

Sunday November 26, 2023 – Christ the King

ST. AUGUSTINE'S SPIRIT & LIFE SERIES

ADVENT RETREAT

Journeying with the Petitions of the
LORD'S PRAYER
(Our Father)

Saturday December 9, 2023 | 9:00am–4:00pm
in-person only

 Speaker: Dr. Josephine Lombardi

The Our Father is perhaps the most familiar of the Christian prayers, the prayer given to us by Jesus himself. As the Lord's own prayer, it holds immense riches in its seemingly simple invocations. In this retreat, Dr. Lombardi will walk us through the petitions of the Lord's Prayer, showing us how the fulfillment of the petitions helps us to prepare and wait during the Advent season. Each reflection will be followed by time for personal prayer or small group discussion. More about the speaker at josephineLombardi.com.

Location:
St. Augustine's Seminary, 2661 Kingston Rd., Scarborough, ON M1M 1M3

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Online Drop-In Bereavement Support Session

November 29, 2023
7:00 pm

New Beginnings ministers to those who have suffered a loss through separation, divorce or bereavement.

November Grief: Remember and Reorder

Share discussions with others in a safe, welcoming and non-judgmental online forum.

Register at: <https://bd1123.eventbrite.ca>

Online Drop-In Separated/Divorced Support Session

November 30, 2023
7:00 pm

Register at: <https://sdd1123.eventbrite.ca>

Contact: Arcangelo Limanni, MREm Moderator
alimanni@cfstoronto.com or 647-215-3978

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

Sunday Offering (envelopes & loose only): **\$5,759**
Shepherd's Trust (envelopes & loose only): **\$6,627**
Thank you for your ongoing generous support!

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

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

Monday, November 27

8:00am Paul Hanh Tat Pham by Phuong Thiep Nguyen
7:30pm Memorial Mass - Francisco Sapone

Tuesday, November 28

8:00am Elizabeth Antle by Sister
7:30pm Paul & Maria Bonanno by Carmen & family

Wednesday, November 29

8:00am Living Intention for the Macchio family by the Paties family

Thursday, November 30

8:00am Flaviano Cordovado by Adele Pascolo

Friday, December 1

8:00am Ramon A. Letrondo by Rose Letrondo & family
7:30pm Tony Tramontozzi by family

Saturday, December 2

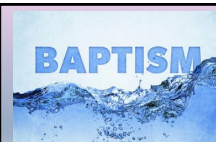
8:00am Riccardo Sala by the Sala family
5:00pm Owen Doherty by Sarah & family

Sunday, December 3

8:00am For the People
9:30am Deceased members of the Di Mario family
by Giuseppe & Tina Simone (Ital/Ch)
9:30am Marija & Ivan Galic by family (Eng/Hall)
11:00am Stefano Cancelli by Tammie Cancelli
12:45pm Thomas McGlynn by Wife



Pray for the Dead
Nicolino Meo



Our faith community welcomes
Okeoghene Janella Atanachwemera
I have called you by name, you are mine. Is 43:1



Blessings on your Marriage

As a parish community,
we keep in prayer

Marco Iampieri & Shannon Donnelly
who will be married on **December 5, 2023**

Be completely humble and gentle; be patient,
bearing with one another in love. Ephesians 4:2



On December 31, 2023, Catholic Family Services of Toronto will be permanently closing our North office located at 245 Fairview Mall Drive. We will continue to serve current clients, individuals on our waiting list, and members of the community by video or telephone appointments, and in person at our Central office located at 1155 Yonge Street. During this transition period, we plan to maintain our level of availability to the community and will be seeking feedback about the alternative service delivery options including use of virtual appointments.

Community members seeking counselling, wellness groups, family life programs, and services addressing violence against women may call (416) 921-1163 or visit www.cfstoronto.com.

St. Benedict Parish Advent Mission on the Infancy Narratives



For three evenings during the third week of Advent, Fr. Thomas Rosica, CSB will help us reflect on the great biblical stories of this holy season and take a deep dive into the Infancy stories of the Gospels of Matthew and Luke and the Word made flesh from John's Gospel. It is both fantastic and crazy, wonderful and subversive, that the fate of the world would hang on the 'yes' of a teenage girl, but that is exactly what the Scriptures tell us. Not for naught is the plaque on the little altar in that grotto of the massive basilica of the Annunciation in Nazareth: *"Verbum caro HIC factum est."*

Basilian Fr. Rosica, a noted biblical scholar, lecturer, retreat director, author and friend of our parish and the Salesian Community, will share with us what is 'behind the scenes' of some of the most beautiful stories of the bible that have formed us from our childhood. He will take us inside our manger scenes and help us to appreciate the significance of each of the characters in our Christmas stories: Zechariah and Elizabeth, John the Baptist, Mary and Joseph, the angels and shepherds, the wise astrologers from the East, all those who welcomed the birth of this child in such poverty in Bethlehem, as well as those who opposed his coming among us as Lord and Savior.

The first witness to Jesus is, as Mother Teresa of Calcutta so wisely and truthfully pointed out, an unborn child. Mary and Jesus, Elizabeth, John and Zechariah – a family scene full of anxious, expectant chatter against the din of the doubters and the cheap gossip in a small town! That first Christmas reminds us of truths of which we can never hear enough. The Gospel stories of Jesus' birth invite us to become pilgrims and follow shepherds and kings, saints and sinners, and that long cortège of witnesses of all generations as they seek the light in the darkness and share their message of good news with a world steeped in darkness.

Come with your family and friends. Join Fr. Rosica and our parish community reflect on the 'greatest story ever told' and prepare for a blessed Christmas.

Advent Mission Schedule

St. Benedict Church
7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Monday Dec 18 - Vespers with Talk 1

Tuesday Dec 19 - Mass with Talk 2

Wednesday Dec 20 - Reconciliation Service with Talk 3

A free-will offering will be collected each evening in gratitude for our speaker, Fr. Tom.

Reception to follow in parish hall on final evening.



Save the Date!
Saturday December 2
10 am - 2 pm
St. Benedict Parish Hall

Join the St. Benedict Mother's Group as it hosts a pot luck Christmas party for moms and their kids. There will be crafts, music, and other surprises.

Please register for this event.

Email rema@catholicmomsgroup.com with the following information, so we can plan resources for the activities:

*Number of children

*Age of each child

*dish you are bringing

Looking forward to seeing you there!



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Saturday December 9/2023

6:30-10pm

St. Benedict Parish Hall

Presented by the Knights of Columbus

Tickets available

\$15 - Adults

\$5 - Children under 12

Entrance includes pizza, salad and 1 drink



Join us on Saturday, December 9, 2023, from 6:30 to 10 PM for an exciting evening filled with fun and games

****PROCEEDS TO THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL****

\$15 for adults and \$5 for children under 12.

Don't miss out on this fantastic opportunity to have a great time with your family and friends. Get your tickets today and secure your spot for an great evening!

TURKEY TOSS - \$2.00 FOR THREE TRIES TO WIN A TURKEY OR HAM.

ADDED BONUS GAME!!

\$10 FOR 2 TRIES TO WIN A PAIR OF LEAFS TICKETS.

Online purchases etransfer to : stjohnbosco14327@gmail.com

Or call Adam @ 416-428-9828

