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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

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: Leviticus 13:1 - 2, 44 - 46

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:31 - 11:1

Gospel: Mark 1:40 - 45

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, February 15, 12:15 PM

+ Joe Dias
+ Vittorio Grisoni
+ Sim Chan
In Thanksgiving

Tuesday, February 16, 7:00 PM

+ Celina Soares
+ Giuseppe Casa
+ Maurice Fernandes

Wednesday, February 17, 7:00 AM **ASH WEDNESDAY**

Wednesday, February 17, 12:15 PM **ASH WEDNESDAY**

+ Laz Fernandes
+ Luzmila Figueroa
+ Gaudence Elias
Thanksgiving by Dale Soares

Thursday, February 18, 7:00 PM

+ Marianne & Stephen Nogueira
+ Marilyn Chin-Rampersad
+ Corazon Gundayao

Friday, February 19, 12:15 PM

+ Lewis D'Souza
+ Monseratt Gundayao

Saturday, February 20, 9:00 AM

+ Cecilia & Samuel
+ Cosme Naval
+ Anna Chinasang
Thanksgiving for Paul & Jena lee

Saturday, February 20, 3:00 PM

Special Intention for Annie Barretto
Thanksgiving by Wynette Ferrao

Sunday, February 21, 9:00 AM

+ Deceased Members of Lobo Family
+ John Menino Rogtan
+ Assucena Rodrigues
+ Luisa Rodrigues
+ Generosa Eguaras
+ Souls in Purgatory
Special Intention for Walter & Lisa
Thanksgiving by Aurny Soares
Thanksgiving by Andrew Rodrigues & Family

SUNDAY REFLECTION

"They shall declare themselves unclean. They shall dwell apart, making their abode outside the camp."

"Moved with pity, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him, and said to him, 'I do choose. Be made clean!'"

St. Francis de Sales wrote in his Introduction to the Devout Life: *"There is scarcely anyone without some imperfections."* (Part 3, Chapter 22)

We have a good handle on the imperfections, vices, idiosyncrasies and even the sins of those with whom we work, we play, we neighbor and we live each day. Most days we overlook them. Some days we put up with them. Other days, we might even make excuses for them. Occasionally, we dwell on – maybe even magnify – them.

Sometimes it is necessary to draw attention to things in other people that blemish their potential for happiness, health, and holiness. Sometimes we need to take the risk to name the sins, the faults and the wounds in others that prevent them from being more of who God calls them to be. Sometimes we need to reflect to others those social, spiritual, psychological or relational sores that rob them of their full citizenship as sons and daughters of the living, loving and saving God.

The Scriptures contrast two quite different methods for doing this. One approach draws attention to others' sins to isolate them, ostracize them or distance them from the community. The other approach – Jesus' approach – is to draw them even more closely into the life of the community, to create a space in which the "unclean" can experience healing, strength, and a new lease on life.

A footnote worth considering: before ever calling attention to the imperfections, the sins or the blemishes of others, we must take that most important of first steps.

Be clear and unambiguous about our own sin and weakness. Be clear and unambiguous about our own need for healing and forgiveness. Be clear about our own need for friends who will not only sometimes tell us what we want to hear about ourselves, but who will consistently have the courage to tell us what we need to hear about ourselves.

Gospel Reflection CF: <https://oblates.squarespace.com/sundays-salesian-feed/sixth-sunday-in-ordinary-time-february-14-2021>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Week's Readings

First Reading: Genesis 9:8-15

Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:18-22

Gospel: Mark 1:12-15

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.

New Beginnings: Online Drop-In Bereavement Support Session 24 February, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

Share discussions with others in a welcoming, non-judgmental online forum.

Topic: Transitional Grief – reflecting on the past year and the present year

Facilitator: Arcangelo Limanni, MRE

For more information please email:
Arcangelo Limanni, alimanni@cfstoronto.com

Register here: <https://rpyy.eventbrite.ca>

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

Estate Planning From a Catholic Perspective Saturday, February 27, 2021 at 10:00 am Free Webinar

Join this webinar and learn about the importance of a Will, Powers of Attorney & Estate Planning as well as Catholic teachings and traditions around cremation. The Archdiocese of Toronto estate planning team & Catholic Cemeteries & Funeral Services will share about how to protect your loved ones with a proper Will; how to ensure that your wishes are legally protected; Powers of Attorney; estate Trustee selection; finding lawyers and estate planning advisors; and our Catholic traditions around wills, cremation, burial and funeral.

An estate planning guide will be mailed to all attendees at no cost.

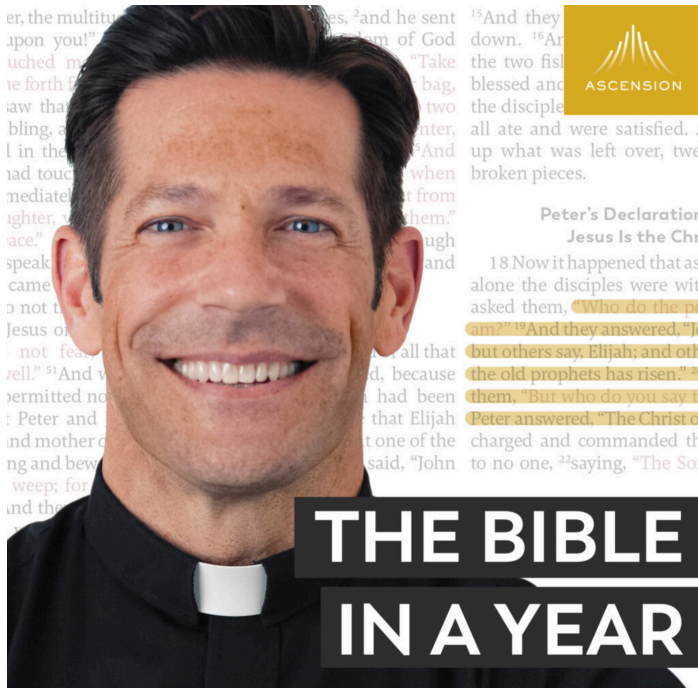
To register, send us an email to: development@archtoronto.org

Please include the word 'webinar' in the subject line and provide your name and mailing address in the body of a message (otherwise we won't be able to send you your copy of the Estate Planning guide!). We would also be grateful if, for the sake of our statistics, you could let us know whether you are planning to watch this webinar alone or together with a family member.

You will receive a link to the webinar on February 22nd, and a couple of reminders closer to the date of the presentation.

GET READY FOR LENT!

DIVE DEEPER INTO SCRIPTURE



If you've struggled to read the Bible, this podcast is for you!

Ascension's Bible in a Year Podcast, hosted by Fr. Mike Schmitz and featuring Jeff Cavins, guides Catholics through the Bible in 365 daily episodes.

Each 20-25 minute episode includes:

- two to three scripture readings
- a reflection from Fr. Mike Schmitz
- and guided prayer to help you hear God's voice in his Word.

This podcast is available on Spotify, Apple Podcasts, Google Podcasts, Overcast and Stitcher



Invite us Deeper

Almighty and ever living God,

you invite us deeper into your world, your people, your Lent. May this time be one of outward focus; seeking you in those we often ignore. Help us live a Lent focused on freedom, generosity, and encounter. Give us hearts hungry to serve you and those who need what we have to give. **Amen.**

ASH WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

Wednesday 17 February

Mass: 7:00 a.m. and 12:15 p.m.

Ash distribution: 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. in 5-minute intervals

Thursday 18 February

Mass: 7:00 p.m.

Ash distribution: 7:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. in 5-minute intervals

Friday 19 February

Mass: 12:15 p.m.

Ash distribution: 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. in 5-minute intervals

Due to current lockdown restrictions, Cardinal Collins has given us permission to extend the distribution of ashes beyond Ash Wednesday! Registration through Eventbrite is mandatory.

NOTE: We will be distributing ashes according to the ancient practice of dropping the ashes directly on the crown of the head. This will mean there is no touching of the recipient and is different from the regular custom in North America of marking the forehead with ashes.

Visit the parish website for more information and to register:

<https://mercifulredeemer.org/ashwednesday>



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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 20th, 2021

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 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. Join us at our next Edge night, where we will be talking about Lent.



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 27th, 2021

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 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.

Upcoming Events

ProLife Apologetics Day - Abortion: A Human Right or a Human Right's Violation?

16 February, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom

Join us this Tuesday for a virtual presentation led by guest speaker, Michelle Caluag. Michelle is a member of the Toronto Right to Life organization and will be answering the question: is abortion a human right or a human rights violation?

If you are interested in joining us, please send an email to mercifulredeemerym@gmail.com for the link.

Lectio Divina

Tuesdays at 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.

As we prepare for the coming of Lent, we invite you to pray with us by participating in a Lectio Divina. We will be spending time every Tuesday of this month praying and reflecting on the Word of God. Open to all youth! Invite a friend.

Visit our parish website at www.mercifulredeemer.org/youth-ministry for more information and the zoom link.

Meet the Messengers: Jonah, the Reluctant Prophet

This is the fourth 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 two weeks to catch the rest of the series!

To call Jonah a reluctant prophet would be a gross understatement. He literally runs in the opposite direction of his calling to preach repentance to the Ninevites. At one level, it's hard to blame him. Nineveh was the capital of Assyria, one of the hated enemies of God's people.

Pride and Prejudice

At first glance, the message to his enemies doesn't seem that hopeful:

"Go at once to Nineveh, that great city, and cry out against it; for their wickedness has come up before me." - Jonah 1:2

Why does Jonah resist? The message doesn't promise forgiveness or redemption, it simply declares their wickedness. Jonah understood that this warning was an invitation, the possibility of mercy, if the people would respond to the warning and turn from their wickedness.

Rather than rejoice at this potential penitence of his enemy, Jonah refuses to participate. We all know the whale of a tale that will unfold to get our prophet turned in the right direction. He gives the warning, the people repent, all is good, right? Wrong.

For Jonah, this was the worst possible outcome. In effect he said to God afterwards, "I knew you'd do something like this!! That's why I ran in the opposite direction." Quoting the language of Exodus, through gritted teeth he cries:

"I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. And now, O Lord, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live." - Jonah 4:2-3

It's easy to judge Jonah for being so close-minded, insular, and stingy with God's mercy. But Jonah's unwillingness is designed to act as a literary mirror we can use to gaze upon ourselves.

In what ways do we resist the plans of God? Are there particular persons or groups of people we wish God would just destroy rather than ask us to go to them as messengers of his mercy? Do we ever hesitate to share Christ with people that are very different from us or we perceive to be our enemies? Do we automatically assume people will reject our offer, so we never bother to share the Good News?

These are hard questions to be sure, but if we possess even a shred of self-knowledge, we would acknowledge we may be more like Jonah than we would care to admit.

Where Are Today's Ninevites?

In a 2007 interview, Pope Francis (then Cardinal Bergoglio) said:

"Nineveh was the symbol of all the separated, the lost, of all the peripheries of humanity. Of all those who are outside, forlorn. Jonah saw that the task set on him was only to tell all those people that the arms of God were still open, that the patience of God was there and waiting, to heal them with His forgiveness and nourish them with His tenderness."

The book of Jonah ends without any real resolution. Our proud prophet's prejudice seems impenetrable. As the Body of Christ, we are called to resist that kind of attitude, and instead turn our attention to the Ninevites of our world. May we do that with great passion and compassion.



Article CF: <https://media.ascensionpress.com/2020/01/18/meet-messengers-jonah/>

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

PARISH EVENTS

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.

Jews Studying the New Testament

18 February at 10:00 am

Online Event

A learning opportunity for Christian-Jewish relations, this session will be led by Amy-Jill Levine and Marc Brettler on Thursday, February 18 from 10 to 11:15 a.m. Register for this and other topics during the week-long "Truth, Difference and Loyalty" symposium hosted by the Shalom Hartman Institute (Jerusalem).

Register: <https://winter.hartman.org.il/home>

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

EVENTS IN THE ARCHDIOCESE

Beth and Joe Gray: How a Beautiful Irish Catholic Girl and a Nice Jewish Boy Became One

16 February at 7:00 p.m.

Online Event

Beth (the beautiful Irish Catholic girl) and Joe (the nice Jewish boy) return to AHC to share what they've learned in their more than 50-year journey towards unity in marriage. Joe was raised in a conservative Jewish home in New Jersey and he came to faith in Messiah and was baptized in the early 1970s. As a cradle Catholic, Beth consistently loved her faith and her Church. Through anecdotes about life and ministry – and with references to Scripture – Beth and Joe will explain the challenges and successes of blending two cultures and lives into one beautiful testimony of faith and truth. This is the story of Christ's love and faithfulness in His Church. **No registration is required, but email AHC Toronto for Zoom link at: ahctoronto@gmail.com.**

Extending Our Embrace

24 February at 1:00 p.m.

Online Event

The United Nations World Interfaith Harmony Week initiative seeks to bring people together to increase respect and understanding among peoples of all faiths and beliefs. The past year has been very challenging for all of us. Yet in spite of the need for social distancing, there are many unsung heroes among our faith communities who have found ways of extending their embrace and compassion to the wider world. Now more than ever we need to broaden our embrace, especially to those who are suffering.

Extending Our Embrace is a virtual event that features stories of people whose faith motivated them to extend their embrace. The stories will be interspersed with poems, music, dance, art and reflections from diverse faith traditions.

Register: <http://bit.ly/ExtendingOurEmbrace>