



HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

796 Eyer Drive, Pickering, Ontario L1W 3C2

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SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil at 5:00 pm

Sunday at 9:00 am, 11:00 am & 5:00 pm

CONFESSIONS

Saturdays from 4:00 pm - 4:45 pm or call/email parish office.

SACRAMENT INFORMATION

Please Contact the Parish Office.

CLERGY

Pastor: Rev. Colman Mruma

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Deacon: Deacon Nicholas Daunt

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WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday Mass at 8:30 am

Wednesday at 6:30 pm Holy Hour, Mass 7:30 pm

PARISH STAFF

Parish Office Administrator: Teresa Sarte

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Youth Minister: Krista Holder youthhrp@gmail.com

Bookkeeper: Rene Ng hrpfinance@gmail.com

Custodian: Patrick Cunningham

OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Thursday: 8:00 am to 4:00 pm

Closed for lunch from 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm

Holidays, Saturday & Sunday: Office is closed

SCHOOLS

Fr. Fénelon Catholic Elementary School	795 Eyer Drive, Pickering, ON L1W 2K2	905-839-5409
St. Monica Catholic Elementary School	275 Twyn River Drive, Pickering ON L1V 1E3	905-509-6691
St. Mary Catholic Secondary School	1918 Whites Road, Pickering ON L1V 1R9	905-420-7166

MINISTRIES AND SERVICES IN OUR PARISH

Pastoral Council	Carl Figueirfedo	905-839-9774	STEWARDSHIP		
Liturgical			Finance Committee	Gerry Lee	647-998-0738
Hospitality (Greeters & Ushers)	Simone Petty	416-451-9039	Property Committee	Joshua Dias	416-721-6404
Lectors	Angela Kirby	905-839-9774	Volunteer Screening Committee	Anne O'Brien	905-839-9774
Eucharistic Ministers			Collection Counters	Angela Kirby	905-839-9774
Children's Liturgy	Monica Li & Laura K.	905-839-9774	Gardens & Flowers	Anne-Marie Pawelski	905-839-9774
Sacristans	Myrtle Noonan (Saturday 5 p.m.)	905-839-9774	Gift Shop	Lear Cardoz & Heather Di Stefano	905-839-9774
	Dorothea Ritchie (Sunday 9 a.m.)		Legion of Mary	Rose Ann Dalawanbayan	647-284-9527
	Rose Ann Dalawanbayan (Sunday 11 a.m.)		APOSTOLATES		
Altar Servers	Dorothea Ritchie	905-839-9774	Knights of Columbus	Rick Hemingway	416-268-9255
Church Decoration Team	Ruvi & Sherry	416 847 9749	Catholic Women's Guild	Simone Petty	416 451 9039
	Liz Nero		St. Vincent de Paul Society	Alan Berlie (ext. 3)	905-839-9774
Altar Linen	Assunta Archer	905-839-9774	Prayer Shawl Ministry	Anna Crosthwaite	905-839-3657
Church Choirs	Melroy Menezes (Youth Choir- Saturday 5 p.m.)	647-457-1107		Angela Kirby	905-839-5264
	Tatjana Smrekar (Senior Choir- Sunday 11 a.m.)	416-333-9641	Provide-a-Meal (P.A.M.)	Stephanie Newitt	
FAITH FORMATION			MOVEMENTS		
Order of Christian Initiation of			Couples for Christ (CFC)	Susan Bautista	289-314-0022
Adults (OCIA)	Rick Hemingway	416 268 9255	Youth for Christ (CFC)	Machel Navarro	647-975-0747
First Communion	Dorothea Ritchie	905-839-9774	Cursillo	Shona O'Brien	647-529-5992
Confirmation	Krista Holder	905-839-9774	Foundations for Family Life	Jun Almeyda	905-428-3352
Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (Atrium)					

New Parishioners Welcome: Please introduce yourself to the Priest and complete a registration form available on our parish website and at the back of the Church.

1ST SUNDAY OF LENT – FEBRUARY 22, 2026

MASS INTENTION OFFERING: FEB. 21 – MAR. 1

60TH ANNIVERSARY

As a parish family, we continue to celebrate the 60th Anniversary of Holy Redeemer with these special events:

Sunday April 26, 2026, 11:00am

Anniversary Mass with His Eminence Frank Cardinal Leo

Saturday June 20, 2026, 12:00pm – 4:00pm

Multicultural Fun Day – One Parish, Many Nations

Saturday September 26, 2026

Gala Dinner Night

2026 Work-in-Progress

- Outdoor Statue, Sculpture and Installation with granite base, stonework and landscaping along the island
- Projects in progress include garden improvement and enhancement of facilities

PRAYING FOR OUR PEOPLE



Prayer is one of the greatest gifts we can offer each other. If you know someone who is sick and in need of prayers, please contact the parish office so we can include their name on our parish sick list.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Next First Holy Communion Class
Saturday, March 7



Next Confirmation Class
Wednesday, February 25

For Our Young People

Join us for our next TEEN & EDGE NIGHTS



TEEN NIGHT: Friday, Mar. 6
5:00pm – 7:00pm

EDGE NIGHT: Saturday, Feb. 28
6:30pm – 8:30pm

STATIONS OF THE CROSS



On Fridays during Lent,
Mass will be celebrated
at **7:00pm**
followed by Stations of the Cross
at **7:30pm**.

1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

Saturday 21	5:00pm	+ LEOPOLDINA D'JOHN & SONNY RODRIGUES
Sunday 22	9:00am	INT. OF GERALD MCCAUGHEY
	11:00am	MASS FOR THE PEOPLE
	5:00pm	+ PEDRO GOROSPE
Monday 23	9:00am	+ JAMES VALLADARES
Tuesday 24	8:30am	+ DENNIS GUALBERTO LUMAUIG
Wednesday 25	6:30pm	HOLY HOUR
	7:30pm	INT. OF CAROL ARTHWELL
Thursday 26	8:30am	+ UNNITA D'SOUZA
Friday 27	8:30am	+ CAROL FERNANDES
	7:00pm	+ JOSEPHINE UY-TORIO & FAMILY
	7:30pm	STATIONS OF THE CROSS
2 ND SUNDAY OF LENT		
Saturday 28	5:00pm	+ CONNIE FOWLER
Sunday 1	9:00am	+ BARRY DOUCETTE
	11:00am	MASS FOR THE PEOPLE
	5:00pm	+ BERTRAM & PHYLLIS RANDOLPH

We are accepting more than one Mass intention on Wednesdays and Fridays. Kindly email or call the parish office to book a Mass intention.

VOTIVE CANDLE OFFERING: FEB 22 – FEB 28



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+ JOHN KUK	INT. OF TERESA DE MANUEL & LUZ FAMILIES

PARISH PHONE SYSTEM UPDATE

Clear and reliable communication is important to how our parish serves and supports our community. To continue providing reliable and accessible communication for our parish family, we will be replacing our current phone system, as the technology it relies on is no longer supported. We are transitioning to a more modern and cost-effective phone solution that will better meet the needs of the parish.

This new system will provide enhanced functionality, which includes:

- Voicemail-to-Email — allowing parish staff and ministries to receive and respond to messages more efficiently
- Direct Voicemail to Ministries — enabling messages to be routed to specific ministry groups for faster follow-up
- Improved clarity, reliability, and ease of use for our parish

Over the coming days and weeks, we will be reaching out directly to each ministry with next steps and guidance to ensure a smooth transition to the new system.

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we complete this important upgrade. We look forward to offering improved communication to better support our parish family.

PARKING REMINDER: FIRE ROUTE

For the safety of everyone in our parish community, we kindly ask all parishioners not to park in the designated No-Parking Zone / Fire Route at any time. Parking in this area prevents emergency vehicles from accessing the church quickly in the event of an emergency.

Your cooperation helps ensure that emergency services can reach us without delay and keeps our parish grounds safe for all. Thank you for your understanding and support.

Catholic Women's Guild

The CWG will hold their next General Meeting on **Monday, February 23 at 7:00pm**. All ladies of our parish are welcome to attend and discover whether the CWG is for you.



ANNUAL MANRESA RETREAT

Annual Ladies Retreat at Manresa, **Friday, March 13 – Sunday March 15**; Suggested donation \$280.00. To register

please visit their website: <https://manresa-canada.ca/event/women-ignatian-silent-retreat-2/>

2025 PARISH TAX RECEIPTS

will be mailed out by **Friday, February 28th**

If you wish to collect a tax receipt from the past years, or if you do not receive your tax receipt by the above date, please email the parish office.



You're invited to a special Lenten Reflection Series,
Monday, March 9 to Thursday, March 12
By **Fr. Errol Fernandes SJ**

Come and experience a transformative Lenten journey filled with inspiring reflections and prayer as we prepare our hearts for Easter.

Daily Schedule

Mass: 7:00pm

Reflection: 7:30pm to 8:30pm

Monday: Discover the Seven Last Words of Jesus from the Cross

Tuesday: Reflect on the Seven Sorrows of Mary

Wednesday: Explore the Christian Ethos

Thursday: Reconciliation

PHOTOBOOK UPDATE

Great news — our directories are in production and expected late April!



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DEADLINE FEBRUARY 25, 2026

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First Holy Communion and Confirmation Gifts are now on sale.



Would you, your family and friends put aside your toonies, loonies, quarters, nickels, dimes during the next 4-6 weeks, and contribute these savings to help in the struggle to end abortion and to create a Culture of Life in Canada?

IF SO COINS FOR LIFE BOXES WILL BE AVAILABLE NEAR THE PARISH GIFT SHOP THIS SUNDAY. **This project helps us to continue to run the National March for Life in Ottawa on May 14, 2026.**



Lenten Message 2026
His Eminence Frank Cardinal Leo
Metropolitan Archbishop of Toronto

My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

May Jesus and Mary be in your hearts.

As we enter into the holy season of Lent, I would like to share some words of spiritual nourishment and encouragement. Each year, while Ash Wednesday emphasizes repentance, prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, on the First Sunday of Lent especially, we are invited to pursue our journey of faith into the desert with Christ. However, it is not **a solitary journey, nor are the three Lenten practices purely a “private affair”**. Sacred Scripture and Sacred Tradition teaches us that God never saves individuals in isolation, rather, he gathers a people to himself (cf. *Lumen Gentium*, 9). Recently, the universal Church has reflected on the meaning of *synodality* and emphasized the ecclesial and social togetherness of our journey together to God, thus recalling the importance of the community in the salvific plan of God (cf. CCC 781). With this in mind, I would ask us to consider how Lent is not only about our personal conversion but also the healing and renewal of our relationship with God and one another. We would do well to ask ourselves: how do we live Lent together?

Conversion or repentance is frequently framed within the context of individual acts such as sacramental confession, penance, self-denial or acts of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. The Old Testament already understood the human person within the context of the community which is very different from the modern understanding of a radical individualism. The Hebrew Scriptures, in fact, narrate a strong sense of community and its fidelity or sinfulness in the eyes of God. This is because from the beginning, God relates to Israel as a collective body (cf. Ex 6:7). Sin is never merely a private act because the covenant binds people **together, and one person’s infidelity affects the whole body. Fidelity and infidelity are corporate realities. In** this way sin, though personal, is likewise always social inasmuch as it always wounds the Body. And conversion, if it is real, always restores relationships. Lent teaches us that to return to the Lord is also to return to one another, and journey together.

Today, many experience the social or communal fragmentation caused by sin: families strained by silence or envy, communities divided by fear or resentment, parishes weakened by absence or disengagement. We may live or work in close proximity to others and yet carry unspoken distances in our hearts. Lent invites us to name this reality honestly—not to assign blame, but to seek healing and forgiveness. The call of the Gospel is **not simply “to be better,” but “to be reconciled” (cf. 2 Cor 5:20)**. Part and parcel of our journeying together is the experience of authentic and daily conversion, both personal and communal, embodied beautifully in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. While Confession is deeply personal, it is never private because sin wounds not only our relationship with God but also our communion with the Church (cf. CCC, 1440; 2 Cor 5:18–20).



Through the Sacrament of Reconciliation, we restore not only our friendship with God but our bonds within the community—a ministry Our Lord entrusted to the apostles (cf. Jn 20:22–23; CCC, 1443–1445). Through this sacrament, the Lord repairs the bonds we have weakened—with him and with one another—and teaches us again the language of mercy and love (cf. CCC, 1468–1469; St. Ambrose, *On Repentance*, I.15). Our Lenten practices culminate on Easter Sunday when our conversion is publicly proclaimed and personally reclaimed as we renew our Baptismal vows, rejecting evil and confessing our belief in the One God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—through whom we were reborn into new life (cf. Rom 6:3–11; CCC, 1213, 1262).

Traditional Lenten practices take on deeper meaning when seen through the lens of our communion with God and one another (cf. CCC, 1434-1435). How? Prayer opens our hearts to God who unites us to him and to others, as Jesus himself prays that all may be one in the communion he shares with the Father (cf. Jn 17:20–23; CCC, 2564). Fasting teaches us to make room for God and for one another by reordering our priorities, and restoring justice and communion (cf. Is 58:6–7; Joel 2:12–13; St. Basil the Great, *Homily on Fasting*, 1). Almsgiving is a concrete act of solidarity, a recognition that my life is bound to the life of my neighbour, and my love cannot remain abstract but must be expressed in deeds (cf. 1 Jn 3:16–18; CCC, 2447).

The road to Jerusalem that Jesus walks is not a path done in isolation; he gathers disciples, eats with sinners, heals the broken, and calls the lost by name as He sets His face toward Calvary (Lk 9:51–19:27). Even as Jesus carried his cross, was crucified, and breathed his last, he remained focused on others and the mission entrusted to him by the Father (Mk 15:21, Lk 23:27-31; Mt 27:46-50, Lk 23:44-46; cf. Lk 2:35). To follow Jesus is to allow our own journey of repentance to become a journey of renewed communion (Lk 24:13–35; CCC, 781).

As we begin this Lenten season, we pray for the grace not only of conversion, but for the healing of our relationships; not only to examine our consciences, but to rebuild communion; not only to walk toward Easter individually, but to arrive there together. For it is together—as one Body in Christ—that we are led from the desert to the joy of the Resurrection. May the Blessed Mother be our inspiration, guide, model and companion on this journey of spiritual and social renewal.

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