Ministry** [mercifulredeemermi.archtoronto.org/en/parish-life/our-ministries/outreach/youth-ministry/](http://mercifulredeemermi.archtoronto.org/en/parish-life/our-ministries/outreach/youth-ministry/)

**Forged Young Adult Ministry**

**Society of St. Vincent de Paul** [mrcssvp.ca](http://mrcssvp.ca)

**Catholic Cemeteries & Funeral Services** [catholic-cemeteries.com](http://catholic-cemeteries.com)

**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

## WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

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### Monday, December 20, 12:15 PM

+ Francois Xavier Tran  
+ Angel - Irma Chans  
Thanksgiving for Bharti Joseph

### Tuesday, December 21, 7:00 PM

+ Betty O'Sullivan  
+ Charles Tsang  
+ Trevor Noel King  
+ Stephen Koo

### Wednesday, December 22, 12:15 PM

+ Marianne & Stephen Nogueira  
+ Roque Rodrigues  
+ The Sui In

### Thursday, December 23, 7:00 PM

+ Italo Leonardi  
+ Hector Sarmiento  
+ Joana Mendonca

### Friday, December 24, CHRISTMAS EVE

4:00 PM

6:00 PM

8:00 PM

10:00 PM

Midnight

### Saturday, December 25, CHRISTMAS DAY

8:30 PM

10:00 PM

Noon

(NO EVENING MASSES)

### Sunday, December 26, 8:30 AM

+ Raymond Henry Travas  
+ Hiheronimo Dang Van Than  
+ Victor Rodrigues

### Sunday, December 26, 10:00 AM

For all parishioners

### Sunday, December 26, 12:00 PM

+ Antonio Soares  
+ Philip D'Souza  
Thanksgiving for Ezra Gabriel Uy

### Sunday, December 26, 5:00 PM

+ Giovanni De Petrillo  
+ Nello Magi  
+ Carmela Starnino

### Sunday, December 26, 7:00 PM

+ Peter Pinto  
+ Reynaldo Ravao

## SUNDAY REFLECTION

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*"Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb."*

In today's Gospel, we experience Elizabeth proclaiming Mary to be blessed as the mother of Our Lord. St. Francis de Sales notes:

When Elizabeth proclaims Mary's blessedness, Mary affirms that she is indeed blessed, for all her happiness comes from God. God looks at Mary in her lowliness and exalts her. Mary, in her humility, is in awe that God has made her the mother of Jesus.

A very exalted love of God and neighbor, as well as a profound humility, form a special union in Mary's heart. Humility has Mary experience the immense and inexhaustible depth of God's goodness. After experiencing the immensity of God's love, she is aware of her littleness in the face of God's loftiness. She immediately acts on her love for God, by saying: Let it be done to me as You say. In giving her consent to God's will, she demonstrates the greatest charity conceivable. For at the moment she consents, the Divine Word takes on flesh. Infinitely graced, Mary desires God's love for all.

As with Mary, our first fruit of the grace of God is humility. Humility has us experience the infinite love of God. At the same time, humility has us experience the limitations of our capacity to love God and others. While grace inclines us to the excellence of God's divine love, humility has us see how God's love profoundly purifies the heart before God and creatures. Like in Mary, God's love, in us, has us love others.

What a good sign humility of heart is in the spiritual life! If we humble ourselves by giving our consent to God's will in our life, we too can give birth in our heart to the Christ Child. To let go of our own willful desires is painful. Yet, to bring Christ to birth in our hearts is well worth trusting in God's action in us. Our divine Savior, with our consent, will assuredly make us eternally blessed, and introduce us into eternal life.

Article Cf: <https://oblates.squarespace.com/sundays-salesian-feed/fourth-sunday-of-advent-december-19-2021-u0Rih>

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Today's Mass Readings

**First Reading:** Micah 5:1-4a  
**Second Reading:** Hebrews 10:5-10  
**Gospel:** Luke 1:39-45

### 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](mailto: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.

### Vocations

Are you called to follow in the footsteps of Mary as a priest, deacon or religious to carry the Good News of God's great Love? Contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997 or [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org)

**Website:** [www.vocationstoronto.ca](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca)

### 2022 Sunday Offertory Envelopes

Sunday Offertory Envelopes for 2022 are available for pick up in the church lobby. Please do not begin using these envelopes until January. Kindly note some of you may have been assigned a new number.

If you cannot find your box or would like to obtain a new box please contact the parish office. We thank you for your generosity and support and encourage you to pick up your box as soon as possible. Also, please notify the Parish Office if your address has changed to ensure you receive a tax receipt for donations made this year.

### Sunday Missals

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

## Christmas and New Years Schedule

Registration through Eventbrite is MANDATORY. 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)

### Spiritual and Supportive Care

If you or a family member are admitted to a hospital within Trillium Health Partner (Credit Valley Hospital, Mississauga Hospital, and Queensway Health Centre):

1. Identify yourself as Roman Catholic at time of admission and a parishioner at Merciful Redeemer so you will be put on a list which the Roman Catholic Priest Chaplains and Roman Catholic visitors consult and see patients according to their needs.
2. If you wish to receive Holy Communion, please call the Spiritual and Supportive Care office. The Spiritual and Supportive Care staff will ensure that you are on the list to be seen by a Eucharistic Minister.

Phone: 905-813-3984

### Change of Address

If your home address or telephone number has changed, please send us an email at [register@mercifulredeemer.org](mailto:register@mercifulredeemer.org)



OUR MISSION IS TO

LOVE, WALK WITH & EMPOWER THE YOUTH OF OUR COMMUNITY

TO BE JOYFUL & FEARLESS

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## MERCIFUL REDEEMER YOUTH MINISTRY

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For High School Students (Gr. 9-12)  
Every Saturday from 5:15 - 7:00 PM

**Thank you for attending our Christmas social last Saturday. Lifeteen will resume in January 2022. We hope all of you have a safe and blessed Christmas break!**

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:** January 2022  
**Cohort B:** 21 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 in-person 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!

Please use the following link for the one-time EDGE registration form: [forms.gle/huxPeTBPXicnRE1w7](https://forms.gle/huxPeTBPXicnRE1w7)

See you soon!



# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## EVENTS IN THE ARCHDIOCESE

### On the Road to Union with God

7 January at 7:00 p.m. - 9 January, 2022 at 1:00 p.m.  
Manresa Jesuit Spiritual Renewal Centre, 2325  
Liverpool Rd., Pickering

A silent Ignatian weekend retreat for men. Generally, there are three broad recognizable stages as we grow closer to God: the purgative stage, the illuminative stage and the unitive stage. We will explore this journey with the help of the life of the saints, persons like you and me, who had to get in touch with their own human frailty along their own unique life-journey. The hope is that the retreatant comes to a higher understanding of self in relation to our infinite loving and merciful God in the context of their own earthly life-journey. Facilitated by Fr. Henk van Meijel, SJ.

A suggested offering of \$235 per person. Includes two nights' accommodation, meals, program and spiritual direction.

**Register:** <https://manresa-canada.ca/>

**Contact:** [registration@manresa.ca](mailto:registration@manresa.ca)

**Phone:** 905-839-2864

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### Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Prayer Service 2022

23 January, 2022 from 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Holy Trinity Armenian Apostolic Orthodox Church  
920 Progress Ave., Scarborough

Join Cardinal Thomas Collins and a wide representation of Christian leaders to pray for the restoration of full visible unity willed by Jesus Christ for the Church. This event is jointly organized by the Office for Promoting Christian Unity and the Greater Toronto Area Council of Christian Churches. All are welcome to attend in person or watch the livestream on Facebook at: [www.facebook.com/TorontoArmenianChurch](http://www.facebook.com/TorontoArmenianChurch).

**For details, please visit:** <https://bit.ly/3Gm0CZj>

### Witnessing the Beatitudes Around Us

4 February, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. - 6 February, 2022 at 1:00 p.m.

Manresa Jesuit Spiritual Renewal Centre, 2325  
Liverpool Rd., Pickering

A silent Ignatian weekend retreat for women. With so much animosity and tension all around us perhaps it would be good to be reminded of the gentle spirit of the Beatitudes – that there are people like this still around us to prayerful learn and gain spiritual strength from. This will be a multisensory retreat looking at the Beatitudes through film, images and imaginative writing. Facilitated by Fr. Trevor Scott, SJ.

A suggested offering of \$235 per person. Includes two nights' accommodation, meals, program and spiritual direction.

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## PARISH EVENTS

### Spiritus Vitae Event at Merciful Redeemer Parish

2 February, 2022 from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord

Join us for a night of adoration, silent reflection, talks and fellowship. Confessions will also be available.

7:00 p.m. - 8:20 p.m.: Talk & small group discussions in the Church hall

8:20 - 9:00 PM: Adoration & confessions in the Church

### *Parish Ministries*

Many ministries are now operating again, though not their regular form.

Please contact your parish ministry for start-up information and other updates (contact information can be found on our parish website under "Parish Life").