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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 Gift Catalogue

In spite of the ongoing pandemic restrictions, **our St. Benedict Catalogue is available.**

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

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

Click the link below

for the perfect gift from our St. Benedict Gift Catalogue

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Parish Ministry with Parishioners with Disabilities

March 20, 2021
10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Register by March 19, 2021
<http://bit.ly/SNC-RegisterMar2021>

Conference Overview

This conference is a new initiative of the Office of Formation for Discipleship. It is designed to assist parishes with hospitality and catechesis for parishioners with special needs.

It is open to clergy, lay parish staff, volunteer catechists, and those designated to greet or accompany parishioners with disabilities and their families in the name of the parish.

Attendees will receive a **SPECIAL DISCOUNT** on all Novalis products, as well as, a chance to participate in a **RAFFLE DRAW**.

Schedule

10:00-10:50 a.m.	Catechesis with Children with Special Needs: The Process of Inclusion
11:00-11:50 a.m.	Experiencing Christ's Presence: Catechesis with those with Severe or Multiple Disabilities
12:30 - 1:20 p.m.	Through a Parent's Eyes: What the Parish Can Do to Reach Out to Families of Children with Disabilities
1:30 - 2:20 p.m.	Forming the Parish Community to Welcome Parishioners with Disabilities
2:30 - 3:00 p.m.	Where Do We Go From Here?



The Sacrament of Reconciliation

Priests are available for confession throughout these weeks of Lent 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 appears next to his name.

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

Regular Mass Schedule Resumes starting on Monday March 15

On March 12, pastors received communication from the Cardinal's office saying that the provincial government announced changes to the restrictions on places of worship currently in the Grey (Lockdown) Zone. As of Monday, March 15, churches in the Toronto and Peel Regions will be permitted 15 per cent capacity for religious services. The percentage includes anyone assisting with the service (priest, volunteers, etc.).

How does this apply to our Parish?

As our parish adjusts to these updated restrictions, kindly note the following:

Daily Mass Resumes on Monday March 15

Our daily 8:00 am mass takes place Monday through Saturday

Sunday Mass Resumes on the weekend of Sunday March 21

Communion Services will take place this weekend. Effective on the weekend of March 21, the Communion Services will be replaced with the regular Mass schedule: Saturdays 5:00 pm, Sundays: 8 am, 9:30 am (Italian in Church), 9:30 am (English in Hall), 11:00 am, 12:45 pm.

A week ago, we launched the "A Place to Worship" campaign, inviting the faithful to contact their Member of Provincial Parliament to ask for a fair and balanced approach to restrictions for places of worship. More than 13,000 letters were written, with 80 per cent sent within 48 hours of the request. Cardinal Thomas Collins is grateful to all those who participated in the campaign.



Dear Friends and Parishioners

In your kindness, please keep our neighbours in need in your prayers. Any money donations you can give would be greatly appreciated.

Thank You! Society of Saint Vincent de Paul

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Saturday March 20: 10 am—3:30 pm

Registration is free and required by clicking this link:

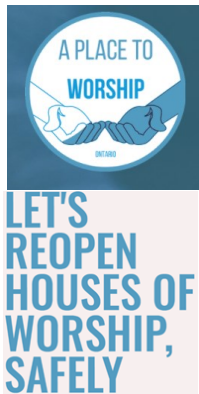
<http://bit.ly/SNC-RegisterMar2021>

**Places of Worship Deserve Fair and Equitable Treatment
A Common Sense Approach to Covid-19 Restrictions**

Throughout the pandemic, places of worship have followed provincial restrictions and their own strict health and safety protocols.

The most recent announcement eases the rules for retailers, allowing 25% capacity while places of worship are restricted to 10 people, whether they can accommodate 100 or 1,000 people.

**Please visit aplacetoworship.ca
today, to ask your MPP and Premier Ford
to address this inequity.
Create your own message
or use one that is available for you.**



**Message from Mayor John Tory to all Faith Communities
Excerpt from Mayor's letter
to all Faith Leaders, March 5, 2021**

March 21 marks one year since the first death in Toronto from COVID-19. Since then, more than 2,600 people have lost their lives in the city as a result of COVID-19. We also join in mourning the many across Canada and throughout the world who have lost their lives from COVID-19.

To commemorate this solemn anniversary, the City is planning several ways to remember those that we have not been able to mourn and to honour their memory.

Due to the current public health guidelines, our commemorations will be small and streamed online. However, we want this moment to be recognized and commemorated across our city in other ways.

I wish to invite all Torontonians to participate in their own way by using the power of light. Residents can turn on a porch light, a balcony light, or place a light in a window on the evening of March 21 in remembrance of those whose lives have been lost as a result of the virus. I encourage you to spread this message to all the members of your congregation.

As we mark the one-year anniversary of the start of this pandemic, and recognize the lives lost and all the work that has been done by our frontline healthcare workers, my hope is that Toronto will be lit up on March 21 to show support and solidarity to the family and friends of those whose lives have been lost.



**FEAST OF ST. JOSEPH
March 19th
Joseph Strength and
Tenderness of the Father**

God our Father, You entrusted Joseph with the
mission of being the foster father of Jesus,
your Beloved Son.

Faithful to this call, he remained
strong in trials, full of tenderness and
attentiveness, by taking care of the Child of the
Promise and his mother Mary.

You call us to be like Saint Joseph, strong and courageous in
difficult times, attentive to the needs of the
people around us, and tender to those who suffer.

Following the example of his friend, Saint Brother Andre
help us listen to others. Inspire us with words of hope,
which through your Father's heart reveal full love and mercy.

Keep us strong in faith, faithful in our commitments,
confident in the face of the unknown, and joyful in welcoming life.

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, March 15

Living Intention for Damar Giscombe by Mom

Tuesday, March 16

Living Intention for Patients & Staff at Etobicoke General Hospital
by Ivan Canjar; Benjamin Holowaty by Family

Wednesday, March 17

Leo McKenna by Cathy McKenna

Thursday, March 18

Lina Petrilli by Meaghan & Mary Lynne Gallagher

Friday, March 19

Joseph Aquilina by Joseph & Josephine Muscat;
Albert Griffith by Desiree Griffith

Saturday, March 20

Giuseppe Marin by Graziana & family;
Mr. & Mrs. Wilfrid Marineau by Gertrude Marineau

Sunday, March 21

Marino Moras by Moras family; Assunta Mastromarco by Vito & family;
Teodor Stefanic by Rita; Luigi Isopo by Clara



Our faith community welcomes

Erica Lillianna Paglia

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

Pray for the Sick

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

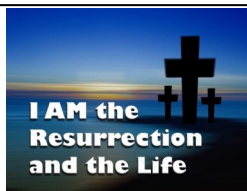
*Parishioners wishing prayer from our parish family are
asked to call Susan Peresso: 416-743-3830 X0*



Pray for the Dead

Luciano Antelmi

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



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



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