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WEEKLY BULLETIN

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St Benedict Parish



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Marriage Sunday

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

REGISTRATION IS OPEN

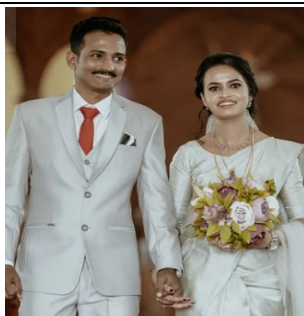
**To Register for
 Celebration of Marriage Mass:**

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

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/>



St. Blaise – Blessing of Throats Monday February 3 following the 8:00 am Mass

The Italian Nonne are back!

Homemade Gnocchi and Pasta Available on Demand



On these cold winter days,
 warm up with your choice of homemade gnocchi or pasta,
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Pasta: Cavatelli or Strozzapreti	\$15 / kilo
Sugo (Homemade Tomato Sauce)	\$10 / L
Meat Sugo	\$12 / L

Jubilee Mass at Regional Pilgrimage Parish

In commemoration of the opening of the
 2025 Jubilee Year, Mass will be celebrated at:

Our Lady of Sorrows Parish, Etobicoke

Wednesday, February 5

7:00 pm

Presider: Bishop Ivan Camilleri

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



Thank you, Marie Holmes! Blessings as you move on.



For 37 years, parishioner, Marie Holmes, has been an integral part of our parish St. Vincent de Paul Society. A Vincentian since 1988, Marie was inspired to serve the poor in our parish community by her father, John Pendlebury, a founding member of St. Benedict parish. Soon after moving to this parish community with his young family in 1954, John Pendlebury became part of the SVDP executive with fellow parishioners John Kelly, John Shain and Hubert Woods.

Following the death of her father in July 1988, Marie approached John Kelly the president of the SVDP Society who was acting alone in the ministry at the time. Recognizing that John could use help and motivated by her father's dedicated service to the poor, Marie offered her time and service. A full-time elementary school teacher on weekdays, and raising a family of her own, Marie spent her Saturday mornings, accompanied by her husband, Bert, making home visits with families in nearby Tandridge Cres.

Possessing further skills suited to this important outreach ministry, Marie eventually assumed administrative responsibilities including phone communications, maintaining financial records associated with the position of Treasurer, completing the annual financial report, and completing forms for participants of Mary Grove Camp. And over time, Marie, would develop the growth of the ministry in even more ways, by planning the driving routes for the delivery of Christmas hampers, emptying the poor boxes in the church and delivering the money to the wife of John Kelly, Kathleen, who took care of depositing the money in the bank. And, when Kathleen was no longer able to manage the bank deposits due to her diagnosis of cancer, Marie assumed this part of the work too.

Marie recalls the days when she used to collect small change from the poor boxes and make a weekly purchase of 10 bags of milk for the poor from Tre Rose Bakery. She remembers fondly the welcome from the staff of Tre Rose who appreciated the payment in coins that filled their cash register.

In the early 2000s, Marie enjoyed serving the poor in this ministry with Lou Ricco who replaced John Kelly as president of the SVDP Society. More recently, Marie has worked with Josephine Muscat, current president of the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

When asked how she has been changed by her service to the poor, Marie acknowledges that she has grown in patience and understanding. As her eyes are opened to the various ways people struggle, and as she often sees the terrible circumstances impacting people's lives, Marie has learned that when she looks beyond what the eyes can see, she is better able to accept and not be judgmental. In Marie's words, "Do the best you can to help others". Marie also acknowledges that, in her service to the poor, she depends on God a lot. She adds, "Me and St. Jude, we've been going steady for years now, since there's lots of impossible cases". With determination and a heart full of love for the poor, Marie says she prays for the poor she serves.

As Marie leaves our parish community and moves on to her new retirement residence with her husband in Mississauga, we give heartfelt thanks to her for continuing the legacy of love for the poor begun by her father. Well done, good and faithful servant!

The St. Vincent de Paul Society at St. Benedict Church welcomes new volunteers. Do you have a gift for administration? Do you have a heart to visit and serve the poor?

Contact Josephine: 416-743-3830 X 3



Mass

with the
Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick
and

Blessing Prayer for Caregivers
for those who work as health care professionals,
those who care for the sick: family members, friends

Tuesday February 11 / 10:00 am
in church

Understanding the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick:
The Healing Sacrament of the Living

HOW IS THIS SACRAMENT CELEBRATED?

Before the moment of anointing, the priest first lays hands in silence on the head of the person who is receiving the sacrament. The priest then anoints the forehead and hands of the sick person with blessed oil and offers a prayer of faith. Family members and other members of the Christian community are encouraged to be present at the time of the celebration of the sacrament to offer their loving support. The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick may be celebrated in a person's parish church as part of the Eucharist. It may also be celebrated in the home, a hospital or nursing home.

WHAT IS THE SACRAMENT OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK?

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is especially intended to strengthen those who are suffering serious illness. It is offered to support, encourage and comfort all those who are seriously ill. Participation in the celebration of this sacrament offers those who are sick an opportunity to open themselves to the healing power of God's grace and to continue to grow in wholeness. In this sacrament, we meet Jesus who heals and consoles us by giving us the Holy Spirit. The Risen Lord comes to strengthen us in body, mind and spirit during our time of illness.

WHO SHOULD CELEBRATE THE SACRAMENT OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK?

Those who are elderly and whose frailty is becoming more pronounced. Those adults and children who are suffering from a major illness, are facing surgery, serious medical tests or have suffered a serious accident. Those who suffer from chronic illness such as arthritis or diabetes, or who suffer from a serious mental illness. There is a need for those who are gravely ill to have expressed a desire, or by their lives to have demonstrated, that celebrating this sacrament would be important to them. It is not enough for family members or hospital staff to desire it on the sick person's behalf. It is important to try to ensure that those who are sick and those around them understand the significance of the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick as a sacrament of healing and are prepared to celebrate it well.

For more information, click here:

<https://www.archtoronto.org/siteassets/media/offices--ministries/sub-sites/world-day-of-the-sick/understanding-the-sacrament-of-the-anointing-of-the-sick---english.pdf>

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

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

Monday, February 3

8:00am Alex & Betty Jamieson by family

Tuesday, February 4

8:00am Mara Lozancic by Mirjana Barisic

7:30pm -Sheila Ramsingh by Daughter
-Lilianna Mammone by Angelina, Luigina & Lina
-Ignatius & Martha Fernandes by David & Cathy Fobler & family
-Deceased members of the Fobler family
by David & Cathy Fobler & family
-Frank, May & Cherie Fobler by David & Cathy Fobler & family
-Catherine & Dominic Correia by David & Cathy Fobler & family
-Deceased members of the Correia family
by David & Cathy Fobler & family
-Deceased members of the Fernandes family
by David & Cathy Fobler & family
-Eleanor Monize by Desiree Griffith
-Joseph Marrese by Wife & family

Wednesday, February 5

8:00am Maria Fung by Clara

Thursday, February 6

8:00am Mara Lozancic by Mara Lozancic

Friday, February 7

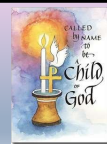
8:00am Living Intention for Margaret Pupulin & family by ADMA
7:30pm Living Intention for the Pasut family by Beatrice Kouame

Saturday, February 8

8:00am Living Intention for Arsenia Reyes by Arsenia Lagasca Reyes
5:00pm Antonio & Orazio Chirantano by family

Sunday, February 9

8:00am Salesian Family by Beatrice Kouame
9:30am Remo Evangelisti by Wife & family (Ital/Ch)
9:30am Natalizia Stanizzo by Alessandro Stanizzo & family (Eng/Hall)
11:00am For the People
12:45pm Vela, Lucia & Sante Rotolone by Vanessa Persichitti



Our faith community welcomes

Kristine Fate Palattao Lagundi

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

Pray for the Sick

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

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



In-Person Grief Support Session

February 6 / 10 am

Register at: <https://nbgss0225.eventbrite.ca>



New Beginnings ministers to those who have suffered a loss through bereavement, divorce or bereavement.

Archdiocese of Toronto

1155 Yonge St. / 4th floor, Room 4B

For more information contact:

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Last Week's Collection

Sunday Offering (envelopes & loose only): **\$7,091**

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