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www.stbenedicts.ca

WEEKLY BULLETIN

Marriage Sunday

February 11 & 12

Marriage Sunday highlights the importance of the sacrament of matrimony, affirms couples who strengthen our faith community through their witness, and complements World Marriage Sunday celebrations that take place across North America. It also honours those who nurture marriage ministries. First celebrated in the Archdiocese of Toronto in 2011, His Eminence Thomas Cardinal Collins designated the weekend prior to the Family Day long weekend in Ontario as "Marriage Sunday". This year, Marriage Sunday weekend will be celebrated on February 11/12.



A Celebration of Marriage

As part of Marriage Sunday 2023 celebrations, Bishop Vincent Nguyen will preside at a special Mass to honour married couples, especially those celebrating milestone wedding anniversaries (25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or 60+) in 2023. All married couples will have an opportunity to renew their vows and milestone anniversary celebrants will be honoured with a special blessing.

The Mass is open to all, but due to space restrictions those wishing to attend are asked to register online. Milestone anniversary celebrants will be assured of reserved seating. 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 here: <https://www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live/>. The broadcast will begin at 2:15 p.m.

MASS WITH BISHOP VINCENT NGUYEN

Sunday February 12, 2023 / 2:30 pm

St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica

65 Bond St., Toronto

Registration is open.

We look forward to meeting and serving all the married couples who have registered for this event.

For more information and registration, visit:

www.archtoronto.org/marriage

"Marriage is a precious sign, for when a man and a woman celebrate the sacrament of marriage, God is, as it were, 'mirrored' in them; he impresses in them his own features and the indelible character of his love. Marriage is the icon of God's love for us."

Pope Francis, Amoris Laetitia

Christmas Season Mass & Eucharistic Adoration Schedule

Sunday January 8

Epiphany

8:00 am,

9:30 am Italian in church,

9:30 am English in hall,

11:00 am, 12:45 pm

Adoration Chapel:

opens 2:00 pm

Monday January 9

Baptism of the Lord:

8:00 am

Parish Office Closed

Monday January 2

In observance of New Year's Day

Gifts of Securities

Securities (stocks, mutual funds, bonds)

Donating shares or mutual funds is currently the smartest way to give in Canada. When you donate shares to a registered charity, there is no capital gains tax applied to any benefit received from the sale of these securities.

To donate listed securities, you can obtain our form, the Letter of Direction from your parish office or download a copy from the archdiocesan website: <https://www.archtoronto.org/en/offices-and-ministries/social-justice--outreach/development-and-sharelife/home/gifts-of-securities/>

The Archdiocese does not charge fees or commissions of any kind. There is only a \$150 brokerage fee charged by our broker. You are strongly encouraged to seek professional advice from a private financial professional before deciding upon any charitable gift using personal assets.

For inquiries, contact: Rhonda Sogren

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Zoom Rosary Blanket of Prayer

Wednesday January 11th / 2 PM

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3355996295?pwd=VGZOR3lSeiZuUERLa0VBSDZOUTIPZz09>

Meeting ID: 335 599 6295 / Passcode: MotherMary



Mary, Mother of God

This solemnity is a celebration of **Mary's motherhood of Jesus.**

It is a reminder of the role she played in the salvation of humankind.

The title "Mother of God"

is a western derivation from the Greek Theotokos, which means "God-bearer".

Pre-Authorized Giving

The Archdiocese of Toronto has established a Pre-Authorized Giving plan (PAG) to help you support the parish's work through your regular offertory gift. To accomplish the mission entrusted to us by Christ, parishes depend entirely on the generosity of their parishioners. Pre-Authorized Giving allows you to donate to your parish through scheduled monthly transfers from your bank account.

Advantages for You:

- The convenience of having your offering automatically contributed to the parish.
- Knowing you continue to support the parish even when you are away.
- Continual support of ministries and programs funded through the parish.

Advantages for the Parish:

- Regular, dependable contributions to the parish.
- Reduction of cash on hand.
- Reduction of paperwork.

For information on how to enrol, contact Annette in the parish office at 416-743-3830 x0.

Pray for the Sick

Fr. Joseph Ho, SDB, Lois McDowell, Lidia Scaccia,
Dan McKinnon, Tom McGylnn, Cathy Proietti,
Vincent Sguassero, Alessio Firreira,
Steve Cawthorne, Assunta Di Felice,
Fr. Patrick Kilgariff & Doris Roy

Parishioners wishing prayer from our parish



Users of Pink Visitors' Donation Envelopes

Please **write your name, address (including postal code) and phone number** on the envelopes you place in the collection basket. This will **allow us to register you properly as the user of a particular numbered box of envelopes**.

All Envelope Users

Please do not use envelopes with 2022 dates in 2023.



2023 SUNDAY ENVELOPES NOW AVAILABLE SORTED IN NUMERICAL ORDER

Please pick up your boxed set as soon as possible in the Church entrance. The use of these envelopes is an excellent way of supporting your parish on a regular basis and also ensures that a receipt for tax purposes is available at the end of the year.

Do NOT use these new envelopes until the New Year.

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

To request a mass intention, contact Susan:
speresso@archtoronto.org /416-743-3830 X0

Monday, January 2

8:00am Joe Ryan by Jake & Teresa

Tuesday, January 3

8:00am Alex Jamieson by Betty & family
7:30pm Elsie Proski by Daughter & family

Wednesday, January 4

8:00am Riccardo Sala by Sala family

Thursday January 5

8:00am Maria Fung by Clara

Friday, January 6

8:00am Maria Hubert by Bzoma family
7:30pm In Thanksgiving by John & Loretta

Saturday, January 7

8:00am Deceased members of the Sala family by Sala family
5:00pm Deceased members of the Hasbun family by Josephine Hasbun

Sunday, January 8

8:00am Marino Moras by Moras family
9:30am Bortolo Bertollo by Jake & Teresa (Ital/Ch)
9:30am For the People (Eng/Hall)
11:00am Lourdes B. Bernal by Arsenia L. Reyes
12:45pm Living Intention for John Berning by Paula Wilson



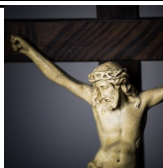
Pray for the Dead

James Hilferty & Alfonso Di Marco

Bequests in a Will

A bequest in your Will to our Church is an acknowledgment of your returning to God a portion of the gifts He has bestowed on you during your lifetime.

Bequests are NOT just for the "wealthy". Bequests are the one charitable gift that allows you to use charity tax credits against 100% of your income. Not only can you claim 100% but you can also claim the taxes from the previous year as well. You can support your parish with little effect on your loved ones' inheritance. **Please remember your parish in your Will.**



Salvation – New Life in Christ

Thursday, January 19, 2023 - 7:00 PM -

Thursday, March 23, 2023 - 9:00 AM

St. Gertrude's Parish Hall,
690 King St. E., Oshawa

Also via ZOOM

In the Nicene Creed, Catholics confess that Jesus came down from heaven "for us men and for our salvation." But what does "salvation" mean? In this remarkable 10-part video study program, Scripture scholar and theologian Michael Patrick Barber provides a thorough, deeply Catholic, and deeply biblical, answer. Based on the best-selling book "Salvation: What Every Catholic Should Know," this video study program is inspiring, engaging, and accessible to anyone.

COST: \$45 for the Study Guide and Dr. Barber's book.

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Sunday Offering (envelopes & loose only): **\$ 9,588**

Christmas Offering (envelopes & loose only): **\$11,822**

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