

## Sunday August 15, 2021 - Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Our parish weekly bulletin continues to be available digitally on our parish website: [www.stbenedicts.ca](http://www.stbenedicts.ca)

### WEEKLY BULLETIN

### Deacons' Corner

Check out the Deacons' Corner on our parish website: [www.stbenedicts.ca/deacons-corner](http://www.stbenedicts.ca/deacons-corner)



*Congratulations*  
to our youth who  
celebrated the sacrament  
of Confirmation  
last month.  
Let's keep our youth  
in prayer.

### Nigerian Igbo Catholic Community in the Archdiocese of Toronto

#### Virtual Benediction and Mass

Livestreamed from Transfiguration of our Lord Church  
Every 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the Month / 1:30pm / approx. 2 hours

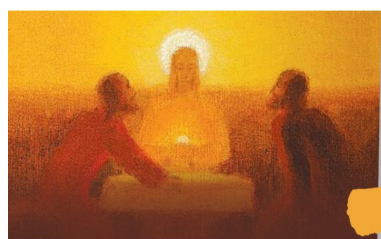
#### Virtual Rosary

Every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of each month

Interested participants are encouraged to contact the Chaplain so that your contact information may be added to the Chaplaincy Whatsapp platform.

To Contact the Chaplain:

[b.iwenetansitorontochaplain@gmail.com](mailto:b.iwenetansitorontochaplain@gmail.com)



4<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL PARISH MINISTRY CONFERENCE

### WITH BURNING HEARTS

OCTOBER 26-30, 2021

The 2021 Parish Ministry Conference is a virtual, interactive place where all in parish ministry can gather to pray, learn, and be refreshed in understanding how every parish ministry is catechetical, and how we might go forward in the pandemic and post-pandemic context. With two engaging keynote sessions and speakers in four practical sessions, we will explore ways to help parishioners become more vibrant Christians who know their faith and live it to the fullest. The conference will feature ongoing ministry formation, networking, and Lectio Divina with Cardinal Thomas Collins.

Save the dates and join our email list to receive updates!  
Registration now open

<https://www.archtoronto.org/conference>

### The Ongoing Journey to Healing and Reconciliation Archdiocesan Update



As Canadians reflect on how we can respond to the pain and suffering experienced by survivors of residential schools and their loved ones, the Archdiocese of Toronto is committed to being directly engaged in the ongoing journey of truth and reconciliation.

While the archdiocese did not operate residential schools, we have a responsibility to take genuine and meaningful steps to journey with Indigenous communities on the path to reconciliation, and to assist in healing the trauma experienced from the residential school system.

We are currently establishing working groups, each enriched by Indigenous voices, to help guide and support our efforts. To that end, the archdiocese has identified the following priorities:

**Education** – initiatives to educate our clergy, staff and the faithful regarding the tragic legacy of residential schools and its continuing impact on Indigenous people, and to develop a greater understanding and appreciation of Indigenous spirituality.

**Outreach and Spiritual support** – initiatives to support survivors of residential schools and those suffering intergenerational trauma. These may include healing circles, personal or group counselling, workshops, speakers, listening sessions, opportunities for prayer, reconciliation services, and other spiritual supports.

**Financial support** – the Archdiocese of Toronto is developing a financial campaign to support ongoing healing and reconciliation efforts. A diverse working group will assist in formulating the campaign framework and related details in the weeks ahead. In response to those who have expressed a desire to contribute immediately, the Healing & Reconciliation fund has been established.

Donations can be made by phone, 416-934-3411, online <https://bit.ly/healingreconciliation>, or through any Catholic church in the Archdiocese of Toronto.

We will continue to keep you updated  
as these initiatives develop.

For additional information and resources, visit:

[www.archtoronto.org/residentialschools](http://www.archtoronto.org/residentialschools)



Prize: \$1,300.00 Weber Smoke Fire Grill with hardwood pellets

Draw to take place:  
2194 Kipling Avenue, Etobicoke, ON, CAN  
Lottery Licence # M824630

Following the Etobicoke North Golf Classic  
Saturday September 11, 2021 at 8:00 p.m.

Price: \$10.00 per ticket - 500 tickets printed

Contact: [etobicokenorthgolf@gmail.com](mailto:etobicokenorthgolf@gmail.com)

Info: All proceeds go to St. Benedict's Parish

To purchase  
raffle tickets  
and for information  
regarding the  
Etobicoke North  
Golf Classic  
Tournament,

Contact:  
Adam  
416-428-9828 or  
Pat  
416-738-1269

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### Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

This feast day celebrates our belief that Mary, "when the course of her earthly life was finished, was taken up body and soul into heavenly glory." (Catechism, #966)

In 2005, Pope Benedict said, "Mary was taken up body and soul into heaven...Heaven is no longer a remote sphere unknown to us. We have a mother in Heaven. Heaven is open, Heaven has a heart." We are invited to ponder that Mary, who was human like us, has entered into eternal life. Likewise, our hope is in the resurrection of our own bodies at the end of time.

### Update on CNEWA's Work in Lebanon

Excerpt from an Archdiocese of Toronto post on August 4, 2021:  
<https://www.archtoronto.org/en/outreach/news/archdiocesan/update-on-cnewas-work-in-lebanon/>

On August 4, 2020, a terrible explosion rocked Beirut, Lebanon. In the blink of an eye, more than 200 people were dead and thousands were injured. The Archdiocese of Toronto quickly established a relief fund to support the victims, which our parishioners generously supported. We directed these donations to the Catholic Near East Welfare Association (CNEWA), a papal agency with an extensive history in the area.

On the first anniversary of this tragedy, Carl Hetu, National Director of CNEWA, updates us on the situation in Lebanon. On the morning of August 4, 2020, Mrs. Hashem, a 75-year-old widow living in a modest apartment in downtown Beirut, made the decision to take her daughter to visit her son in a nearby village.

A few hours later, the blast from the Port of Beirut severely damaged her apartment, making it unliveable. Had she stayed home, she and her daughter would most likely have been killed, along with 200 other people who died on that day. Instead, she became one of 300,000 people that found themselves homeless.

The World Bank Lebanon Economic Monitor report, released June 1, stated that the current crisis in Lebanon is the third worst the entire world has witnessed since the mid-nineteenth century. Some worry the August 4<sup>th</sup> blast was the unbearable, final blow. The country is, on many accounts, in total shambles. Everything seems to be lacking – food, electricity, water, medicine and petroleum. Some 480,000 jobs have been lost.

The number of people living in poverty has jumped from 20 per cent to 55 per cent. The blast has contributed to an increase in domestic violence and psychological trauma and has fueled people's anger.

While the NGO community in and around Beirut continues its tireless work, funds have not kept up with the increasing needs of the people. This is why, one year after the blast most of us in international aid with a presence in the Middle East find ourselves launching new rounds of appeals for donations and prayers.

That is why, on July 1, Pope Francis held a special day of prayer at The Vatican where Church leaders prayed for peace and healing in Lebanon. His words could not have been clearer:

"...we want to affirm with all our strength that Lebanon is, and must remain, a project of peace". He continued saying Lebanon's vocation was to be "a land of tolerance and pluralism, an oasis of fraternity where different religions and confessions meet, where different communities live together, putting the common good before their individual interests".

**CNEWA continues to accept donations for its Lebanon relief efforts.**

**You can learn more about how you can help by visiting their website [cnewa.org](http://cnewa.org).**

### MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Parishioners wishing to participate in mass from home are encouraged to view the mass of the day at home on TV: (Salt & Light, EWTN or Vision TV) or online: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCY8MWUNQLCqEILmb9kFtRA>

### TO REQUEST A MASS INTENTION FOR THE REMAINDER OF THIS YEAR

Contact Susan: [speresso@stbenedicts.ca](mailto:speresso@stbenedicts.ca) /416-743-3830 X0

#### Monday, August 16

8:00am Maryann D'Souza by D'Souza family

#### Tuesday, August 17

8:00am John Gallego by Mom

7:30pm Tony Ducksbury by Clara

#### Wednesday, August 18

8:00am Ross Daily by Tommy Dorsey

#### Thursday, August 19

8:00am Living Intention for Patients & Staff at Etobicoke General Hospital by Ivan Canjar

#### Friday, August 20

8:00am Edward Shmakov by Mira

#### Saturday August 21

8:00am Alex Jamieson by Janet Huitema

5:00pm Orlandino Penafiel by Clarissa Craig

#### Sunday, August 22

8:00am Trieste Marcelli & Mafalda Giovanni by Marcelli family

9:30am Fortunato & Assunta Matassa by Benito & Pasqualina Soscia (Church)

9:30am Pino Ferlisi by Deacon Diego (Hall)

11:00am Stefano Cancelli by Tammie Cancelli

### ANNUAL MASS FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 18, 2021 - 7:00 PM



St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica  
 Celebrant: His Eminence Thomas Cardinal Collins  
 Livestreamed: [stmichaelscathedral.com/live](http://stmichaelscathedral.com/live)

Due to the protocols surrounding COVID-19, this year's Annual Mass for the Faithful Departed has unfortunately been cancelled at our seven Catholic cemeteries. His Eminence Thomas Cardinal Collins, Archbishop of Toronto, will celebrate and livestream a special Mass in honour of our faithful departed.

### Pray for the Dead

Giovanni Broglio & Sinnavar Thiruchelvam

Eternal rest, grant unto them, O LORD and let perpetual light shine upon them.



### Pray for the Sick

Lois McDowell, David Sartor, Lidia Scaccia, Dan McKinnon, Cathy Hartmann, Tom McGlynn, Cathy Proietti, Susan Almonte, Vincent Squassero, Alessio Firreira & Steve Cawthorne



Our faith community welcomes

**Christian Joshua Carrera**

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



Sunday Offering: \$ 5,513

St. Benedict Debt to the Archdiocese \$ 90,000

Thank you for your ongoing generous support!