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## **Celebration of The Eucharist**

Saturday: 4:30 pm  
Sunday: 9:00 am, 11:00 am  
Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday: 8:30 am  
Thursday: 12:00 noon

**Eucharistic Adoration** (First Friday - following the 8:30 am Mass and closing with Solemn Benediction at 12:00 noon)

## **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Saturday: 3:30 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.  
Or by appointment.

## **Sacrament of Baptism**

Second Sunday of the Month  
By appointment only.

## **Sacrament of Marriage**

By appointment only - Contact the pastor at least one year in advance.  
An approved preparation course is mandatory.

## **Parish School**

St. Michael Catholic Academy 905-889-4816

For more information on Catholic education in our community, or to reach your local school board trustee, contact the Toronto Catholic District School Board at 416-222-8282 or [www.tcdsb.org](http://www.tcdsb.org) or the York Catholic District School Board 905-713-1211 or [www.ycdsb.ca](http://www.ycdsb.ca)

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# SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – FEB. 16, 2025



Feb. 18<sup>th</sup> – Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup>

Tues. 8:30 a.m. – Francesco Folcarelli †

Wed. 8:30 a.m. – Connie Leung †

Thurs. Noon - Mark Williams †

Fri. 8:30 a.m. - Teresa Quigley †

Sat. 4:30 p.m. – Eileen O'Donovan †

## READINGS FOR – Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup>

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: 1 Samuel 26.2, 7-9,  
12-13, 22-25 ++

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 Corin. 15..45-49

Gospel: Luke 6.27-38



## THE WORD THIS WEEK

***“Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.”***

Life is often about picking our way through opposites - choices and decisions that surround every moment of every day: should I do this or that, choose this way or that way, and so on. Just as there are choices on either side, so there are opposing consequences - blessings and curses, in the language of the first reading, happiness and woe in the language of the Gospel. In Saint Luke's version of the Beatitudes, we see Jesus setting out very clearly the teaching that life is about choices, and that we must take control, and be responsible for the life we choose, or even the conditions of life that we embrace or accept.

Jesus refers to the poor in spirit who are blessed with the humility to understand that God has provided them with whatever they have. Recognizing this, the poor in spirit are then filled with a hunger to move closer to God. No follower of Christ is forbidden to enjoy the legitimate joys of life, but every Christian must be prepared to accept life's pains and sorrows as well. We are pilgrims and strangers on this earth, weeding our way to heaven. The lighter our pack the easier and faster we travel. But there are cares and responsibilities, according to each one's vocation in life, which we may not and must not shirk. If we face these responsibilities honestly and cheerfully, realizing that they are the means by which God wishes us to gain our eternal reward then they will be less burdensome and less heavy for us.

These Beatitudes are personally important to all of us. If we are true followers of Christ and sincere Christians, we will take the rough as well as the smooth, the poverty as well as the plenty, the sorrows as well as the joys. These are the stepping stones which God has laid down for us to help us get across the river of life to the eternal shore. "Ours is the Kingdom of Heaven."



## REGIONAL JUBILEE MASS CELEBRATIONS

All are welcome to attend Regional Masses that will be held throughout the Archdiocese of Toronto. Please note, for those interested in obtaining a Jubilee indulgence, requirements include receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation, attending Mass and offering prayers for the intention of the Holy Father. Confessions will be offered one hour prior to all celebrations – Masses will begin at 7:00 p.m.

**Celebrations** will take place as follows:

- Thursday, February 20, 2025 – St. Mary's Parish, Toronto (130 Bathurst St.) (Bishop Kasun to preside)
- Tuesday, February 25, 2025 – St. Edward the Confessor Parish North York (Cardinal Leo to preside)
- Wednesday, February 19, 2025 – St. Barnabas Parish, Scarborough (Cardinal Leo to preside)



**THE OFFICE WILL BE  
CLOSED ON  
FEBRUARY 17<sup>TH</sup>**



## KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

The York Catholic District School Board is now accepting registrations for Junior Kindergarten for children born in 2021. York Catholic provides a Christ-centered, innovative Catholic Education in 103 schools across York Region. The YCDSB is consistently ranked as one of the top-performing school boards in the province. You can visit their website, [www.ycdsb.ca](http://www.ycdsb.ca), to register for classes starting in September.



**Saturday, March 29**  
**8:00 am to 5:30 pm**  
**Metro Toronto**  
**Convention Centre**  
**255 Front St. W., Toronto**



**The theme of this year's rally is**  
**"POWER FROM ON HIGH"**

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## TAX RECEIPTS

Tax receipts for donations made in 2024 will be processed and mailed out by the **end of February**. All donations made on-line will be sent from the Archdiocese. As per the Archdiocese, donations for Masses offered are not tax deductible.

**Pour Out Adoration Night**  
**Friday, February 28, 2025**  
**07:00 PM - 09:00 PM**

**Merciful Redeemer Parish**

**2775 Erin Centre Blvd., Mississauga**

Lent is almost here; a season of prayer, almsgiving and fasting where we pour out all that we are before Jesus in preparation for Easter. Has your soul felt disquieted or restless? Maybe you've felt alone in the desert for far too long with nothing left to give. This adoration night, we are going to lean into our longing for God and soak in the mystery of His overwhelming love for us. Join us for an evening of renewal & hope as we come together for praise and worship, Eucharistic Adoration, prayer ministry, confession and a talk by Fr. Adam Pantaleo inspired by Psalm 42. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

**CONTACT:** Merciful Redeemer Parish

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## SUPPORT YOUR PARISH



Thank you for being an active and valued member of the church. Being an active member shows your commitment to the Lord and your local community. An important tenet of our faith is giving and generosity. When you give, you invite abundance and blessings back into your life. The reality is that our parishes rely on the support of their parishioners to operate. Your regular donations ensure that the church can manage its staff, programs and ongoing operating costs. It will be a challenge for a parish to maintain operations without the usual weekly offertory collection.

### PRE-AUTHORIZED GIVING

Pre-Authorized is a way to give to our parish even if you cannot make it to church regularly. Especially during the winter months, you are still able to keep up your contributions when you cannot attend in person. Information and Authorization forms are available in the foyer of the church. If you wish to make contributions using your credit card, please register on-line through the Archdiocese website. [www.archtoronto.org](http://www.archtoronto.org)



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