

Thank You!
...and Blessings as you Move



Photo L to R: Fr. Sean McEwen, Pastor, Jean Carberry, Annette Bancheri, Office Administrator, Diana Rubino, Parish Finance

Heartfelt thanks to Jean Carberry, a long-time parishioner, who will be leaving our parish community in January. Throughout her many years at our parish, Jean defined stewardship by her actions.

Early in her time here at St. Benedict, Jean, already baptized in another Christian church, embarked on a faith journey in the RCIA process and was received in the Catholic church in 1996. Since then, Jean has generously shared her gifts and talents in our parish in numerous and creative ways.

As a lawyer and a woman of faith, Jean was a founding team member of our Mary, Cause of our Joy, Magnificat Toronto Chapter. Her specialized service was invaluable as she tended to many details related to incorporating and establishing Magnificat as a charity and ministry in our province and archdiocese.

For several years, Jean offered her professional legal services at no cost in a weekly legal clinic at our parish. Countless parishioners benefited from Jean's competent and helpful guidance.

More recently, Jean served as a member of our parish Finance Council offering great insights with clarity and calm, typical of Jean's style. After retiring from her law practice, Jean graciously accepted a volunteer position that supports the work of our office administrator.

With grateful hearts, we say THANKS to Jean for her witness to generous service, often unseen and hidden, for her clear and constant guidance, her thoughtful and wise insights.

We wish Jean well in her new home in downtown Toronto where she will live very close to her son and her daughter's family.

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. Numbers 24-25

Christmas Message from Archbishop Francis Leo

For full video or text,
click this link:

<https://www.archtoronto.org/en/outreach/news/archdiocesan/christmas-message-from-archbishop-francis-leo/>



Christmas Season Schedule *Parish Office Closure, Masses &* *Eucharistic Adoration*

Sunday December 31

Feast of the Holy Family Masses

8:00 am, 9:30 am Italian in church,
9:30 am English in hall, 11:00 am, 12:45 pm

Mary, Mother of God Eve

Mass: 5:00 pm

Eucharistic Adoration: 9:00 pm - 11:00 pm

Monday January 1

Mary, Mother of God Masses

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

Parish Office: Closed

Sunday January 7

Epiphany Masses:

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 8

Baptism of the Lord Mass: 8:00 am

Parish Office: Open Regular Hours



The Visitation

Friday January 12
7pm in Church

Join us for a prayerful evening
of adoration with praise & worship
led by youth. Priests available for
sacrament of reconciliation.

Following adoration,
we gather in the parish hall
for Mamma's House: a time for
fellowship, fun, and
light refreshments.



Our parish weekly bulletin
continues to be available
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WEEKLY BULLETIN

Sunday December 31, 2023 – The Holy Family



**LIVING WITH CHRIST
SUNDAY MISSALS
ON SALE IN THE PARISH OFFICE**
limited quantity left / \$5.50 ea

Pray for the Dead
Gayle Hozack, Kathleen Kerins

THE SOURCE
Come, receive the Lord's mercy and healing.
7 pm Holy Hour / Confessions Available
January 25, February 22, March 21,
April 25, May 16, June 20, July 25
St. Peter's Church / 840 Bathurst St.
(across from Bathurst subway)

Indigenous Reconciliation Fund Update

On December 12, 2023 the Archdiocese of Toronto announced the first phase of funding as part of our \$6 million commitment to the Indigenous Reconciliation Fund (IRF). Through the tremendous generosity of parishioners throughout the archdiocese, including our own parish, more than \$2.7 million has been directed through the IRF to organizations and projects committed to promoting healing and reconciliation for communities and families.

Recipients include Aboriginal Legal Services located in Toronto, Ontario, that will receive \$538,000 to help fund their Indigenous family dispute resolution program called *Giwwedin Anang*.

Thank you for your continued prayers and ongoing support as we journey together on the path of healing and reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples of This Land. To learn more, visit www.archtoronto.org/healingandreconciliation



**Indigenous
Reconciliation
Fund**

The Indigenous Reconciliation Fund was established to accept donations from 73 Catholic Dioceses across the country, and to advance healing and reconciliation initiatives, fulfilling the \$30 million financial commitment made by Canada's Bishops in September 2021.

The fund seeks to support projects that are determined locally, in collaboration with First Nations, Métis and Inuit partners.

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

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

Monday, January 1

8:00am Giuliano Coletta by Tina & Giuseppe Simone
9:30am Carmelo & Filomena by Diego & Diane Maratta (Ital/Ch)
9:30am Living Intention Maria & Mike by Bozek family (Eng/Hall)
11:00am Peter Antony Luppino by Carmen D'Souza
12:45pm Aldo Ferracci by Ferracci family

Tuesday, January 2

8:00am Alex Jamieson by Betty & family
7:30pm Living Intention for Nicki & Teresa by Cathy
Peter Vincent Silva by Derrick Silva
Living Intention for Ebisan Oteri by Farah-Martine Dai
Aldo Ferracci by Wife & Children
Joe Trapasso by Cousins
Stephen Taylor by Cousins
Ed Caruso by Friends

Wednesday, January 3

8:00am Joseph Ryan by Nellie McGlynn

Thursday, January 4

8:00am Maria Fung by Clara

Friday, January 5

8:00am Maria Hubert by Bzoma family
7:30pm Ethige Edwin Silva & Maria Irene Soysa by Derrick Silva

Saturday, January 6

8:00am Riccardo Sala by Sala family
5:00pm Barris La Haise by Pat & Doug Tarsay

Sunday, January 7

8:00am Lewis McLellan by Betty
9:30am Teresa Pellegrina by Adele Pascolo & family (Ital/Ch)
9:30am Pastor's Intention (Eng/Hall)
11:00am For the People
12:45pm Michael & Irene Glebocki by Roman & Wladzia Slugocki

Pray for the Sick

Frank Losiggio, Mary Lynne Gallagher, Lois McDowell,
Fr. Frank Kelly, SDB, Fr. Joseph Ho, SDB, Lidia Scaccia,
Dan McKinnon, Cathy Proietti, Vincent Sguassero,
Alessio Ferreira, Steve Cawthorne, Assunta Di Felice
Parishioners wishing prayer from our parish family
are asked to call Susan Peresso: 416-743-3830 X0



2024 SUNDAY ENVELOPES

AVAILABLE & SORTED IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER

Please pick up your boxed set as soon as possible in the Church
In January 2024, **ALL remaining envelopes from 2023 and prior years should be DISCARDED.** Please contact the parish office, if your boxed set is not available or if you wish to receive one or if you have never been registered and wish to do so. Finally, your co-operation in writing your donation amount clearly on the envelope each week is greatly appreciated by the volunteers who record the donations.

ATTENTION

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.

Last Week's & Christmas Collections

Sunday Offering (envelopes & loose only): \$ 9,883
Christmas Offering \$14,096
Thank you for your ongoing generous support!