## Sunday July 20, 2025 - 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

# Adorers Needed. Why not You?

Will you sign up to spend one hour with Jesus in our Eucharistic Adoration Chapel? Interested parishioners contact

Teresa: 416-743-5338



# World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly



The fifth World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly will be celebrated on **Sunday**, **July 27**. Pope Francis instituted this World Day to be celebrated by the universal Church every July, on or near the liturgical Memorial of Saints Joachim and Anne, grandparents of Jesus. This year's theme is "Blessed are those who have not lost hope" (cf. Sir 14:2).

Pope Leo XIV, in a written message on the occasion, reminds us that "the elderly [are] signs of hope in the Bible, [and that] God repeatedly demonstrates his providential care by turning to people in their later years. This was the case not only with Abraham, Sarah, Zechariah and Elizabeth, but also with Moses, who was called to set his people free when he was already eighty years old (cf. Ex 7:7). God thus teaches us that, in his eyes, old age is a time of blessing and grace, and that the elderly are, for him, the first witnesses of hope. Augustine asks, "What do we mean by old age?" He tells us that God himself answers the question: "Let your strength fail, so that my strength may abide within you, and you can say with the Apostle, 'When I am weak, then I am strong'" (Super Ps. 70,11). The increasing number of elderly people is a sign of the times that we are called to discern, in order to interpret properly this moment of history. "

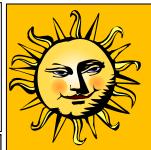
For the full text of Pope Leo's message: MESSAGGIO25-ENG.pdf

## **Prayer for Grandparents and Elderly Persons**

Heavenly Father,
remember all the grandparents
and elderly persons who love you
and who have grown old in your service.
Bless them on this World Day
for Grandparents and the Elderly
and give them strength
and courage to follow you.
Give them joy and peace each day.

## To view a short video:

World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly - 2025 - YouTube



# 2025 Summer Mass Schedule July 6 to August 31 inclusive

Saturdays 5:00 pm Sundays 8:00 am 9:30 am (English in hall) 9:30 am (Italian in church) 11:00 am 12:45pm not scheduled

# Our New Pastor Welcome Fr. Raja!

Rev. Dr. Adaikala Raja John, SDB (Fr. Raja) is a Salesian of Don Bosco from Tamilnadu, South India. He became a Salesian on May 24, 1986 after his initial formation with the Salesians for 5 years. His study of Philosophy was completed at the Salesian Institute in Yercaud, India and Theology at the Regional Seminary at Trichy, India, both affiliated with Rome. He was ordained a priest on December 29, 1997. He has a Doctorate in



Sociology on the youth situation in Rural Tamilnadu. For twelve years, Fr. Raja served the Church as Pastor at various parishes in Tamilnadu and for three years as director of Boarding School at Pondicherry. He also served as Pastor to the war affected people in Sri Lanka and as youth worker at the Salesian Youth Center at the Hague in the Netherlands.

Besides his regular ministry, Fr. Raja also runs a website on the Holy Bible in Tamil recognized as the official website of the Bible Commission of the Tamilnadu Catholic Bishops Conference. Besides hosting Holy Bible, the daily liturgical readings, reflections are available and sent to thousands in a daily e-bulletin. 24/7 Catholic online radio in Tamil is also part of this website.

In July 2016 Fr. Raja arrived in Edmonton, Canada where he served as Associate Pastor at St. John the Evangelist. From March 20, 2017 to June 2025, he served as pastor at St. John Bosco Church in Edmonton.

As we welcome Fr. Raja to Toronto we also welcome him as our new pastor here at St. Benedict church.



## **SL ShareLife**

Our parish goal for this year's campaign is \$66,000

You ensure that everyone is seen and heard

Too often, individuals feel like they are alone with their trauma. Unseen and unheard, this inner pain can develop into an addiction. When Shaun's mother passed away, he battled with alcohol, which led him down a destructive path. ShareLife-funded agencies like Good Shepherd Ministries and their DARE program provide a safe space to recover and a supportive community to lean on to avoid relapse. Shaun now stands as living proof that your kindness is a lifeline for people who need second chances.

Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.



Blessings on your Marriage

As a parish community, we keep in prayer

Joseph Lombardi & Alexia Casiero who will be married on July 26, 2025

Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Ephesians 4:2

## **ALL SAINTS PARISH**

# GARAGE SALE

SATURDAY, AUGUST 9 · 9AM TO 3PM

IN THE PARISH PARKING LOT 1415 ROYAL YORK RD

## **ITEMS FOR SALE:**

- Furniture
- Jewellery
- Books
- Electronics
- Kitchenware
- Toys & Games and much more



## **FOOD AND REFRESHMENTS:**

- Hamburgers & hot Dogs
- Lemonade Stand
- Coffee

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## MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

To request a mass intention, contact Susan: speresso@stbenedicts.ca/416-743-3830 X0

Monday, July 21 8:00am Michael, Maria & Romana Lopez by Christina Lopez

Tuesday, July 22
8:00am Reverend Albert Love by Salesians of Don Bosco
7:30pm Deceased members of the Ragogna family by Aldo & Marisa D'Andrea

Wednesday, July 23

8:00am Rosy Jose by Jelvin Jose

Thursday, July 24

8:00am Annita Ginfagna by Daughter

Friday, July 25

8:00am John Gallego by Maria

Saturday, July 26

8:00am Ank & Mirko Juranovic by Hilda & family 5:00pm Vincenzo Armocida by Wife & family

Sunday, July 27 8:00am For the People

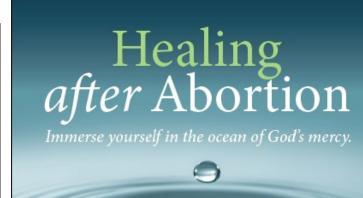
9:30am Pasquale Nano by Wife & Kids (Ital/Ch)
9:30am Christina Glebocki by Glebocki family (Eng/Hall)
11:00am Thomas McGlynn by Nellie McGlynn



## Pray for the Dead

Maria Colavecchia Ralph MacDonald

May the souls of the departed rest in peace!



Hope again. We are here for you.

SISTERS OF LIFE 416.463.2722

Day of Prayer & Healing for Women **TORONTO** 

Contact the Sisters of Life: toronto@sistersoflife.org

### **Last Week's Collection**

Sunday Offering (envs & loose only):

\$5.084

Thank you for your ongoing generous support!