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WEEKLY BULLETIN

*Schedule for Advent Reconciliation
Christmas Mass &
Eucharistic Adoration during Christmas*

Sacrament of Reconciliation

CONFESSIONS ARE NOT SCHEDULED ON CHRISTMAS EVE OR DAY
Kindly plan your confession on or before December 23

Tuesday December 16 7:00 pm (before 7:30 pm Mass)
Saturday December 20 4:30 pm (before 5:00 pm Mass)
Tuesday December 23 8:30 am-11:30 am & 5:00 pm-9 pm
Or by appointment: call 416-743-3830 X0

Wednesday December 24

Daily Mass 8:00 am
Adoration Chapel: Closes 8:00 am
Christmas Eve Masses
5:00 pm, 8:00 pm, 12 midnight
With Carol sing-along 30 minutes prior to each Mass

Thursday December 25

Christmas Day Masses
8:00 am, 9:30 am Italian in church,
9:30 am English in hall, 11:00 am, 12:45 pm
Adoration Chapel: Opens 2:00 pm

Sunday December 28

Feast of the Holy Family
Regular Sunday Mass Schedule

Wednesday December 31

Daily Mass 8:00 am
Mary, Mother of God Mass: 5:00 pm
Adoration Chapel: Closes 8:00 am
Eucharistic Adoration in Church: 9:00 pm-11:00 pm

Thursday January 1

Mary, Mother of God Masses
8:00 am, 9:30 am Italian in church,
9:30 am English in hall, 11:00 am, 12:45 pm
Adoration Chapel: Opens 2:00 pm

Sunday January 4

Epiphany of our Lord
Regular Sunday Mass Schedule

Sunday January 11

Baptism of the Lord Mass
Regular Sunday Mass Schedule



PROJECT HOPE:

Newcomer Family Arriving in 2026

In recent weeks, our parish was asked by the Office for Refugees, Archdiocese of Toronto, (ORAT), to sponsor a refugee family. The family, originally from Pakistan is currently in Thailand, their country of refuge. Since this sponsorship has funds provided by Project Hope through the ORAT office, our parish commitment to this family is to assist them in the resettling process for 12 months from the day of arrival. The family is a mother and father, one son and one daughter. Although a specific arrival date has not yet been set, the anticipated arrival is in the next few months.

**To prepare for the family's arrival
and the early stages of the resettlement process,
your help is appreciated in the following ways.**

TEMPORARY HOUSING

From the day of arrival, until permanent housing is found, the family will require temporary housing. This could be a basement apartment suitable for four people.

PERMANENT HOUSING

Upon arrival, family members will have Permanent Residence status and will be in a position to sign a Lease Agreement and to pay monthly rent. Do you or someone you know have space in your home to rent? Preferably north Etobicoke: a two bedroom upstairs or basement of a house or two bedroom apartment.

Home for Christmas

Fr. Frank Kelly SDB
June 7, 1939 - December 11, 2025

Many would agree that nobody loved Christmas more than Fr. Frank Kelly. Beloved pastor of St. Benedict parish from 1995 to 2007, and a faithful presence in the Salesian Community in Toronto since then, Fr. Kelly returned to the Source of Life and Light in time for Christmas. Let us pray for his eternal rest.

For details of viewing and mass of Christian Burial check the homepage of our parish website: <https://www.stbenedicts.ca> or Newediuk Funeral Home



*Having a deep devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus,
this quote from a work of St. Bonaventure was dear to his heart:*

Run with eager desire to this source of life and light, all you who are vowed to God's service.

Come, whoever you may be, and cry out to him with all the strength of your heart. "O indescribable beauty of the most high God and purest radiance of eternal light! Life that gives all life, light that is the source of every other light, preserving in everlasting splendor the myriad flames that have shone before the throne of your divinity from the dawn of time! Eternal and inaccessible fountain, clear and sweet stream flowing from a hidden spring, unseen by mortal eye! None can fathom your depths nor survey your boundaries, none can measure your breadth, nothing can sully your purity. From you flows 'the river which gladdens the city of God' and makes us cry out with joy and thanksgiving in hymns of praise to you, for we know by our own experience that 'with you is the source of life, and in your light we see light'. Saint Bonaventure, bishop

Sunday December 14, 2025 - 3rd Sunday of Advent



Our parish goal for this year's campaign is \$66,000

Make your gift to ShareLife

NEW: Your gift will double in value! From November 3 until year end, your contribution to our parish's ShareLife campaign will be matched by an anonymous donor up to a total of \$500,000.

The ShareLife Parish Campaign brings our Catholic faith and Gospel values to life, uniting us as a strong and compassionate Catholic community. With your loving support, ShareLife-funded agencies are helping the most vulnerable in our community and around the world. Thank you for living the Gospel this Christmas by providing for those in need.

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

LIVING WITH CHRIST SUNDAY MISSALS

ON SALE IN THE PARISH OFFICE

(limited quantity left)

\$5.50 ADULTS \$10.00 YOUTH



**Advent Festival of
Nine Lessons & Carols:
Praying and Singing with
Other Christians**

**Sunday, December 21, 2025
4:30 PM - 6:00 PM
Yorkminster Park
Baptist Church Toronto**

**AN IN-PERSON EVENT RECOMMENDED BY THE OFFICE FOR
ECUMENICAL AND INTERFAITH RELATIONS**

The service of Lessons and Carols recounts the story of humanity's fall, the promise of the Messiah, and the birth of Christ through nine short Bible readings from Genesis, prophetic books, and the Gospels. The readings are interwoven with the singing of carols, hymns, and choir anthems, creating a rich and festive experience.

Join Christians from various traditions in celebrating the joy and unity we share in Jesus Christ throughout the Greater Toronto Area.

Users of Pink Visitors' Donation Envelopes

Please **write your name, address (including postal code) and phone number** on the envelopes you place in the collection basket.

This will allow us to register you properly as the user of a particular numbered box of envelopes.

Note: if you forgot your envelope at home and are using a **Pink Visitors' Envelope**, kindly show your envelope number.

Last Week's Collection

Sunday Offering (envs & loose only): **\$8,098**

Debt Repayment (envs & loose only): **\$3,870**

Thank you for your ongoing generous support!



MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

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

Monday, December 15

8:00am Anthony Fernandes by family

Tuesday, December 16

8:00am Rita David Ignacio by Teresa

7:30pm Americo & Maria Zavagno by Aldo & Marisa D'Andrea

Wednesday, December 17

8:00am Rosina Aquino by Di Felice family

Thursday, December 18

8:00am Elzbieta Baginska by Marcelli family

Friday, December 19

8:00am Anthony Fernandes by family

Saturday, December 20

8:00am In thanksgiving for a special intention by Lozancic family

5:00pm Julius & Leocadia D'Souza by Allen & family

Sunday, December 21

8:00am Lisa Marie Curtis by Janet Huitema & David Ruth

9:30am Deceased members of the Di Francesco & De Luca families
by Santina Di Francesco & family (Ita/Ch)

9:30am Giannina & Filippo Caruso by Frances Perri & family (Eng/Hall)

11:00am Reginald Watton by Mark & family

12:45pm For the People



Pray for the Dead

Verna McCarthy

May the souls of the departed rest in peace!

Pray for the Sick:

Kindly remember the following people in your prayers:

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

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



Gifts of Securities

Securities (stocks, mutual funds, bonds)

Donating shares or mutual funds is currently the smartest way to give in Canada. When you donate shares to a registered charity, there is no capital gains tax applied to any benefit received from the sale of these securities.

To donate listed securities, you can obtain our form, the Letter of Direction from your parish office or download a copy from the archdiocesan website: <https://www.archtoronto.org/en/offices-and-ministries/social-justice--outreach/development-and-sharelife/home/gifts-of-securities/>

The Archdiocese does not charge fees or commissions of any kind. There is only a \$150 brokerage fee charged by our broker. You are strongly encouraged to seek professional advice from a private financial professional before deciding upon any charitable gift using personal assets.

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