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WEEKLY BULLETIN



Deacons' Corner

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The Synod on Synodality: Share Your Thoughts

Pope Francis has launched the Synod on Synodality, an ambitious two-year global process of listening to the faithful.

"Synod" comes from an ancient Greek word meaning "walking together on the road."

There have been many synods in the history of the Church, but these have traditionally been opportunities for bishops to come together to determine the path forward for the Church.

With the Synod on Synodality, Pope Francis is asking every Catholic to help discern what the Holy Spirit is telling us at this moment as the Church enters its third millennium.

The first phase of the Synod on Synodality will last through the first half of 2022 and will see the world's faithful sharing their thoughts at a diocesan level. All those diocesan-level responses will be collected and summarized. Then the bishops of Canada will meet to discuss what they heard in their respective dioceses, followed by larger multinational meetings and, ultimately, culminating in a synod of bishops in the Vatican in 2023.

Click on this link for answers to some frequently asked questions about the Synod on Synodality:

<https://www.archtoronto.org/globalassets/media/images/infographics/synod-on-synodality/synod-synodality-poster.pdf>

Synod on Synodality Explainer Video (4:31)

<https://bit.ly/SynodalityVideo>

Learn more about the Synod on Synodality and **SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS**

in a survey which gives you the opportunity to have your say!

It only takes a few minutes. You don't have to leave your name. And we would love to know what you think; good or bad!



Who participates in the Synod?

Everyone is invited to participate in the Synod. The Bishops need to hear from people in all situations so that they can hear the voices of the entire People of God. This means we need to spread the word about our local survey, especially to those who may not hear about it in church or on a parish website.

I don't go to church regularly.

Should I still participate in the Synod?

Yes! Every voice needs to be heard. Please respond to the survey and tell us about your experiences.



Christmas Mass Schedule

Parishioners are required to **RESERVE A SEAT IN CHURCH**

for the masses celebrating Mary, Mother of God on December 31 and January 1.

Reserved seating is not required on Sunday December 26.

TO RESERVE A SEAT, CHOOSE FROM THESE TWO OPTIONS

1. **EVENTBRITE:** Look for the Eventbrite link on the parish website: www.stbenedicts.ca.
2. **Phone:** Call Susan at the parish office: 416-743-3830 X0. With both Eventbrite and Phone calls, be prepared to give the names of everyone in your household that is coming to the particular liturgies as names will be verified at the church entrance when you arrive.

For parishioners with a Reservation

- Doors open 30 minutes prior to the start of mass time.
- A reservation secures a place in church: it does not mean that a specific seat is assigned. Upon arrival, parishioners will be seated on a first-come-first-served basis.

Friday December 31

Mary, Mother of God Eve

5:00 pm

8:00 pm

Saturday January 1

Mary, Mother of God Day

8:00 am

9:30 am Italian (Church)

9:30 am English (Hall)

11:00 am

12:45 pm

Sunday January 2

Epiphany

Regular Sunday Schedule:

Reservations not required





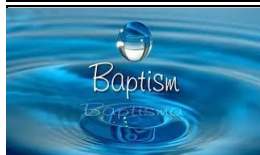
Joe, John, Enzo, Frank, Iguintz, Sean & Jim

Wishing you, our beloved faithful
at St. Benedict's Parish,
the blessings of this holy season
and our best wishes for the coming new year!

Thank You!

As of 15 December, the Daughters of Mary at St. Benedict's has been dissolved. I would like to thank all those who supported us, including the clergy, staff and parishioners at St. Benedict's.

I would like to highlight the work that Rose Gill, and later Anna Petrecca did to keep our financial accounts in order. And lastly, I would like to thank all our members who donated so much of their time over the years to make our group successful. But times have changed and we can no longer sustain a membership to carry out our work. May God bless you all, and Merry Christmas.
Jan Glover, President



Our faith community welcomes
Christian Patrick Dinshaw
Danielle Jordyn Rascios

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

Sunday Offering (Sunday envelopes only): \$5,720

St. Benedict Debt to the Archdiocese: \$109,000

Thank you for your ongoing & generous support!



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 /416-743-3830 XO

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, December 27

8:00am Giuseppe Rubino by Olga Rubino

Tuesday, December 28

8:00am Caterina Vendittelli by Stefano

7:30pm Fr. Ryszard Cyman by Marcelli family

Wednesday, December 29

8:00am Zuzanna Naumowicz by Denes & family

Thursday, December 30

8:00am Adelia Avoledo by Aldo & Marisa D'Andrea

Friday, December 31

8:00am Alwyn Cruz by B. & P. Villahermosa

5:00pm Jeff Philip F. Gocotano by Fernandez, Gocotano & Clarke families

11:00pm Eucharistic Adoration in Church

Saturday, January 1

8:00am Mario Pesa by Sofia Pesa

9:30am Enzo Borghese by Silvana Ferrante & family

9:30am For the People

11:00am Ollie Holowaty by family

12:45pm Mathew D'Souza by Leslie Patrick

Sunday, January 2

8:00am For the People

9:30am Vincenzo Simone by Maria Simone & family

9:30am Josephine & Paul Mizzi by Georgina & family

11:00am Anna Michelle Balagot by Arsenia Lagasca Reyes

12:45pm Eric George Pardy by Pardy family



Dear Parishioners,

As we enter a troubling new stage of the pandemic, we may feel tempted to despair. We can't afford to succumb to apathy or fatigue, when so many are counting on us to support them in their time of need.

Your past support is making a difference! **Your generosity to ShareLife** has helped thousands of those in need survive the various deadly crises of this pandemic, such as mental illness, homelessness, addiction, and isolation.

If you haven't yet given to ShareLife this year, you still have an opportunity to **multiply hope in your community**. From now through December 31, a special donor has committed to **matching your gift to ShareLife up to \$250,000**.

What does this look like, in practical terms?

- Your gift of **\$25 will double to \$50**, which will allow Our Place Community of Hope to provide a meal to 15 hungry people living with mental illness.
- Your gift of **\$50 will double to \$100**, supporting a young person in Covenant House's Youth in Transition program during the Advent season.
- Your gift of **\$100 will double to \$200**, allowing four young moms to receive emergency hampers of diapers, wipes, clothing, formula and food.
- Your gift of **\$500 will double to \$1,000**, enabling three seniors to receive a full year of exercise and grocery shopping support.

As you consider your blessings, **please make an act of hope today** by supporting those in need. We can get through this new stage of the pandemic, if we do it together.

May God bless you and your loved ones during this Christmas season.

Arthur Peters, Executive Director, ShareLife