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WEEKLY BULLETIN

Celebrate

The Feast of St. John Bosco

at all the weekend masses on
**Saturday January 27 &
Sunday January 28**

and on the actual feast day
Wednesday January 31
Mass 8:00 am

Eucharistic Adoration
2:00 pm—3:00 pm in church



The Eucharist: the Centre of John Bosco's Life

The Holy Eucharist is the centre of Catholic worship, and so it was the centre of Saint John Bosco's devotion. As a youth and later as a seminarian, John Bosco was happy to assist at Holy Mass and when possible to serve at it too. Very often, he received Our Lord Jesus Christ in "Holy Communion" and visited him in the Blessed Sacrament. Don Bosco had deep devotion to the "Real Presence" of Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist. His spiritual life was guided by this "Real Presence".

John Bosco's Devotion to Eucharist: A Pillar of Salesian Spirituality

A significant pillar of Don Bosco's spirituality is devotion to Jesus in the Eucharist, which he saw as the heart of every Salesian community. He often reminded young people: *"If you want many graces, pay many visits to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament; if you want few graces, pay him few".*

Don Bosco was formed through and through by the Eucharist. He was so passionate about the Eucharist that he communicated his passion to the young he carefully prepared for communion with the Lord through the sacrament of Reconciliation. For Don Bosco, Confession and the Eucharist were the two sacraments that inculcated in young people the Christian virtues and holiness. On this topic he wrote in 1877: *"Frequent Confession, frequent Communion and daily Mass are the pillars that must support an educational building that we desire to protect from threats and scourges. Never force youngsters to receive the holy sacraments, but only encourage them and make it easy for them to do so"*

(John Bosco, Il sistema preventivo nella educazione della gioventù [1877], n. 4).

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Marriage Sunday

February 10 & 11



As part of Marriage Sunday 2024 celebrations, Archbishop Francis Leo will preside at a special Mass to honour married couples, with special recognition for those celebrating 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th and 60+ wedding anniversaries in 2024. All married couples will have an opportunity to renew their marriage commitment.

All are welcome to attend. Couples celebrating a 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or 60+ anniversary in 2024 may register for reserved seating. Reserved seating is limited, so please register early. All other seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. Those who are unable to attend the Cathedral are invited to join the celebration via livestream Mass <https://www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live/>. The broadcast will begin at 2:45 p.m.

MASS WITH ARCHBISHOP FRANCIS LEO
Sunday February 11, 2024 / 3:00 pm
St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica
65 Bond St., Toronto

REGISTRATION IS OPEN

To Register for Celebration of Marriage Mass:

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/celebration-of-marriage-mass-with-archbishop-francis-leo-tickets-754091396667?aff=oddtcreator>



Magnificat

A Ministry to Catholic Women



Come, Holy Spirit! Come!

Life in the Spirit Webinar

FREE: Six Sessions / 8:00 pm

Thursdays: February 15, 22, 29, Mar 7, 14, 21

Invite a friend or relative or even your faith sharing group!

The webinar link will be sent to your inbox within 48 hours.

Registration Required:

[Life in the Spirit Webinar: Magnificat-Ministry.org](https://www.magnificat-ministry.org/life-in-the-spirit-webinar)

What is a Life in the Spirit Seminar?

At Pentecost, the Holy Spirit filled the apostles with faith and zeal empowering them to proclaim the Good News with a fresh boldness and fearless confidence that convinced those of their day that Jesus Christ is who he said he is: Lord!

This same Holy Spirit equips and empowers us to spread this Good News about Jesus by the witness of our lives as we bring Jesus to others in these current times just as Mary brought Jesus to Elizabeth in the Visitation story.

The Life in the Spirit Seminar is a proven tool of the Holy Spirit that transforms and empowers us to do this. It stirs into flame the gifts we received in the Sacrament of Baptism by setting our hearts and minds on fire with love and appreciation of our awesome God.

Sunday January 21, 2024 - 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

**WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY
PRAYER SERVICE 2024**

**Sunday, January 21, 2024
4:00 pm - 6:00 pm**

**St. Mark Coptic Orthodox Cathedral
455 Ferrier St**

Join Archbishop Francis Leo and a wide representation of Christian leaders to pray for the restoration of full visible unity willed by Jesus Christ for the Church. In this annual celebration we are reminded that the unity of the Church is both a gift of the Holy Spirit and a task for all Christians.

This event is jointly organized by the Office for Promoting Christian Unity and the Greater Toronto Area Council of Christian Churches (GTACCC).

All are welcome to attend.

Livestream available at: <https://bit.ly/WPCU2024live>

**Event Sponsored by The Office for Promoting Christian Unity
and Religious Relations with Judaism**

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

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

Monday, January 22

8:00am Living Intention for Margaret Pupulin & family by ADMA

Tuesday, January 23

8:00am Thomas McGlynn by Nellie McGlynn
7:30pm Confirmation Commitment Ceremony Mass

Wednesday, January 24

8:00am Donato & Maria Aquino by Quaglietta family

Thursday, January 25

8:00am Living Intention for Maria Losiggio & family by ADMA

Friday, January 26

8:00am Donata Rocca by Betty (daughter)

Saturday, January 27

8:00am Holy Souls in Purgatory by Timson family
5:00pm Pastor's Intention

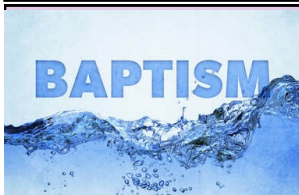
Sunday, January 28

8:00am Thomas McGlynn by Nellie McGlynn
9:30am Umberto Almonte by Italian Choir (Ital/Ch)
9:30am For the People (Eng/Hall)
11:00am Ottavio Domodossola by Wife
12:45pm Ann Lis by Lina, Rina & Louise



Pray for the Dead

Valerio Sassi



Our faith community welcomes

**Audrey Thea Spears,
Emmanuel Charles Vijayakumar,
Jackson Charles McClure
Skylar Yu-Ri Shin**

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

DAY OF REFLECTION FOR MEN & WOMEN

"Peace I leave you, my peace I give you"

Monday, January 29th

9:00 am - 3:30 pm

**Manresa Jesuit Spiritual Renewal Centre
Pickering**

At Mass, just before communion, we have a Rite of Peace. This is no accident. Today we have a time for reflection on the importance of this rite. We offer a sign of peace to one another, we pray for peace in our world and in our lives, but we also open ourselves in a new way to receive this gift from Christ.

Facilitated by Fr. Jim Kelly, SJ. Suggested offering of \$65. Includes coffee/tea break on arrival, talks, lunch and Mass.

REGISTER: Online at <https://manresa-canada.ca> or by email at registration@manresa.ca

Last Week's Collection

Sunday Offering (envs & loose only): **\$4,660**

New Year's Offering (envs only): **\$ 490**

Thank you for your ongoing generous support!



**March 23, 2024
Toronto**

LIVE IN-PERSON EVENT!

9:00am-4pm at the Old Mill

(includes light lunch)

Opening Mass

celebrated by His Eminence Cardinal Collins

Speakers: **Kathleen Beckman:**
 A Family Guide to Spiritual Warfare

Carissa Douglas:
 Becoming a Co-creator with God

Anna Boyagoda:
 Creating a Space for Prayer

Special Guest **Tammy Peterson**
Speakers: **(wife of Dr. Jordan Peterson)**

Dorothy Pilarski:
 Starting a Catholic Moms Group

TO REGISTER VISIT: www.dynamicwomenfaith.com