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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

Mon., Wed., Fri. 1:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Tues., Thurs. 11:00 AM - 7:00 PM

Sat. 10:00 AM - 2:30 PM

Sun. 2:00 PM - 4:30 PM

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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: Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:32-35

Gospel: Mark 1:21-28

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, February 1, 12:15 PM

+ Maria Da Silva

+ Jon Austin

+ Julianne Elizabeth Skura

+ Martel Manalo

Tuesday, February 2, 7:00 PM

+ Joaozinho Vaz

+ Martel Manalo

Thanksgiving for Julia Joseph

Wednesday, February 3, 12:15 PM

+ Betty O'Sullivan

+ Martel Manalo

Special Intention for Griselda Dias

Special Intention for Robert & Bernadette Douglas Family

Thursday, February 4, 7:00 PM

+ Adalgisa Russo

+ Josefa Salomon

+ Martel Manalo

Friday, February 5, 12:15 PM

+ Swampillai & Philomina Anthonypillai

+ Martel Manalo

+ Holy Souls in Purgatory

Special Intention for Pereira Family

Saturday, February 6, 9:00 AM

+ Martel Manalo

Special Intention for Catharina Fernandes

Thanksgiving by Willy & Remcy Menezes

Thanksgiving for Mohan Joseph & Family

Saturday, February 6, 3:00 PM

+ Martel Manalo

Sunday, February 7, 9:00 AM

+ Francis Katarincac, + Lirio Calalo,

+ Deceased Members of Luk & Chui Families,

+ Lucia Hernandez, + Ricardo Lobo,

+ Margaret John, + Martel Manalo

Thanksgiving for Fr Abraham Lukose

Thanksgiving by Antao Family

SUNDAY REFLECTION

When was the last time that you or I were 'astonished' or 'amazed' when faced with Jesus – in the Scriptures or in Eucharist? When have we prepared ourselves to come to Eucharist to experience the mystery unfolding from the hand of our Father? Perhaps the daily celebration of Eucharist has become too routine: familiar Scripture readings, the same bread and wine. Even the new sound of our praying can be a distraction. It is too easy to forget that we are invited to Eucharist, invited to experience the continuing mystery of God's great love for us:

A mystery that draws us into the intimate mystery of our salvation and redemption: the death and rising of Jesus; a mystery that expresses our God's desire that you and I be one with him by sharing in the Body and Blood of his Son Jesus; a mystery that makes us more fully the Body of Christ, the Church; a mystery that continues to transform you and me in our efforts to be the Savior walking the earth today.

I was awakened again to this sense of 'mystery' as I was reading an article entitled: "Let us proclaim the mystery of faith." The writer offered me a thought that has led me to some prayerful reflection: "*The invitation that comes to us again and again in Scripture, directly or indirectly, is to consent to a relationship with the Lord of Mysteries and the God of Surprises, who waits patiently for us with open arms (and delights we can't even guess at), while demanding that we put away our childish cravings for smaller securities so as to enter into a wider, richer, more complex intimacy*" – into mystery. (McEntyre, Weavings, Jan-Feb 2006)

As I continued to read today's Gospel, I was struck by the words of the unclean spirit: "I know who you are, the Holy One of God." It is possible to know Jesus without really knowing Jesus in the Scriptural sense. When we really encounter Jesus, our hearts are changed, transformed. When Jesus encounters us in the mystery of the Scriptures and Eucharist, we are invited into mystery – a moment of intimate encounter with our God who is loving us into a deeper union with him. The more willing we are to entrust our heart to God, the more God can mold us more fully into the image of his Son Jesus.

Once again, you and I are invited into the mystery of this Eucharist. Jesus is present in his Word and will be present in Sacrament. Will we be open enough to being "astonished" and "amazed" during this encounter?

Gospel Reflection CF: <https://oblates.squarespace.com/sundays-salesian-feed/fourth-sunday-in-ordinary-time-january-31-2021>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Week's Readings

First Reading: Job 7:1-4, 6-7

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23

Gospel: Mark 1:29-39

St. Thérèse of Lisieux Spiritual Life Series
22 February, 8 March, 22 March, 12 April, 26 April at 7:00 p.m.
Online Event

All are welcome to join a new spiritual life series based on the book *The Story of a Soul* by St. Thérèse of Lisieux. The new series will begin on Monday, February 22 and will be presented in several bi-weekly segments by Fr. Peter Turrone, pastor of the Newman Centre. There will be time for group discussion. Participants will need to purchase the Study Edition of *Story of a Soul* by Fr. Mark Foley for the class.

Register: <https://thestoryofasoul.eventbrite.ca/>

Contact: lenita.lopes@newmantoronto.com

Website: www.newmantoronto.com

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience
5 - 7 March, 2021 starting at 9:00 a.m.
Online Event

In these stressful times, give your marriage a booster shot! Restore your loving communication with your spouse and rekindle the romance. The Marriage Encounter experience is a skill-building enrichment program where together, you, as husband and wife, learn how to be the best couple you can be. 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

Info and Awareness on Euthanasia

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

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/communion-service for more information and to register for Communion service.

Strength for the Weary Prayer

Faithful Father, thank you that you are my shield and my strength. Your word says that you give strength to the weary and increase the power of the weak. Please help me to experience your strength in the midst of my weakness. May Christ dwell in my heart through faith so that I, being rooted and grounded in love, may have the strength to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge. May I be filled with all the strength of you, my God.

Through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
Amen.



EUTHANASIA BILL

STAY INVOLVED: IT'S NOT YET TOO LATE!

The federal government continues to seek to expand state-sanctioned killing of the sick and infirm. This week is critical. This week is your chance to advocate against Same-Day Death as Senators consider the Government's proposed legislation expanding euthanasia in Canada.

According to the 2020 Health Canada report, "The number of cases of MAID in 2019 represents an increase of 26.1% over 2018 numbers."

Bill C-7 would make more and more Canadians vulnerable to premature death. That's why physicians, First Nations communities, disability rights advocates, and countless concerned Canadians have been sounding the alarm about this legislation.

At the beginning of February, the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Senate Committee will begin their official 3-day study on Bill C-7.

This is why it's imperative for Senators to hear from you now— this week.

As all Senators will participate in the vote on amendments to Bill C-7, we need to reach out to as many Senators as possible. Please phone at least two Senators from your province.

1. Take a minute to click on a Senator's name to bring up his or her contact information.
2. Phone the Senator and thank him or her for their service to Canada.
3. Then, take a moment to express your concerns about the Government's expansion of euthanasia that would allow for Same-Day Death, removal of the need for consent at the moment, and the removal of the need for two independent witnesses, and the need for conscience protection for Catholic and other healthcare providers and institutions.

Please do what you can. Reach out to the Senators and let them know you stand for life, for adequate, compassionate and life-affirming palliative care.

Letters of Reference for Catholic Teacher Applicants

If you or one of your children are currently studying to become a teacher in our Catholic schools, part of the application process for the Board includes a letter of reference from your pastor. If you are from this parish and intend to ask for a reference letter, please note that you will have to be attending Mass here regularly and participating in a parish ministry before such a recommendation will be given. If you have a son or daughter currently in Teacher's College and they intend to use Merciful Redeemer as the parish from which they will request a letter of reference, but they do not attend this parish (because they are away at school), they will be required to obtain a letter from the pastor of the parish where they are attending while away at school. Please remember all our teachers – present and future – in your prayers!

2021 Envelope Boxes

Now available for pick up in the church foyer during opening hours:

Mon, Wed, Fri 1:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Tues, Thurs 11:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Sat 10:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Sun 2:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

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.

Tax Receipts

Tax receipts will be mailed out in February by the Archdiocese of Toronto. If you have not received your 2020 tax receipt by the end of February, please email or call the parish office to be put in contact with the Archdiocese.



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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, February 13th, 2021

Thanks to all those who participated in our Made
Known Recharge event .

Our regular Life nights will resume once again.
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. If you are interested in
joining the program in our parish, please register your
child using the updated 2021 link found on the parish
website at www.mercifulredeemer.org/youth-ministry

SAINT OF THE WEEK

St John Bosco

Patron Saint of: boys, magicians/entertainers,
troubled Youth

As a boy, the fun-loving John Bosco would
juggle and do magic tricks for the other
children. Having captured their attention, he
would then lead them in the rosary or share a
sermon he'd heard. Later in life, the holy priest
ministered tirelessly to children, especially
troubled boys. He gathered them for prayer,
play and learning. Today, members of his order,
the Salesians, continue to serve young people
all over the world. (www.tinysaints.com)

**“Run, jump, have all
the fun you want at
the right time, but, for
heaven’s sake, do not
commit sin!”**

-St John Bosco

Meet the Messengers: Isaiah, faithful and Available

This is the second part 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 four weeks to catch the rest of the series!

"Here I am! Send me!" (Isaiah 6:8)

When it comes to the Old Testament prophets, one could argue that Isaiah is without peer.

Isaiah has been called by many "the Fifth Gospel" because his prophecies predict so many aspects of the life of Jesus, from his birth to his enthronement in heaven. He is quoted over ninety times in the New Testament and represents three-quarters of all the prophetic readings we hear during the Advent and Christmas seasons. His writings are vast (sixty-six chapters), powerful and poetic.

Isaiah was faced with a daunting challenge: His voice was to be raised during the period of the Divided Kingdom, in the late eighth century (700s BC). His audience was the southern kingdom of Judah who seemed blind to the dangers of covenant unfaithfulness.

Most men would shrink at the task of preaching for decades to a people so deaf to his message, but not our prophet.

What was the secret of his consistent courage?

1. **He focused on the Lord.** Isaiah is given a vision of God on the throne (Isaiah 6:1-4). God was perfect in holiness, high and lifted up, in control of his universe. That vision of God's power and presence was the source of Isaiah's strength. It certainly sustained him when he saw the state of his own people's sinfulness. He knew his task to preach was a God-sized one, but his powerful God would help him to fulfill it. In fact, one translation of the name Isaiah is "The Lord is my helper."

2. **He recognized and acknowledged his own sinfulness and inadequacies (the truth about himself).** Faced with the holiness of the Lord, he cried out, "Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips" (Isaiah 6:5). This helped to keep him humble before the task at hand. And the Lord responded by cleansing and preparing his prophet.

3. **He responded with availability and generosity**

to God's call, "Here I am! Send me!" (Isaiah 6:8). Availability is no small virtue. Think of how many acts of love, mercy, or service we never perform, all because we are "too busy" or "unavailable." Or consider how many times we have hesitated to share the good news because we "leave that to the professionals" or we feel inadequate. Pope Francis said, *"Our falling short of perfection should be no excuse; on the contrary, mission is a constant stimulus not to remain mired in mediocrity but to continue growing"* (Evangeliium Gaudium, 121). Another put it this way, "God does not ask for our ability or our inability, but our availability."

Imitating Isaiah

The life of Isaiah can become a great spiritual check-up for us. In light of his life, ask yourself these questions:

1. What great task is before you?
2. How can focusing on God's presence and power sustain you?
3. Are you honest about your own sinfulness before the Lord and believe he desires to cleanse you and make you whole?
4. Finally, do you have a generous and willing spirit to respond to the needs before the Church?

Isaiah's story begins with courage in the face of great challenges, and he was faithful to the very end. Jewish tradition tells us that Isaiah was martyred by being sawn in two by the wicked King Manasseh (an event that may be referenced in Hebrews 11:37).

Through his intercession and God's grace, may we face the particular challenges of our life with courage and consistency.

Article CF: <https://media.ascensionpress.com/2020/01/16/meet-messengers-isaiah/>