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www.stbenedicts.ca

WEEKLY BULLETIN

*Schedule for Advent Reconciliation
Christmas Mass &
Eucharistic Adoration during Christmas*

Sacrament of Reconciliation

CONFESSIONS ARE NOT SCHEDULED ON CHRISTMAS EVE OR DAY
Tuesday December 23 8:30 am-11:30 am & 5:00 pm-9 pm
or by appointment: call 416-743-3830 X 0

Wednesday December 24

Daily Mass 8:00 am

Adoration Chapel: Closes 8:00 am

Christmas Eve Masses

5:00 pm, 8:00 pm, 12 midnight

With Carol sing-along 30 minutes prior to each Mass

Thursday December 25

Christmas Day Masses

8:00 am, 9:30 am Italian in church,

9:30 am English in hall, 11:00 am, 12:45 pm

Adoration Chapel: Opens 2:00 pm

Sunday December 28

Feast of the Holy Family

Regular Sunday Mass Schedule

Wednesday December 31

Daily Mass 8:00 am

Mary, Mother of God Mass: 5:00 pm

Adoration Chapel: Closes 8:00 am

Eucharistic Adoration in Church: 9:00 pm-11:00 pm

Thursday January 1

Mary, Mother of God Masses

8:00 am, 9:30 am Italian in church,

9:30 am English in hall, 11:00 am, 12:45 pm

Adoration Chapel: Opens 2:00 pm

Sunday January 4

Epiphany of our Lord

Regular Sunday Mass Schedule

Sunday January 11

Baptism of the Lord Mass

Regular Sunday Mass Schedule



Come Let Us Worship

Our parish Christmas Novena continues...
Monday December 22 and Tuesday December 23
7:30 pm in church



*Join us even if you haven't been able to come
for the previous masses.*

Christmas Message from Cardinal Leo



This year, as the Church celebrates a Holy Year, the Jubilee - a year of grace, forgiveness, and renewal - the light of Bethlehem shines with renewed meaning. The birth of Jesus can be seen as the first and perpetual Jubilee. It is God's great proclamation of mercy: where true freedom is realized, forgiveness abounds, and our relationship with God is restored forever.

For this reason, Christmas is not only a feast we celebrate but a mystery we are called to enter into and experience. We live in hope because the Bethlehem event - Christ being born among us - is not simply a scene of tenderness but the *pledge of redemption*: God's faithfulness has a name - Jesus. From the manger to the altar, from Bethlehem to our families, parishes and different communities, God's nearness is not a mere memory of a long-ago event, far, far away but a living presence here among us, now. And his presence always sends us forth as disciples and missionaries to proclaim, "God saves", which is the very meaning of the name of Jesus.

As Pilgrims of Hope, we live in this world witnessing to the love and mercy of God, looking forward to the day when we will be with God forever in his eternal Kingdom. As Christians we do not offer the world a new ideology, theory, or philosophy. Rather, we reveal a new reality: **that God is with us, and his mercy for us endures forever.** With the Incarnation the way we relate to God has changed, we are no longer merely creatures, but his beloved children called to share in his divine life.

ON YOUTUBE

Please share these links with family and friends who may not have had the opportunity to participate in the Vigil Prayers or Funeral Mass of Fr. Frank Kelly.

Fr. Kelly - Vigil - Dec 18th - 6:30pm

https://youtube.com/live/qNA_9kuuJal?feature=share

Fr. Kelly - Funeral Mass - Dec 19th - 10:00am

https://youtube.com/live/M-0dc3k_a1o?feature=share



Sunday December 21, 2025 - 4th Sunday of Advent



**“On this day of joy, we are all called
to contemplate the Child Jesus,
who gives hope once again to every person
on the face of the earth.**

**By his grace, let us with our voices
and our actions give witness to solidarity
and peace. Merry Christmas to all!”
(Pope Francis, Christmas 2016)**

**Wishing you a Christmas filled
with the peace and love of Christ.**

**Fr. Raja, Fr. John, Fr. Enzo, Fr. Branden,
Fr. Steve, Deacon Peter, Deacon Michael,
Deacon Diego, Antoniette, Jack,
Annette, Florinda & Rita**

Men Silent Retreat: Pilgrims of Hope: Guided by the Past, Inspired by the Future.

**Friday, January 23, 2026 6:30 PM - Sunday, January 25, 2026 1:30 PM
Manresa Jesuit Spiritual Renewal Centre**

As people of faith, we journey together as pilgrims—rooted in God’s faithfulness, strengthened by hope, and called to witness in love. This year’s theme, “Pilgrims of Hope: Guided by the Past, Inspired by the Future,” invites us to reflect on where we have come from, where God is leading us, and how we are called to live today. Through three moments of reflection, we will: Remember the Past: Celebrating God’s enduring faithfulness throughout history. Walk in Hope: Entrusting our future into God’s hands with courage and confidence. Live the Present : Bearing witness through love, compassion, and service in our world today.

Come and journey with us as we discover anew what it means to be pilgrims of hope—grateful for the past, trusting for the future, and faithful in the present.

This SILENT retreat begins on Friday evening and runs to Sunday with lunch. The suggested offering is \$270 per person which includes two nights' accommodation, meals, spiritual direction and retreat program. Facilitated by: Fr. Dexter Gray, SJ

REGISTER: Via email at manresaregistration@outlook.com, online at <https://manresa-canada.ca> or call 905-839-2864.

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

**To request a mass intention, contact the parish office:
office@stbenedicts.ca / 416-743-3830 X0**

Monday, December 22

8:00am Edgardo Gargoles by Mely, Emely & Eymard Gargoles

Tuesday, December 23

8:00am Pastor’s Intention

7:30pm Ollie Holowaty by Nancy Holowaty

Wednesday, December 24

8:00am Aurora M. Cruz by Anna Lisa Cruz

5:00pm Deceased members of the Fantin family by Stefania Fantin

8:00pm Ollie Holowaty by Nancy Holowaty

12:00am Living Intention for Pasquale Reda by Di Felice family

Thursday, December 25

8:00am For the People

9:30 am Annie & Amedeo Amato by Louisa Amato (Ital/Ch)

9:30am Gejta Borg by Mario & Rita Borg (Eng/Hall)

11:00am Ollie Holowaty by Nancy Holowaty

12:45pm Thomas McGlynn by Nellie McGlynn

Friday, December 26

8:00am Leticia Montellano by family

Saturday, December 27

8:00am Fr. Ryszard Cyman by Marcelli family

5:00pm Marguerite Reid by Tracey & family

Sunday, December 28

8:00am Mary Ann MacNeil by Betty Seymore

9:30am Valerio Sassi by Italian Choir (Ital/Ch)

9:30am For the People (Eng/Hall)

11:00am Maryanne & George Gallagher by Mary-Lynne & Meaghan Gallagher

12:45pm Mirko Rustja by wife & Dennis



Pray for the Dead

Baby Marijana Miranda

May the souls of the departed rest in peace!



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

Amplify your love through ShareLife!

NEW: Your gift will double in value! From November 3 until year end, your contribution to our parish’s ShareLife campaign will be matched by an anonymous donor up to a total of \$500,000.

Right now, there’s a mother wondering how she’ll feed her child, a senior hoping someone will remember them, a family praying for a way forward. Your support for ShareLife and the Food Security Grants is not only a source of hope but a tangible lifeline, ensuring that food finds its way to the tables of those who need it most.

Your Christmas gift will go twice as far, providing twice the hope, twice the comfort, and twice the love to those who are counting on your support. If you donate online by December 31, you will receive a 2025 tax receipt.

Please support the work of ShareLife agencies through sharelife.org/donate or by giving at our parish using a ShareLife envelope. Thank you for living the Gospel!

Last Week’s Collection

Sunday Offering (envs & loose only): \$7,005

Thank you for your ongoing generous support!

