

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

WEEKLY BULLETIN

Volunteers Needed

Looking for a great way to offer service in our community?

Assist residents at Kipling Acres to gather for Mass on Tuesdays.



Training provided.

Interested parishioners contact Terri: terrilabrecque@hotmail.com



St. Benedict Parish

Lenten Parish Mission 2026

The practice of Parish Mission is a long held tradition that goes back centuries in the Catholic Church.

It has been and still is an effective way to revive and rekindle the faith in the hearts of Catholics, to call back those who have fallen away, to have them make peace with God in the sacrament of Reconciliation, and thus experience the loving kindness of God's mercy.

God calls you to also be a missionary on his behalf by inviting others to "come and see" (Jn 1:46).

Featuring Talks by our parish Deacons on

THE PILLARS OF LENT



PRAYER
Deacon

Diego Maratta



ALMSGIVING
Deacon

Michael Carrera



FASTING
Deacon

Peter Takaoka

Tuesdays: February 24, March 3 & 10
7:30 pm MASS followed by MISSION TALK

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
follows each talk with
BENEDICTION at 8:50pm

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
7:00 pm - 7:30 pm and after Mass

Easter Cookie Fundraiser

Planning has begun for our Easter Cookie Fundraiser, coordinated by Sr. Hae-Jin and Janet. Cookie boxes will be **distributed on Saturday, March 28.**



We are looking for volunteers to bake cookies for this fundraiser. All proceeds support Gospel Roads, and other youth events. Your help is greatly appreciated!

To volunteer as a baker or for more information, please contact Janet: 416-201-0780 / janethuitema@gmail.com

Thank you for your generosity and support! 🍪❤️



Salesian Gospel Roads (SGR) is a week-long service and retreat experience for high school students from Gr 10 through 12, inspired by

St. John Bosco's vision of forming **Good Christians and Honest Citizens**. Participants serve the local community each day, reflect on Catholic Social Teaching, and grow in faith through Mass, Reconciliation, Adoration, and prayer, while building strong Christian friendships.

Students will stay at De La Salle College (131 Farnham Ave, Toronto).

For more information, contact Sr. Hae-Jin or Fr. Steve at sym@stbenedicts.ca or 416-743-3830 ext. 6.

Lenten Schedule Stations of the Cross & Sacrament of Reconciliation



February 27	Sacrament of Reconciliation	7:00 pm & after Mass
	Mass followed by Stations of the Cross	7:30 pm
March 6	Sacrament of Reconciliation	7:00 pm & after Mass
	Mass followed by Stations of the Cross	7:30 pm
March 13	VISITATION with Stations of the Cross & Sacrament of Reconciliation	7:00 pm
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

Let this Lent be the season you give up who you've been for who you can become.

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



Votive Candles at St. Benedict Church

Here at St. Benedict Church, votive candles are found in the church near the statue of Mary Help of Christians and in the Eucharistic Adoration chapel. These candles are for parishioners who wish to light a candle in prayer. This is part of the continued effort to provide parishioners more opportunities for prayer and devotion to our Lord. Why do Catholics light candles?



A Symbol of Christ

In our Catholic tradition, in early times as well as today, light is a symbol of Christ Himself.

In scripture, there are many references to Jesus as Light: "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life." Jn 8:12 and "I have come as light into the world, so that everyone who believes in me should not remain in the darkness." Jn 12:46

The Light Is A Reminder to Stay Present to the Lord

With this background, we can appreciate the use of votive candles. Here, as in early Christian times, we light a candle before a statue or sacred image of our Lord or of a saint. Of course, we do not honor the statue or the image itself, but whom that statue or image represents. The light signifies our prayer offered in faith coming into the light of God, allowing us to be filled with His light. With the light of faith, we petition our Lord in prayer, or petition the saint for intercession to pray with us and for us to the Lord. The light also shows a special reverence and our desire to remain present to the Lord in prayer even though we may depart and go about our daily business.

Who do I Light a Candle For?

Catholics light candles to pray for their deceased loved ones, the sick, the health and welfare of family and friends, and for the needs of our worldwide family.

How do I Light a Candle?

For safety reasons, the candles at St. Benedict do not have an open flame. To light a candle, simply open the lid on the metal deposit box and drop an offering of \$3. Then, select the candle you wish to light and push on the top of its glass chamber. Each candle remains lit for six days.

The candles on the top row of each stand, are designated as "Memorial Candles". These candles may be dedicated for one year in memory of a deceased loved one. The name of the deceased loved one and the name of the individual by whom the deceased is remembered, is placed inside the glass chamber so that it's clearly visible. The annual offering for a memorial candle is \$200. Anyone wishing to offer a memorial candle may contact the Parish Office. On the one-year anniversary date, you will be contacted regarding renewal, at which time changes may be made.

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

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

Monday, February 23

8:00am Hector Jr. & Cathy De Grace by Deacon Diego
7:30pm Memorial Mass for Joe Mastronardi

Tuesday, February 24

8:00am Joyce Nazareth by Loretta & John
7:30pm Donald Gethons by Wife & family

Wednesday, February 25

8:00am Victoria Mascardo by Mascardo family

Thursday, February 26

8:00am Felicidad Oppus Fernandez
by Fernandez, Gocotano & Clarke families

Friday, February 27

8:00am Sarah MacNeil by Betty Seymore
7:30pm For the People

Saturday, February 28

8:00am Abelardo Masankay by Elenita Masankay
5:00pm Rukhsana Sandhu by Peter Sandhu & family

Sunday, March 1

8:00am Ida Marrelli by Irma Marrelli
9:30am Steve & Teresa Ann de Grace by Deacon Diego (Ital/Ch)
9:30am Gerardo Sellitto by Giuseppina Sellitto (Eng/Hall)
11:00am For the People
12:45pm Living Intention for Nicole Paties by Paties family

Pray for the Dead

Roberto Asquino
Angelo Girolimetto

May the souls of the departed rest in peace!



Recruitment for 11 am Choir

The 11am Choir is in need of new members! We need more altos, more bases and more tenors. Ladies if you enjoy singing in the lower range, and can sing in tune, then we need you. Men, if you enjoy singing high or low, and can sing in tune, then we need you!



It doesn't matter if you can't read music - we'll teach you.

It is a commitment: including 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 Perruzza, our Choir Director and Organist! We'll get you singing very soon.

Look who's celebrating 98! on February 24

Blessings Fr. Enzo, as you celebrate
another year of life:
indeed, a life well lived!

"I will reward them with a long life
and give them my salvation."

Psalm 91:16



Last Week's Collection

Sunday Offering (envs & loose only): **\$6,505**

Thank you for your ongoing generous support!