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WEEKLY BULLETIN

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St Benedict Parish



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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



Parishioner Receives Prestigious Award Congratulations Cris Smith

Congratulations to parishioner Cris Smith, who was awarded the prestigious King Charles III Coronation Medal, on March 13th at an investiture ceremony in Woodbridge.

Recipients of the award were chosen based on the criteria "Have made a significant contribution to Canada or to a particular province, territory, region or community of Canada" This distinguished honor underscores Cris' unwavering dedication, hard work, and profound impact on our community and nation. Her nomination by peers and community members reflects the deep respect and appreciation for her valuable contributions. She joins 30,000 deserving Canadians nationwide who will receive this award in 2025.

"Cris Smith is an entrepreneur, community leader, and advocate for youth with special needs. For 40 years, she has turned personal challenges into impactful initiatives, notably through the Sara Elizabeth Centre (SEC), founded in 2006 in memory of her daughter. SEC offers arts based programs promoting inclusion for youth with disabilities. She also founded the Blue Veil Charity in 2006, supporting school safety, anti-bullying, and character building initiatives. Her work has earned recognition, including the Canada 150 Community Leader Award and the International Women's Day Appreciation Certificate. Cris' dedication to faith, family and service continues to inspire her community."



Cris Smith and her husband Don,
with Francesco Sorbara, Liberal MP (middle).

Join us for a Three-Part Parish Lenten Mission



I Matter because God Created me to Matter

Tuesday March 25

7:30 pm

Mass with Mission Talk during Homily
Sacrament of Reconciliation Available

A free-will offering will be collected each evening.

March 25 Mass with Talk 3: Illusion to Prayer

Lenten Schedule Stations of the Cross & Sacrament of Reconciliation



March 28	Sacrament of Reconciliation	7:00 pm
	Mass followed by Stations of the Cross & Sacrament of Reconciliation	7:30 pm
April 4	Sacrament of Reconciliation	7:00 pm
	1 st Friday Mass followed by Stations of the Cross & Sacrament of Reconciliation	7:30 pm
April 11	VISITATION with Stations of the Cross & Sacrament of Reconciliation	7:00 pm

Let this Lent be the season you give up
who you've been for who you can become.

Donate Socks for the Homeless



The Squires will be accepting donations of
NEW SOCKS

for distribution to the homeless
for their street patrol on Sunday March 30.

The deadline for donations of new socks is
Saturday March 29 at 5:00 pm.

You can make your donation of new socks either directly to the Squires after Sunday Masses on March 22 and 23, or drop them off at the parish office Mon-Fri by 4:45 pm.

Sunday March 23, 2025 - 3rd Sunday of Lent



March 30
ShareLife Sunday

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

Thank you for heeding the Lord's call to feed the hungry

For many children, the snacks and meals they receive in school may be the only nutritious food they eat all day. Studies show that children can't learn and thrive when they are hungry. Thanks to you, \$750,000 in Food Security Grants are making a difference across our community. Students receive the nourishment they deserve, and parents are supported in the process. The FoodShare program at ShareLife-funded agency Rosalie Hall "is a lifeline for families," says their Executive Director, Jane Kenny. "It helps parents provide food for their children, reduces their stress, and allows them to focus on being the best parents they can be."

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

Easter Vigil Reception Share Your Treats

Following the First Mass of Easter
Saturday April 19
Parish Hall



Parishioners are invited to bring savoury finger foods such as sandwiches, sliced pizza, samosa etc.,

Bring your homemade or store bought goodies to the hall from 7:00 pm - 7:45 pm on April 19.

Remember to label your platter with your name & phone number if you'd like it back. Hot and cold beverages provided.

To ensure variety and quantity, please let Janet know what you are bringing.

Also, contact Janet if you are available to help with set up or clean-up.

Janet: 416-201-0780 / janethuitema@gmail.com

In Loving Memory: Easter Flowers

As Easter approaches, plans are in place for decorating the church and the Adoration chapel. An offering may be made towards the flowers and decorations that will adorn our church in memory of our loved ones. Your name and the name of your loved one will be **published in the bulletin on Palm Sunday, APRIL 13th**. All memorials should be in by **APRIL 7th**.

**KINDLY ENCLOSE THE INFORMATION BELOW
WITH YOUR DONATION IN AN ENVELOPE**

My Easter Gift in Memory of a Loved One

(please print clearly)

Name of Loved One _____

Your First and Last Name _____

Donation: ☐ \$10 ☐ \$15 ☐ \$25 ☐ Other ☐ Env # _____

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

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

Monday, March 24

8:00am Peter Tang Nguyen by Thiep Phuono Nguyen
7:30pm Memorial Mass for Felicia Lopreiato

Tuesday, March 25

8:00am Barisa Susic by Anda
7:30pm Elizabeth Ann Barker by Janet Huitema & David Ruth

Wednesday, March 26

8:00am Yolanda Tavares & family by family

Thursday, March 27

8:00am Marianna Pascolo by Adele Pascolo & family

Friday, March 28

8:00am Carmelo & Filomena Maratta by Deacon Diego
7:30pm Olga Vucko by Natalia Ramnauth

Saturday, March 29

8:00am Reginald Watton by Doug & Pat Tarsay
5:00pm Maria LoRusso by LoRusso family

Sunday, March 30

8:00am Paul Thua Van Pham by Thiep Phuono Nguyen
9:30am Nereo Pascolo by Adele Pascolo & family (Ital/Ch)
9:30am For the People (Eng/Hall)
11:00am Living Intention for Rita Stefanic by Beatrice Kouame
12:45pm Luigi Alberton by Delfina

RIP
Rest in peace



Pray for the Dead

**Teresa Ieraci, Veronica Waite
and Benito Soscia**

May the souls of the departed rest in peace!

LENTEN RETREAT

QUEEN OF APOSTLES RENEWAL CENTRE

invites men and women to our
2025 Lenten Retreat



SATURDAY APRIL 5th, 2025

1617 Blythe Road, Mississauga

\$50.00

includes coffee/tea with muffins and a hot lunch

Registration 8:30am

Retreat 9:00am to 3:00pm

Mass will be celebrated during the day

Email: office@qoa.ca or call (905) 278 5229.



Blessings on your Marriage

As a parish community,
we keep in prayer

Tyler Correia & Alessandra Andreacchi
who will be married on March 29, 2025

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

Last Week's Collection

Sunday Offering (envs & loose only):

\$5,752

Thank you for your ongoing generous support!