

Our parish weekly bulletin continues to be available digitally on our parish website: www.stbenedicts.ca

WEEKLY BULLETIN

Follow us on Facebook & Instagram



St Benedict Parish



stbenedictparishetobicoke

Provincial Election Guide 2025

A provincial election is set for Thursday, Feb. 27, 2025. Catholic Charities urges all eligible voters to make their voices heard and cast their ballots on Election Day. To help you navigate the key issues and make informed decisions, they teamed up with their Social Justice Committee to create a concise election guide. This guide highlights the most pressing concerns in our communities and poses the right questions to consider.

We're excited to share this guide with you!
Feel free to share it with your family and friends.
Let's make a difference together!

For Provincial Election Guide 2025

Click here:

<https://ccat.ca/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/Ontario-Election-Guide-2025-reduced-size.pdf>

or call 416-934-3401



Save the Date

Magnificat Breakfast
Saturday May 31, 2025
9:30 am - 12:30 pm

St. Benedict Parish Hall
2194 Kipling Ave, Etobicoke

Guest Speaker
Debra McMillan

SPRINGS OF HOPE

Virtual Meetings held

second Thursday of the month at 7:30 p.m.

Springs of Hope is a space where couples journey together on the challenging path of infertility. These encounters serve as a vessel for a deep renewal in our relationships with our spouses, selves and God. It accompanies those struggling with infertility by offering a place where they can know God's love for them and discover His unique call to fruitfulness.

The group is firmly rooted in the spirituality of the Catholic Church, including its teachings on marriage, reproductive technologies and the dignity of the human person.

We affirm the goodness and beauty of the couple and work to help marriages blossom even when experiencing seasons of infertility or loss.

By focusing on Christ rather than conception, we can enter more deeply into the mystery of God and His divine plan for marriage and our lives.

CONTACT Suzanne: suzanne.lozinski@gmail.com

WEBSITE: <https://rhfertilitycare.com/support-group>



Join us for a Three-Part Lenten Journey

I Matter because God Created me to Matter

Tuesdays March 11, 18, 25

7:30 pm

Mass with Mission Talk during Homily
Sacrament of Reconciliation

7:00 pm—7:30 pm and after Mass

A free-will offering will be collected each evening.

Deacon Michael Carrera

is the mission speaker. He is a Permanent Deacon in the Archdiocese of Toronto currently serving at St. Benedict's Parish in Etobicoke. He has a master's degree in exercise science and has worked as an executive fitness and wellness coach for over 20 years. He has authored and co-authored four books with two of them translated into multiple languages. Michael lives in Etobicoke with his wife and children.



March 11 Mass with Talk 1: Loneliness to Solitude Guidepost: Fasting

Fasting is an important Lenten pillar that can help us renew our minds and focus our thoughts on Christ. Doing so helps us move from loneliness to solitude. In solitude, we may still be alone yet know that we are a beloved Child of God and that we matter because God created us to matter.

March 18 Mass with Talk 2: Hostility to Hospitality Guidepost: Almsgiving

When feeling lonely and dejected we tend to focus more on ourselves. We escape our pain by engaging in unhealthy behaviors and can become hostile towards others. By reaching out to others in charity, our spiritual life matures from one of hostility to hospitality as we become friendly to others and more forgiving to ourselves. We reach out to others because we know that they matter because God created them to matter.

March 25 Mass with Talk 3: Illusion to Prayer Guidepost: Prayer

Spending time with God in prayer is the bedrock of the spiritual life. Doing so helps us move from loneliness to solitude and from hostility to hospitality. Without prayer we create an illusory existence where we feel irrelevant, small and unseen. But we are not small or irrelevant. We matter because God created us to matter. In prayer we are able to take, bless, break and share God's love for us with others.

St. Benedict Parish Lenten Mission



Frank Cardinal Leo Thanks You

Dear Brothers and Sisters in the Lord,

As we journey together through this Jubilee Holy Year, I want to offer my deepest gratitude for your charitable heart and great faith. In a time of economic hardship, you chose to trust in God's providence and extend your love to those in need. Your compassion has made it possible for so many lives to be touched by God's goodness.

I give thanks to the Lord for you—for the way you cared for the suffering, for the way you stood as a beacon of hope. Your kindness has strengthened the bonds of faith-filled giving within the archdiocese, reflecting the faith and virtues that unite us as one.

Last year, I invited you to say "yes" to God's call—to see His face in those who struggle. Your response was a testament to the depth of your faith and love. Because of your generous spirit, our community of faith came together to raise an extraordinary \$14.4 million for the ShareLife Parish Campaign. This outpouring of love speaks to the depth of your commitment to caring for others. Your sacrificial gifts breathed life into the work of ShareLife-funded agencies, enabling them to continue their mission of caring for the hungry, the homeless, the lonely, and those seeking a new beginning.

Your support of the ShareLife Campaign is a reflection of the love of God poured into our hearts, a love that brings hope and never disappoints. Because of your selfless giving, so many in our community have found strength to move forward.

May God bless you abundantly for the love you have shared. May He grant you and your loved ones peace, joy, and the lasting comfort of His presence.

Sincerely Yours in Jesus with Mary,

Frank Cardinal Leo
Metropolitan Archbishop of Toronto

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

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

Monday, February 24

8:00am Vanessa Vilic Evangelista by Evangelista & Vilic families

Tuesday, February 25

8:00am The Holy Family by Bianca

7:30 pm Victoria Mascardo by Mascardo family

Wednesday, February 26

8:00am Abeiardo Masangkay by Masangkay family

Thursday, February 27

8:00am Sarah MacNeil by Betty Seymour

Friday, February 28

8:00am Riccardo Sala by Sala family

Saturday, March 1

8:00am Alberto Rossi by Maria Rossi

5:00pm Don Genthons by Margaret & family

Sunday, March 2

8:00am Joseph Son by Long Vu

9:30am Silvio Marson by Wife & family (Ital/Ch)

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

11:00am Wally & Ernest Fischer by Marianne Gaglia

12:45pm Maria Assunta Mastromarco by Vito Mastromarco & family

**Saint Patrick's
Dinner Dance**

MARCH 15TH
ST. BENEDICT PARISH HALL
DOORS OPEN AT 6 PM
\$30 TICKET INCLUDES
1 IRISH MEAL OF:
SHEPHERDS PIE, SODA BREAD AND
SALAD.CASH BAR****

TO PURCHASE A TICKET
CALL MATHIEU- 416-712-4988
OR CALL ADAM- 416-428-9828
OR E-TRANSFER AT
STJOHNBOSCO14327@GMAIL.COM

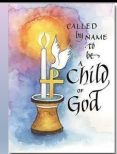
See you there!

Last Week's Collection

Sunday Offering (envs & loose only): **\$2,762**

PAG (MONTHLY Pre Authorized Giving) Feb 20 2025 **\$7,001**

Thank you for your ongoing generous support!



Our faith community welcomes

Lyra Jade Drequito Dabu

I have called you by name, you are mine. Is 43:1

St. Dominic Savio Squire Circle #5217
Pancake Supper / Shrove Tuesday



Date: Tuesday, March 4th, 2025

Location: St. Benedict Church Hall

Time: 5:00PM - 7:00PM

Cost: \$10.00 Per Person

Includes Pancakes, Sausages, choice of tea or coffee

Tickets **MUST** be purchased ahead of event



Want even MORE, visit our delicious BAKE SALE

St. Dominic Savio Squire Circle #5217
Pancake Supper/Shrove Tuesday

March 4, 2025
St. Benedict Church Hall
5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

\$10 / per person
includes pancakes, sausages
choice of tea or coffee

Tickets MUST be purchased
ahead of the event.