

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

WEEKLY BULLETIN

Pastor's Page

Check out the Pastor's Page on our parish website:
www.stbenedicts.ca/pastors-page



Deacons' Corner

Check out the Deacons' Corner on our parish website: www.stbenedicts.ca/deacons-corner



St. Benedict Catalogue

A new season with new items

Even under pandemic restrictions, the Christmas Catalogue sales were a great success. Raising over \$1,000 dollars, those funds helped reduce our parish debt. Thanks to all who shopped!

In spite of the ongoing restrictions, **our St. Benedict Catalogue remains open.**

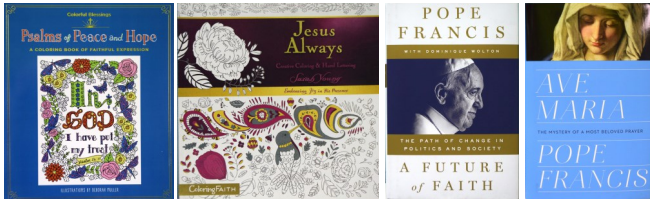
New items have been added and there's more on the way!

Looking for the perfect inspirational gift for baptism, communion,

confirmation, birthday or any other occasion?

Items include beautiful inspirational plaques, crosses, angels, books, visor clips, magnets and more.

New items: Religious Adult Colouring books and books for all ages. During these times, reading and colouring are great stress relievers!



For the perfect gift,
browse the St. Benedict Gift Catalogue
posted on the home page of our parish website:
www.stbenedicts.ca

(scroll to the bottom of the page to click on the Catalogue)

All proceeds help reduce the parish debt.

Limited Stock Available / Payment: Cash Only

To Order, Contact Meaghan: 647-290 – 4418 (phone or text)
mgallagherbenfun@gmail.com



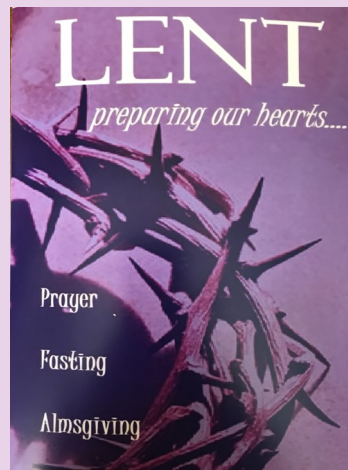
The Sacrament of Reconciliation

This Lent, priests will be available for confession by appointment only. Parishioners wishing to go to confession during Lent are encouraged to call the priest of their choice to make an appointment with him. The name of each priest is listed below. All of them speak English. If a priest speaks another language besides English, that language is also listed.

Select the priest from the list below and call the number and direct extension to make an appointment.

- ✦ Fr. Dave Sajdak, Pastor: 416-743-3830 X2
- ✦ Fr. Enzo Trigatti (Italian): 416-743-3830 X 8
- ✦ Fr. Joe Ho (Cantonese): 416-743-3830 X9
- ✦ Fr. Frank Kelly: 647-549-4574
- ✦ Fr. John Louis Mariapragasam (Tamil): 416-743-3830 X0
- ✦ Fr. Iguintz Calixte (French, Spanish): 416-743-3830 X0
- ✦ Fr. Jim Berning: 416-743-3830 X0

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



Parish Lenten Folder

As in past years, parishioners are invited to journey through Lent using our parish Lenten Folder that encourages PRAYER, FASTING, and ALMSGIVING.

Following a 40-day calendar, each day suggests a scripture passage, a prayer intention and an offering as almsgiving.

At the end of Lent, parishioners return their offering to the parish office.

Those interested in receiving a tax receipt are reminded to fill in the information on the back panel of the folder.

If you did not pick up your folder at the Ash Wednesday Communion Service, you may pick one up by contacting Susan at the parish office: 416-743-3830 X0.

A Thought for Lent from Pope Francis with reflection by Paul Canavese

Living within a fast-paced culture driven by achieving, doing, and "usefulness," God is usually left out of the equation without us realizing it, according to Pope Francis.

Lent urges us to "rouse ourselves" to remember that we are not God and focus on what is most important in our lives. (3/5/14)

**How might the drive to be productive
distract you from what God wants to tell you?**

Sunday February 21st 2021 - 1st Sunday in Lent



Virtual/Online Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience March 5 – 7, 2021

In these stressful times, give your marriage a *booster shot*! Restore your loving communication with your spouse and rekindle the romance. The Marriage Encounter experience is a skill-building enrichment program where together, you, as husband and wife, learn how to be the best couple you can be. No group discussion. Based on Catholic values but open to couples of all faiths. Rediscover the love in your relationship!

Contact: Marge & Gerard McCauley at
gerard.marge@rogers.com or (905) 792-1925

Website: wwme.org



Our faith community welcomes

Benson Leslie Roshan
Regina Leslie Roshan

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

Pray for the Sick

Tom McGynn, Cathy Proietti,
Fernando del Gaudio, Pina Palmieri,
Susan Almonte, Vincent Sguassero,
Alessio Firreira, Steve Cawthorne

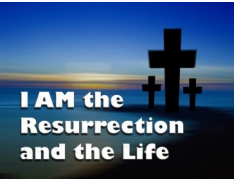
*Parishioners wishing prayer from our parish family are
asked to call Susan Peresso: 416-743-3830 X0*



Pray for the Dead

Annita Gianfagna-Di Cristofaro,
Margaret Farquharson

*Eternal rest, grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual
light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.*



St. Augustine's Lay Spiritual Formation Program

It is time to start thinking about Lenten Retreats.

Virtual Lenten Retreat
facilitated by Father Charles Anang
Saturday, March 13
9:30 am to 1:00 pm

Father Charles will reflect on the witness of the saints
and the abandonment to God's divine will.

Please share with family and friends.

Register Online: staugustines.on.ca/about/events

Testimonials from past retreat participants facilitated by Fr. Charles Anang:

"A great possibility to get away from the daily routines and focus on learning different aspects about our faith. Retreats are exercises to deepen the faith."

"Simple and easy-to-understand explanations and encouragement to look on the spiritual side."

"Easy to listen to, humorous, and informative."

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

As we continue to deal with the health emergency, parishioners who request a mass intention during this time of lockdown when the church is closed, are encouraged to participate in the mass of the day at home on TV: (Salt & Light, EWTN or Vision TV) or online: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCy8MWUNQLc9ELmb9kFtRA>

**TO REQUEST A MASS INTENTION
FOR THE REMAINDER OF THIS YEAR OR FOR 2021**
Contact Susan: speresso@stbenedicts.ca /416-743-3830 X0

Monday, February 22

Patients and Staff at Etobicoke General Hospital by Ivan Canjar

Tuesday, February 23

Mrs. Mak Tang & family by family

Wednesday, February 24

Giuseppe Rubino by Olga Rubino

Thursday, February 25

Victoria Mascardo by Mascardo family

Friday, February 26

Felicidad Oppus Fernandez by Fernandez, Gocotano & Clarke families

Saturday, February 27

Riccardo Sala by Sala family; Living Intention for Vito Mastromarco by family

Sunday, February 28

Alberto Rossi by Maria Rossi; Teresa Maria Rico by Amanda Rico & Imeneo family; Riccardo Sala by Sala family



ShareLife Impact Report

So many of our parishioners gave generously to the ShareLife Campaign in 2020, despite COVID-19 forcing the cancellation of masses for much of the year.

The difference you've made through your gift is detailed in ShareLife's 2020 Impact Report. From mental health services, to support for seniors, to assistance for young mothers: the report includes inspiring stories of real people you've helped during the pandemic. The 2020 edition adopts a new interactive format, providing a fresh, engaging way to learn about the work of ShareLife and Catholic Charities agencies.

To view the interactive report online, visit sharelife.org/impact
To request a printed copy, please email slife@archtoronto.org

Thank you for living the Gospel!

Dispensation from Sunday Mass

The dispensation announced by Cardinal Collins on June 10, 2020, regarding the obligation to attend Mass on Sunday and holydays of obligation by parishioners in the Archdiocese of Toronto during the time of the COVID-19 pandemic, is not a blanket dispensation, but one that applies when the faithful encounter certain life circumstances which physically or morally impede them from attending Mass.

**For the full text on Understanding The Dispensation from
the obligation to attend Mass on Sunday and Holy Days
During this time of Pandemic**

Chancellor of Spiritual Affairs, Archdiocese of Toronto go to:
https://48723d36-ab43-4ab1-a361-5cf0172a8714.filesusr.com/ugd/eb5354_46345b6dd3b54ab5bee63de560875f60.pdf

All Registered Parishioners Email address update

Please help us update your contact information, especially your email address by sending an email to the parish office office@stbenedicts.ca using your current email address and place in the subject line "Email address update." Be sure to include your name, address, and telephone number in the email body.

Sunday Offering	\$ 5,655
St. Benedict Debt to the Archdiocese:	\$ 118,000

Thank you for your ongoing generous support!