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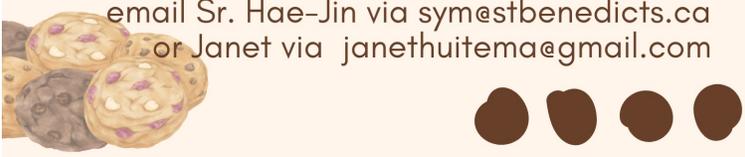
## SALESIAN GOSPEL ROADS

**\$18 per box for 24 cookies**

**Pre-Sale:**  
March 14, 15, 21 and 22 after Mass

**Pick-up**  
8 am to 12 pm  
at Savio Room on March 28 & 29

Cash or E-transfer to [symestbenedicts.ca](mailto:symestbenedicts.ca)  
questions?  
email Sr. Hae-Jin via [symestbenedicts.ca](mailto:symestbenedicts.ca)  
or Janet via [janethuitema@gmail.com](mailto:janethuitema@gmail.com)



Our parish weekly bulletin continues to be available digitally on our parish website:

WEEKLY BULLETIN

## 50 years of your faith in action




**“This year we celebrate fifty years of putting our faith into action through ShareLife: Fifty years of caring for our brothers and sisters in Christ. Fifty years of responding to our neighbours in need. Fifty years of bringing the Gospel to life.”**

His Eminence Frank Cardinal Leo, Metropolitan Archbishop of Toronto

On March 19, 1976, Archbishop Philip Pocock made a Declaration on Behalf of Life — a defining moment that led to the establishment of ShareLife.

It was a moment when our Catholic community stood in faith to affirm the dignity of every human life — a conviction that continues to guide us today.

**On March 19, we will honour this milestone with a special 50th Anniversary Matching Gift opportunity. Thanks to a generous anonymous donor, all gifts made that day in increments of \$50 will be matched dollar for dollar, up to \$50,000.**

**To celebrate fifty years of faith in action, we invite you to consider a gift in increments of \$50.**

On March 19 — and beyond — your faith in action will honour fifty years of ShareLife and strengthen the life-giving work of the agencies serving our most vulnerable brothers and sisters.

**Join us for a Spiritus event at St. Benedict Church**  
**Saturday March 21**  
**for young adults ages 18—35**  
**Mass at 5 pm**  
**followed by Fr. Steve DeMaio's talk**  
**on Mercy of the Father**  
**Fellowship follows in the parish hall**

**Salesian Gospel Roads: Please Pray for our Youth**

The Youth Ministry Staff invites parishioners of St. Benedict to keep our young people in prayer. During the upcoming March Break, high school students, adult chaperones, Sr. Hae-Jin, and Fr. Steve will experience our first overnight Salesian Gospel Roads service retreat since COVID. The retreat takes place for seven days at De La Salle College.

### Friday Lenten Schedule

March 20	Sacrament of Reconciliation	7:00 pm & after Mass
	Mass followed by Stations of the Cross	7:30 pm
March 27	Sacrament of Reconciliation	7:00 pm & after Mass
	Mass followed by Stations of the Cross	7:30 pm

**Stations of the Cross & Sacrament of Reconciliation**  
**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.**

Salesian Gospel Roads is a service retreat where young people serve the poor and marginalized in our local community while growing in faith and compassion.

We are deeply grateful for the love and support our parish community has shown—through your generous donations, providing meals, and encouraging our youth. Your kindness has made this ministry possible.

Now we ask you to please pray for our group: for safety throughout the week, for a truly transformative experience for our young people, and that our hearts may grow in compassion for the poor and marginalized, learning to walk the Gospel road with them and with Jesus. **Thank you for accompanying us with your prayers.**

**Adorers Needed. Why not You?**

Will you sign up to spend one hour with Jesus in our Eucharistic Adoration Chapel?  
**Contact Teresa: 416-743-5338**



**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, March 29<sup>th</sup>.

All memorials should be in by MARCH 20<sup>th</sup>.

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\_\_ \$20\_\_ Other\_\_ Env #\_\_

Payment Methods:

- CASH or CHEQUE payable to "St. Benedict Church":**  
Deposit in collection basket at mass or drop off at parish office
- ONLINE: Open this link: <https://www.archtoronto.org/en/contact-us/donations/donate-pages/donate-to-parish-offertory/>**
  - Select St. Benedict in the drop-down box.
  - COMMENTS type: "In Loving Memory Easter Flowers"
  - Add name(s) of Loved One(s) & Remember to add your ENVELOPE #
  - Where should we direct your gift? Click on: "Parish Special Projects"
  - NOTE:** to ensure that the name of your loved one is published in the parish bulletin, kindly email the first and last name of your loved one to the parish office: [office@stbenedicts.ca](mailto:office@stbenedicts.ca)

**MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS**

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

**Monday, March 16**

8:00am Susi Barisa by Anda Zizic

**Tuesday, March 17**

8:00am Pera & Stipan Zizic by Anda Zizic  
7:30pm Benjamin Holowaty by family

**Wednesday, March 18**

8:00am Benito Soscia by Pasqualina & Soscia family

**Thursday, March 19**

8:00am John Sincich by Rita

**Friday, March 20**

8:00am Leon Seymore by Betty Seymore  
7:30pm In thanksgiving to God for graces received by Mara Lozancic

**Saturday, March 21**

8:00am Mio Susic by Anda Zizic  
5:00pm Patricia & Sammy Rampersaud by Gairy & family

**Sunday, March 22**

8:00am Marino Moras by family  
9:30am For the People (Ital/Ch)  
9:30am Deceased members of the Kisiel family by family (Eng/Hall)  
11:00am Assunta Mastromarco by Vito Mastromarco & family  
12:45pm Albert Kevin Francisco by Francisco family

**Pray for the Dead**

**Lynn Louise Colton**

*May the souls of the departed rest in peace!*



**Blessings on your Marriage**

As a parish community,  
we keep in prayer

**Andy Ding Man Lee & Angela Ling**

who will have their marriage blessed on March 21, 2026



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

**Salesians open shelters for families fleeing bombardment in Lebanon**

As the war in the Middle East expands, the Salesians of Don Bosco have temporarily turned their closed schools into centers for civilians displaced by the bombardments in Lebanon.

Financial support to the Salesians in Lebanon could be sent to:

**Don Bosco Mission Office—Lebanon**  
11991 Pierre-Baillareon,  
Montreal QC H1E 2W5

Phone 514-648-6729  
[Dbmo-omdb@hotmail.com](mailto:Dbmo-omdb@hotmail.com)

**DONATE ONLINE**

Click Donate Button on homepage: [www.stbenedicts.ca](http://www.stbenedicts.ca)  
or copy and paste this link in your browser:  
<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/6333>

Annual Parish Financial Report



**Our 2025 Annual Parish Financial Report will be presented this weekend**

A copy of our 2025 Parish Financial Report is posted on the bulletin board at the church entrance and a digital copy is available on our parish website. Visit our website at [www.stbenedicts.ca](http://www.stbenedicts.ca). Click on "Weekly Bulletin" and "View This Week's Bulletin." Thank you.



**March 22 ShareLife Sunday**

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

You can help men answer God's call to priesthood by supporting ShareLife

God planted the seed of a priestly vocation in Rev. Mr. Moonjun Alphonse Choi's heart as a child. He later entered St. Augustine's Seminary, where God led him through moments of joy, deep reflection, and a faith that continues to grow. His path has been one of both grace and challenge, yet he has walked forward without fear—because of you.

Your generous heart lifted the burden of financial worry, allowing Rev. Mr. Moonjun Alphonse Choi to embrace his calling fully and prepare for a life of service to the Church. God-willing, he will be ordained into priesthood this May. Because of your faithful generosity to ShareLife, many more young men will have the opportunity to answer God's call.

The first ShareLife Sunday collection is on March 22. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at [sharelife.org/donate](http://sharelife.org/donate).

**Last Week's Collection**

**Sunday Offering (envs & loose only): \$6,303**

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