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WEEKLY BULLETIN

Easter Vigil Reception Share Your Treats

Following the First Mass of Easter



Saturday April 4 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 4.

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 Mahesha know what you are bringing.

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

Mahesha: 416-200-4779 / maheshawilliams@gmail.com

Room at the Inn?

On April 9, our parish will welcome a newcomer family. Responding to a request from ORAT, Office of Refugees, Archdiocese of Toronto, our parish will sponsor a family of four consisting in a mother, father, boy and girl. While plans are developing for permanent housing for this family, TEMPORARY HOUSING is required.

Do you or someone you know have accommodations for this family beginning on April 9 for approximately two weeks?

“What you do to the least of my brothers and sisters, you do for me.” Mt 25:40



St. Benedict Mothers' Group Movie Night
Wed. 8 Apr 2026, 6:15 – 9:00 pm
St. Benedict Parish Hall

Mothers Group is hosting a **Family Movie Night:**
A film on **Mother Teresa** – a beautiful story that highlights faith, perseverance, and trust in God's plan

- \$1 donation per person
- Doors open at 5:30pm
- Movie starts at 6:15pm
- Bring a potluck item – sign up (or have questions): email Rita: sbmg.lead@gmail.com



Friday Lenten Schedule

March 27	Sacrament of Reconciliation	7:00 pm & after Mass
	Mass followed by Stations of the Cross	7:30 pm

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is not scheduled on Holy Thursday, Good Friday or Holy Saturday.
Kindly plan to go to confession before Lent ends on Wednesday March 31.

Holy Week & Easter Liturgy Schedule

March 30 / Monday of Holy Week
Mass 8:00 am

March 31/ Tuesday of Holy Week
Mass 8:00 am & 7:30 pm

Reconciliation: 7:00 pm - 7:30 pm & after Mass

April 1 / Wednesday of Holy Week
Mass 8:00 am

April 2 / Holy Thursday
no morning Mass

Adoration Chapel closes 8:00 am
No adoration during day
Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:30 pm
Adoration after mass until midnight

April 3 / Good Friday

Parish Office & Adoration Chapel Closed this day
Morning Prayer 10:00 am
Stations of the Cross 11:00 am
Celebration of the Lord's Passion 3:00 pm & 7:30 pm

April 4 / Holy Saturday

Morning Prayer 10:00 am
The First Mass of Easter with Initiations 8:00 pm
Reception in Hall following mass

April 5 / Easter Sunday

Masses

8:00 am
9:30 am Italian in church, English in hall
11:00 am
12:45 pm

Eucharistic Adoration Chapel

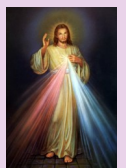
regular hours of adoration resume at 2:00 pm

April 6 / Easter Monday

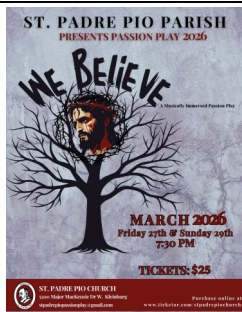
Morning Prayer in the Chapel 7:30 am
Mass 8:00 am

April 12 / Divine Mercy Sunday

Divine Mercy Holy Hour
3:00 pm - 4:00 pm in church



Sunday March 22, 2026 - 5th Sunday of Lent



**WE BELIEVE - Musically Immersed
Passion Play 2026**
**Friday, March 27th or
Sunday March 29th**
7:30pm - 11:00pm
**St. Padre Pio Parish,
5500 Major Mackenzie Drive**

**“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten
Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish, but
have everlasting life.” - John 3:16**

Believing in Christ - His death and resurrection - is at the core of our faith. To truly BELIEVE we need to put our full trust in God, and this is how we receive Jesus’ gift of salvation. The unwavering belief that Jesus’ apostles and followers would have had to have 2000 years ago is what gives us all the strength to believe today!

In WE BELIEVE, our musically immersed Passion Play, we give life to the voices of those who were there and lived the story of the Passion of Christ - who kept the truth of his life, death and resurrection living on. These men and women had the strength and courage to keep telling His stories under extreme ridicule and persecution. Christ’s crucifixion, burial and resurrection is the fulfillment of our salvation story and these faithful people were there to witness Christ’s words, “It is finished!” (John 19:30). These words would have truly spoken to the love and power of Jesus and they continue to speak to every Catholic today - 2000 years later.

WE BELIEVE starts after the Crucifixion, when Rome and the High Priests were trying to quiet the followers of Christ. From the perspective of these witnesses of Jesus’ ministry and life we begin to map out the origins and staying power of our faith - a faith filled with salvation and love. We witness the power of his healing, the depths of his love, the cost of that love when he is nailed to the cross and the imprint that he left on the world.

With a truly ensemble feel, the audience will feel like they are witnessing what it means to say “I am a follower”. Scenery, lighting and projection will also emphasize the words coming to life, with visuals of the spread of Christianity being visible. A profound story, in fact, the greatest story ever told, this journey through Passion Play, will ultimately lead you closer to Jesus - profoundly human and God. It will give us the strength to truly say - WE BELIEVE

Tickets are \$25 each.

Choose your seat and purchase online at

<https://www.ticketor.com/stpadrepiochurch/>.

Recruitment for 11 am Choir



The 11am Choir is in need of new members! Especially needed are altos, bases and tenors. It doesn't matter if you can't read music - we'll teach you.

The Commitment includes rehearsals on Wednesdays at 7:30 pm and Mass on Sundays at 11 am and special occasions.

If you are 18 or over, enjoy singing, camaraderie and being a part of a large Choir, come to the loft to talk with Fred, Choir Director and Organist! We'll get you singing very soon.

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

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

Monday, March 23

8:00am Francesco Feudale by Italian Choir
 7:30pm Memorial Mass for Benito Soscia

Tuesday, March 24

8:00am Deceased members of the Hoppe Family by Mary Vilic
 7:30pm Giuseppe & Teresa D'Andrea by Aldo, Marisa & D'Andrea family

Wednesday, March 25

8:00am Lisa Marie Curtis by Adelaide & Carlo Sala

Thursday, March 26

8:00am Marianna Pascolo by Adele Pascolo & family

Friday, March 27

8:00am Peter Tang Nguyen by Thiep Phuong Nuyen
 Roberto Lisi & an anonymous Soul by Anna Lis

Saturday, March 28

8:00am Jean-Louis Rouleau by Andre Rouleau
 5:00pm Naseem Paul Sandhu by Peter Sandhu

Sunday, March 29

8:00am All Salesians, Fr. Frank Kelly, Fr. Joseph Occhio & Fr. Joseph Ho by Govaert family
 9:30am Nereo Pascolo by Adele Pascolo & family (Ital/Ch)
 9:30am Deceased members of the Zynerski family by family (Eng/Hall)
 11:00am For the People
 12:45pm Florida D'Silva by Tony & family

Pray for the Sick

Kindly remember the following people in your prayers:

Mary Lynne Gallagher, Cathy Proietti, Vincent Sguassero, Alessio Firreira, Steve Cawthorne, Assunta Di Felice, Leona Bradbury, Pasqualina Soscia & David Bacchus



Parishioners wishing prayer from our parish family
 are invited to contact the parish office: 416-743-3830 X0



**Today is
ShareLife Sunday**

Our parish goal for this year's campaign is \$74,500

ShareLife Celebrates 50 Years | ShareLife Sunday is this weekend

Today is ShareLife Sunday. Special collections will be taking place this weekend on March 22, 2026 marks 50 years since Archbishop Philip Pocock made a bold and compassionate decision that would shape our community for generations: the founding of ShareLife. Building on a legacy of charitable giving in the Archdiocese of Toronto that stretches back to 1927, Archbishop Pocock launched ShareLife in 1976—an appeal rooted in the belief that every life matters, at every stage.

Today, his vision lives on through more than 40 ShareLife-funded agencies providing unconditional care to people in need—regardless of religion, background, or circumstance and through people like you who make their work happen.

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

Last Week's Collection

Sunday Offering (envs & loose only): \$ 5,133.00
PAG (MONTHLY Pre Authorized Giving) Mar 20: \$ 7,364.04

Thank you for your ongoing generous support!