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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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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: Genesis 9:8-15

Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:18-22

Gospel: Mark 1:12-15

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, February 22, 12:15 PM

Special Intention for Tenedero Family

Thanksgiving by Anne Fernandes

Thanksgiving by Nikelyn Cruz

Tuesday, February 23, 7:00 PM

+ Raffaele Orlandi, + Betty O'Sullivan

Special Intention for Celea Aita

Wednesday, February 24, 12:15 PM

+ Scholastica & Matthew Menezes

Special Intention for Dr. Ian Malloch

Special Intention for Faustina & Alfredo De Petrillo

Thursday, February 25, 7:00 PM

+ Raymond Henry Travas

+ Margaret John

Special Intention for Dr. June Kingston

Friday, February 26, 12:15 PM

+ Joseph Murzello

Special Intention for Nadia Magi

Thanksgiving to St. Padre Pio

Saturday, February 27, 9:00 AM

+ Roland Lee, + Maria Plata

+ Jordan Garcia, +Salvatore & Maria Cassar

Special Intention for Tenedero Family

Saturday, February 27, 3:00 PM

+Anna Chinasang

Sunday, February 28, 9:00 AM

+ Paul Monteiro, + Matthew Zdybal

+ Ignacia Macatangay, + Generosa Eguaras

Special Intention for Kevin Broniek

Thanksgiving by Rowena Camiguing

SUNDAY REFLECTION

In today's Gospel, Jesus offers us a pattern that can enable us to get the most out of our Lent this year.

We are told that the "Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him." What did he do for forty days in the desert? He did what many holy men and women have done in the desert. He listened to God, his Father. As he listened, he also heard the alluring voice of Satan - a voice that challenged him to be someone else than his Father wanted him to be. But Jesus spent a long enough time listening in prayer that he gradually knew who he was and what he had to do. And he returns to the countryside, a powerful man with a powerful message:

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

That can be the pattern of Lent for us this year. Jesus invites us into the desert, the quiet of our hearts, and he asks us to listen. He knows that our Father will speak to us about who we are and what we are to do. He also knows that Satan will also speak to us - alluring us with all kinds of contradictory messages. And he asks us to stay in the quiet of our hearts long enough to come to know and believe his Father's words of love and mercy.

Our willingness to listen will prepare us well to come back to our countryside and announce our recognition that the reign of God is at hand. We will be prepared at Easter to renew our baptismal commitment to reform our lives and live more deeply the good news. The real temptation of our Lent will be to leave our desert too quickly. If we fall for Satan's trickery ("You don't really need all that quiet time!"), then our Lent may be like many other times in our lives - just another time we lived through.

If we are willing to stay in our desert and listen, we will be rewarded for our patience and we will be renewed. What choice will you - will I - make this Lent? Will we dare to enter the desert and stay to listen, or will we leave too quickly? Our choice can make all the difference to our lives!

Gospel Reflection CF: <https://oblates.squarespace.com/sundays-salesian-feed/first-sunday-of-lent-february-21-2021>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Week's Readings

First Reading: Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18

Second Reading: Romans 8:31b-34

Gospel: Mark 9:2-10

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.

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!

National Association of Catholic Nurses-Canada

NACN-Canada's goal is to align professional practice with faith through prayer, education, service and participation in public discourse. We will pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet on Friday, February 5 and Friday, March 5 at 3:00 p.m. We will also pray the Divine Mercy Presentation on Tuesday, March 23 at 6 p.m. Contact us at the email address below to receive Zoom links to these and other events such as Bible study.

Contact: NACN-Canada PO Box 19525, Manulife PO, 55 Bloor St. W., Toronto ON M4W 3T9

Email: nacncanada.boardcontact@gmail.com

Website: www.catholicnurses.ca

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.

Gender Identity: Overcoming the Confusion

The Catholic Church has been thinking and reflecting on what it means to be human, to be male and female, made in the image and likeness of God, for 2,000 years. Saints and scholars, doctors and philosophers, popes and mystics... have looked to Christ to be the model of who we can be, who we are called to be. The beauty, depth and rationality of the Catholic vision of the human person needs to be better understood, especially in light of contemporary culture's new visions of humanity, sexuality and identity. If you find yourself challenged to articulate a Catholic understanding of the human person, especially when confronted by proposals and widely different views on gender, identity, sexuality and morality, now is a good time to educate yourself, to deepen your knowledge and appreciation of the Church's unparalleled insights into what it means to be human, to be male or female, to have a soul and a body, and to share this with others.

Visit www.personandidentity.com, for a respectful, intelligent, compelling and hope-filled presentation on these important themes.

"Sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts, always being ready to make a reason to everyone who asks you to give an account for the hope that is in you, with gentleness and respect" (1 Pet 3:15).

LENT IS HERE!

BIG NEWS

Stations of the Cross

Friday evenings during Lent, 7:00 p.m.

Join us as we Livestream the Stations of the Cross each Friday at 7:00 p.m. When we reopen, we will be able to walk the Via Crucis together. In the meantime, let us accompany Christ as He takes us His Cross to bring us life.

GET INVOLVED

Navigate Workshop

26 February at 7:00 p.m. to 28 February at 5:30 p.m.

This workshop is intended to help young women ages 18- 25 to navigate their relationships, crises, university context, decisions and social media. It also has a fantastic line up of speakers, including Tammy Peterson! Please contact navigate2021@gmail.com to register and to ask any questions you may have. We ask for a minimum donation of \$30 to participate. You can also follow us on Instagram @navigateworkshop2021.

Poster: <http://bit.ly/NavigatePoster>

Yes, Lord! A Lenten Liturgy of the Word for Kids

Starting 19 February on Fridays at 9:30 a.m., Saturdays at 4:00 p.m. and Sundays at 7:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.

Tune into Salt + Light Television on Friday mornings during Lent for a kid-friendly approach to the Sunday Mass readings and homily. Whether you are worshipping at home due to the pandemic or are just looking for a way to boost your family's faith life, you won't want to miss this brand new series!

On demand: www.slmedia.org/yeslord

What are you doing for Lent?

10 IDEAS FOR A MORE MEANINGFUL LENTEN SEASON

1. Give up sin

Show your love for God by keeping his commandments. Turn away from sins.

2. Fast

An empty stomach can lead to more attentive prayer. Give the money you saved on food to others in alms.



3. Pray

Be in constant prayer. Pray for your family and friends, for those who suffer, and for the Church and the world.

4. Do good works

Help those in need. Pray for them and be ready to serve them in their time of need.



5. Give alms

Help the poor and support the good works of the Church. Give cheerfully to God who has given us everything we have.



6. Abstain

Give up meat or other desirable foods during Lent, especially on Friday, the day of Christ's saving death on the cross.



7. Do meditative reading

Nourish your faith by spending time in quiet reading and reflection. Prayerful reading of God's word each day will open your heart to the Spirit, and let God's thoughts and ways influence yours.

8. Control desire for possessions

Build up treasures in heaven rather than on earth. Cut down on material possessions, eliminate frills, lessen wants, share yourself – your time and your talents – with others.

9. Control desire for entertainment

Too much entertainment and other distractions can lead to less or no time for the works of the Lord.

10. Carry out duties in life

Serve God by living out your vocation in love each day. God is calling each of us to be a living sacrifice. Offer your daily life through Christ!

Text from Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops "Living Lent"



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Catholic Family Services of Toronto's Online Sessions

Catholic Family Services of Toronto is now offering online quick access single sessions. The single-session consultation is a quick and effective way for individuals, couples or families to address a mental health or relationship concern. To arrange for a session, please contact: info@cfstoronto.com or 416-921-1163 or 416- 222-0048.

Leave us a message with your name, email and phone number, and a staff person will contact you. Clients who are interested in pursuing other or additional services in the agency have the option to access our ongoing counselling, wellness or group programs. Counselling fees are charged according to a client's income level. No one is denied service because of his/her inability to pay fees.

Poster: <http://bit.ly/CFSToronto>

Staying the Course Saturday

27 February from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

You are invited to a virtual conference with Women of the Word Toronto. Mary Lenaburg, author of *Be Brave in the Scared*, and Sr. Mary Grace from the Sisters of Life will speak to us about maintaining our focus on Christ during troubling times. We hope to see you there!

Register: www.wowblessingstoronto.com

Poster: <http://bit.ly/wowtoronto-feb27>

Email: mary@wowblessingstoronto.com



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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, March 7th, 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 prayer.



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 Life night. Join us for our next Life night where we will have guest speakers from Chastity over Coffee (CocoYa). You won't want to miss it!

Upcoming Events

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.

**“Seek in reading
and you will find in
meditation; knock
in prayer and it will
be opened to you in
contemplation.”**

St John of the Cross

Meet the Messengers: Ezekiel, God's Watchman

Any student of the prophets knows that they had a tough row to hoe, as we would say in Idaho.

This is the fifth 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 next to catch the last installment of the series!

A Watchman for God's People

The prophets' audiences often rejected them, even tried to kill them. When we reach the prophet Ezekiel, Judah has been exiled to Babylon. Our prophet was among the shamed and shaken survivors in the first wave of 597 BC. You would think that the consequences of their own covenant infidelity would have humbled the people, making them pliable to God's call to repentance and return, but that wasn't broadly the case (Ezekiel 2:1-7).

Listen to Ezekiel's job description:

"But the house of Israel will not listen to you; for they are not willing to listen to me; because all the house of Israel are of a hard forehead and of a stubborn heart. Behold, I have made your face hard against their faces, and your forehead hard against their foreheads. Like adamant harder than flint have I made your forehead; fear them not, nor be dismayed at their looks, for they are a rebellious house." - Ezekiel 3:7-9

This is probably where the phrase "hard head" comes from.

Would you take the job? Thankfully, Ezekiel, himself a priest, had the heart of a shepherd and takes on the great task. Another title given to Ezekiel was to be a watchman:

"Son of man, I have made you a watchman for the house of Israel; therefore hear a word from My mouth, and give them warning from Me." - Ezekiel 3:17

This role of Ezekiel is repeated again in Ezekiel 33. What was the role and responsibilities of an ancient watchman?

Watchmen Yesterday and Today

Most biblical cities had great watch towers from which you could see enemies on the distant horizon or thieves in your valuable harvest fields. Once he assessed the threat or problem, the watchman would

then quickly warn his city, often by blowing a ram's horn.

As an exile with his people in Babylon, Ezekiel never ascended an actual watchtower; instead God would give him a targeted warning or message to share with his people. To not share God's word would bring judgment upon the watchman himself (Ezekiel 3:18-19). Vigilance and a listening heart were essential for Ezekiel. The watchman wasn't always the bearer of bad news, he also encouraged the people to covenant faithfulness and shared the possibility of restoration and a future of hope and healing.

Consider Isaiah's language:

"How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good tidings, who publishes peace, who brings good tidings of good, who publishes salvation, who says to Zion, 'Your God reigns.' Hark, your watchmen lift up their voice, together they sing for joy; for eye to eye they see the return of the Lord to Zion." - Isaiah 52:7-8

When I consider our world today, I am so grateful we have not been left without watchers on the wall. Like Ezekiel of old, many have answered the call. Our holy father Pope Francis, courageous bishops, priests and consecrated women and men, and faithful laity make up our modern day watchers for the Church. They warn us of potential dangers, call us to repentance, cultivate hope, and invite us to nourish an ever-deepening covenant relationship with the Lord.

Will you take a few moments today to thank the Lord for our faithful and vigilant watchers, and to intercede for their protection, vigilance, and courage? Let us also look for those ways, like Ezekiel, that we can warn others in our circle of influence of the many spiritual dangers around us. And finally, as watchers, let us joyfully proclaim the Good News of God to those around us.

Article CF: <https://media.ascensionpress.com/2020/01/20/meet-messengers-ezekiel/>

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.

EVENTS IN THE ARCHDIOCESE

The Holy Spirit and the Abandonment of the Saints 13 March from 9:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Online Event

The transformation of Christian life is accomplished by the Holy Spirit and the saints conform to the Holy Spirit through abandonment or surrender. This retreat will explore the thought of Jean-Pierre de Caussade who unveils the secret of how saints encounter God by surrendering to His action in each present moment. This abandonment is at the heart of the Holy Family at Nazareth and far outstrips even the asceticism of John the Baptist in the desert.

Cost: \$25

Phone: 416-261-7207

Email: lay.formation@staugustines.on.ca

Website: www.staugustines.on.ca

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

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

Extending Our Embrace (online event) 24 February at 1:00 p.m.

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>

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. This session will be on transitional grief – reflecting on the past year and the present year. Register at <https://rpy.py.eventbrite.ca>

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

EUTHANASIA UPDATE: GET INVOLVED!

23 February at 7:00 p.m. ET

The deVeber Institute will be hosting a two-day lecture series via Zoom to address concerns regarding Bill C-7 and its impact on palliative care.

We are honoured to have many esteemed physicians, lawyers, and bioethicists join us as presenters to share their concerns about this Bill from the frontlines.



**EMERGENCY
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**BILL C-7 and
PALLIATIVE CARE**

**TUES
FEB
23
7 PM (ET)**

The speakers for Night One are:

Dr. Ramona Coelho

A family doctor who works with individuals with disabilities and chronic illnesses in London, ON

Dr. Leonie Herx

The head of Palliative Medicine at Queen's University

Dr. Thomas Bouchard

A family doctor in long-term care in Calgary, AB

The specifics of each speaker's presentations are included on the poster.

Register online TODAY, don't miss the opportunity to be a part of this important event.

Speakers



Dr. Ramona Coelho
Conscientious objection: What will happen to doctors who do not agree that administered death is good medicine?



Dr. Thomas Bouchard
Why we need ethical safeguards for the vulnerable.



Dr. Leonie Herx
The palliative care perspective: how will Bill C-7 impact end of life care?

REGISTER TODAY!

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_JOJaAmojQ9m5xuRSL9hNew

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