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WEEKLY BULLETIN

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St Benedict Parish



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*Celebrate*

## The Feast of St. John Bosco

at all the weekend masses on

**Saturday January 25 &  
Sunday January 26**

and on the actual feast day

**Friday January 31**

**Mass 8:00 am**

**Eucharistic Adoration**

**7:30 pm - 8:30 pm in church**



### The Eucharist: the Centre of John Bosco's Life

The Holy Eucharist is the centre of Catholic worship, and so it was the centre of Saint John Bosco's devotion. As a youth and later as a seminarian, John Bosco was happy to assist at Holy Mass and when possible to serve at it too. Very often, he received Our Lord Jesus Christ in "Holy Communion" and visited him in the Blessed Sacrament. Don Bosco had deep devotion to the "Real Presence" of Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist. His spiritual life was guided by this "Real Presence".

*"If you want many graces, pay many visits to Jesus  
in the Blessed Sacrament;  
if you want few graces, pay him few".*

St. John Bosco

### Jubilee Mass at Regional Pilgrimage Parishes

In commemoration of the opening of the 2025 Jubilee Year in the Pastoral Regions, there will be two Masses celebrated in the Western Pastoral Region's Pilgrimage Parishes as follows:

**St. Mary's Parish, Brampton  
Wednesday January 29  
7:00 pm**



**Presider: His Eminence Cardinal Frank Leo**  
*This Mass is also a Mass of Thanksgiving to celebrate the elevation  
of His Eminence to the College of Cardinals.*

**Our Lady of Sorrows Parish, Etobicoke,  
Wednesday, February 5  
7:00 pm**

**Presider: Bishop Ivan Camilleri**

**Confessions available prior to each Mass: 5:30 pm - 6:45 pm**

## Marriage Sunday

**February 8 & 9**



Marriage Sunday highlights the importance of the sacrament of marriage, affirms couples who strengthen our faith community through their witness, and complements World Marriage

Sunday celebrations that take place across North America. It also honours those who serve in marriage ministries, whether in marriage preparation or marriage enrichment. First celebrated in the Archdiocese of Toronto in 2011, Marriage Sunday was designated on the second Sunday of February each year (the weekend prior to the Family Day long weekend). This year, Marriage Sunday weekend will be celebrated on February 8/9.

### Celebration of Marriage Mass

As part of Marriage Sunday 2025 celebrations, Bishop Ivan Camilleri will preside at a special Mass to honour married couples, with special recognition for those celebrating 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th and 60+ wedding anniversaries in 2025. **The Mass will take place at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, February 9, 2025, at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica** (65 Bond Street, Toronto). All married couples will have an opportunity to renew their marriage commitment.

All are welcome to attend. **Reserved seating is available for couples celebrating a 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or 60+ anniversary in 2025.** Reserved seating is limited, so please register early. All other seating is on a first-come, first-served basis.

The broadcast begins at 2:15 p.m. Those who are unable to attend the Cathedral are invited to join the celebration via livestream Mass <https://www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live/>.

**MASS WITH BISHOP IVAN CAMILLERI  
Sunday February 9, 2025 / 2:30 pm  
St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica  
65 Bond St., Toronto**

**REGISTRATION IS OPEN**

**To Register for Celebration of Marriage Mass:**

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/celebration-of-marriage-mass-with-bishop-ivan-camilleri-tickets-1088800765399?aff=oddttdtcreator>

**FOR INFORMATION AND RESOURCES**

**for Couples, Widowed, Separated and Divorced Persons:**

<https://www.archtoronto.org/en/offices-and-ministries/sub-sites/marriage/marriage-for-widowed-separated-and-divorced-persons/>

### Confirmation Commitment Ceremony

**Tuesday January 21  
During 7:30 PM Mass**

**CANDIDATES MEET IN PARISH HALL AT 7:00 PM**

**FOR ALL PARENTS, SPONSORS,  
CANDIDATES AND PARISHIONERS**



**FACILITATORS OF THE CONFIRMATION SESSIONS  
WILL RECEIVE A BLESSING DURING THE CEREMONY**

**Society of Saint Vincent de Paul  
Christmas 2024**

*Thank You*

With the help of several of our parishioners, Knights of Columbus, and Squires, we were able to provide food hampers, vouchers, toys and gift certificates to the needy in our community. This year we were able to serve many families including seniors, children and teens.

Our appreciation is extended to the staff and children of St. Benedict, St. Stephen, Holy Child and Monsignor Johnson High School for their generous contributions of canned goods for our hampers.

We are very grateful for the cash and cheque donations from individual parishioners and families. We extend a special thank you to the Bazaar Sewing Group, and the ladies that sorted the toys again this year. We thank the Knights of Columbus for their continued help and generosity. We also appreciate the parishioners who donated the toys and gift certificates that made the children's Christmas more enjoyable.

Thank you also to the volunteers who helped with collecting, sorting and packing the boxes. Thank you to the "breakfast crew" and the drivers who delivered the hampers and toys to the families. Thank you all very much!

Thank you to everyone who contributes to the poor boxes at the Church entrances and to those who remember us with Memorial donations for their loved ones. Your contributions help us throughout the year.

**FREE CATHOLIC ESTATE PLANNING WEBINAR**

**Saturday, February 1, 2025  
9:00 a.m.**

**Learn:**

- How to avoid problems: in your Will, in the Powers of Attorney, and through proper Estate Trustee selection
- How to create your own legacy

About our Catholic traditions around cremation, burials and funerals

**3 WAYS TO REGISTER:**

1. scan this QR code:
2. follow this QR link: [qrco.de/WebFeb01](https://qrco.de/WebFeb01)
3. send an email to: [Development@ArchToronto.org](mailto:Development@ArchToronto.org) and write "webinar February 1" in the title line + your name(s) in the body of the message.



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**Last Week's Collection**

**Sunday Offering (envs & loose only): \$6,447**

**Thank you for your ongoing generous support!**

**MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS**

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

**Monday, January 20**

8:00am Ana Koljanin by Deacon Diego  
7:30pm Memorial Mass for Chinemerem Nwosu

**Tuesday, January 21**

8:00am Anna Cedro by Silvana  
7:30pm Pastors Intention

**Wednesday, January 22**

8:00am Nazzareno, Orsola & Greg Costa by Anna Costa

**Thursday, January 23**

8:00am Brenda Lagasca Galsa by Arsenia & Lagasco Reyes

**Friday, January 24**

8:00am Paolo Pasqualino by Immaculata

**Saturday, January 25**

8:00am Deceased members of the Sala family by Sala family  
5:00pm Living Intention for Carlo, Lisa & Elena Escaffi by family

**Sunday, January 26**

8:00am For the People  
9:30am Peter Garito by Italian Choir (Ital/Ch)  
9:30am Donato Rocco by Daughter (Eng/Hall)  
11:00am Ottavio Domodossola by Wife  
12:45pm Living Intention for Rina Grella by Beatrice Kouame

**Pray for the Sick**

Frank Losiggio, Mary Lynne Gallagher, Lidia Scaccia,  
Cathy Proietti, Vincent Squassero, Alessio Ferreira,  
Steve Cawthorne, Assunta Di Felice, Leona Bradbury,  
Benito & Pasqualina Soscia, Mary LeBlanc & Bernie O'Hara

Parishioners wishing prayer from our parish family  
are asked to call Susan Peresso: 416-743-3830.



**THE THEME FOR JUBILEE 2025 IS  
"PILGRIMS OF HOPE",  
AN ENCOURAGEMENT FOR ALL THE FAITHFUL:**



**"FAN THE FLAME OF HOPE THAT HAS BEEN  
GIVEN US AND HELP EVERYONE TO GAIN NEW  
STRENGTH AND CERTAINTY BY LOOKING TO  
THE FUTURE WITH AN OPEN SPIRIT, A  
TRUSTING HEART AND FAR-SIGHTED VISION."**

- POPE FRANCIS -

**Jubilee of Youth 2025**

Calling all young adults (ages 19 - 39), join Fr. Paul Magyar  
and the OCY team for a pilgrimage of a life time!

We will be embarking on a pilgrimage to Venice, Padua,  
Florence, Assisi and Rome from July 23rd to August 5th, 2025.  
Please contact [youth@archtoronto.org](mailto:youth@archtoronto.org) to receive the pilgrim  
information package and detailed itinerary.