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WEEKLY BULLETIN

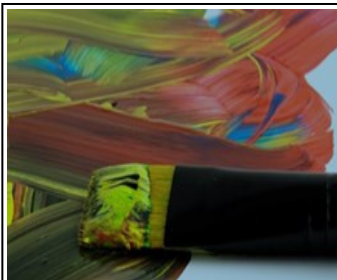
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Day of Reflection for Women

Saturday March 8

9:30 am—4:00 pm

Who You Are is How you Relate and Pray:
Discover and Embrace the Gifts of your Temperament

To participate fully and to get the most out of this experience,
please take this free temperaments quiz:

<https://www.temperamentquiz.com>

and bring the results to the day of retreat.

Suggested Offering: \$65.00 per person

Includes lunch and coffee/tea break on arrival

For more information and to register, contact Veronica:
boutiquecoachingconnections@gmail.com

Adorers Needed Why not You?

Here at St. Benedict Church, we are blessed to have a Eucharistic Adoration Chapel. Everyone is welcome to drop in for a short visit or to commit for a weekly hour of adoration. Will you sign up to spend one hour with Jesus in our Eucharistic Adoration Chapel?

Interested parishioners contact

Teresa: 416-743-5338



COME & SEE

DISCERNMENT DAY RETREAT
FOR MEN IN GRADES 11 & 12



Register now!



OFFICE OF VOCATIONS
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On March 29, we are offering a Discernment Day Retreat at St. Augustine's Seminary for High School Men in grades 11 & 12 who feel the Lord may be calling them to discern the priesthood. Begins at 9:00 am and ends at 3:00 pm. Lunch will be provided.

To Register:

<https://www.vocationstoronto.ca/hscomesee>

A suggested donation of \$25 is appreciated.

Payment by Credit Card, Cash or Cheque payable to Office of Vocations

Credit Card payments on line: see link above

Cash and Cheque payments in person on day of event



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

Sunday February 16, 2025 - 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Message from the
Executive Director
ShareLife

The year 2024 was a challenging time for many. In a difficult economy, and with a postal strike during the last two months of the year, many charities have seen decreases in revenue that could potentially put much-needed programs and services at risk.

In the Archdiocese of Toronto, we ask our clergy and parish committees to bring the ShareLife message to their parishioners— and once again, the response has been amazing! Despite the challenges of the past year, the 2024 ShareLife parish campaign raised a record \$14,433,674! In the last two months, your messaging and support, along with the work of the ShareLife team to enhance our social media and email efforts, kept the importance of the ShareLife campaign at the forefront. Our campaign results reflect the effort that everyone made to encourage contributions to support the work of our agencies. A special thank you to the 104 parishes that exceeded their 2024 suggested campaign goals—we are grateful!

Overall, the ShareLife campaign raised \$18.281 million, which is the largest amount in recent memory. We thank the contributions from corporations, schools, and individuals for their commitment to the work of ShareLife agencies. ShareLife will draw approximately \$800,000 from reserves to meet the commitments made to the agencies for the 2024 year.

I would also like to recognize the generosity of an anonymous parishioner in the Archdiocese of Toronto, whose contribution of \$500,000 to match donations made in the final two months of the year helped encourage donations to the campaign.

We are grateful for all that you do for ShareLife and for your support in achieving a successful 2024 ShareLife parish campaign—**THANK YOU!**

Arthur Peters, Executive Director

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.

2024 Parish Tax Receipts are being processed;

**you will receive them in the mail on or before
Monday February 24th.**

For contributions made online through our website or through the Archdiocese of Toronto, your tax receipt will be mailed to you directly from the Archdiocese.

Thank you for your donations.

We appreciate your generosity in supporting our Parish.

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

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

Monday, February 17

8:00am Stefan Barisic by Mirjana Barisic

Tuesday, February 18

10:00am Janina & Zygmunt Bzoma by Bzoma family

7:30pm Fr. Joseph Ho SDB by Marcelli family

Wednesday, February 19

8:00am Fr. Ron Quennville SDB by Salesians of Don Bosco

Thursday, February 20

8:00am Rvzica Gakovic by Marjana Barisic

Friday, February 21

8:00am Yolanda Tavares & family by family

Saturday, February 22

8:00am Catarina Nhay Thi Pham by Thiep Phuono Nguyen

5:00pm Dorotea Ceolin by Ceolin family

Sunday, February 23

8:00am For the People

9:30am Ida Marrelli by Irma Marrelli (Ital/Ch)

9:30am Trevor & Selwyn D'Mello
by David & Cathy Fobler & family (Eng/Hall)

11:00am Jean Desimini by Nick & family

12:45pm Fr. Peter Toth by Salesians of Don Bosco

RIP

Rest in peace



Pray for the Dead

Mario Chiarvesio

May the souls of the departed rest in peace!

Pray for the Sick

Kindly remember the following people in your prayers:

Frank Losiggio, Mary Lynne Gallagher, Lidia Scaccia, Cathy Proietti, Vincent Squassero, Alessio Ferreira, Steve Cawthorne, Assunta Di Felice, Leona Bradbury, Benito & Pasqualina Soscia, Mary LeBlanc & Mirvana Filippozzi

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



Family Day Schedule

Monday February 17

8:00 am Mass this day

Parish Office Closed

SUNDAY
MISSAL



SUNDAY MISSALS

ON SALE IN THE PARISH OFFICE
(limited quantity left)

\$5.50 ADULTS \$10.00 YOUTH



TORONTO SERRA CLUBS 'Vocation Seeds'

Happy are those who know they need God. Happy too those who live faithfully the vocation of the life-commitment God calls them to, be it married, single, religious or priesthood. If God is calling you, to be a priest, religious or deacon, contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.

Email: vocations@archtoronto.org www.vocationstoronto.ca

Last Week's Collection

Sunday Offering (envs & loose only): **\$4,185**

Thank you for your ongoing generous support!