



Christmas Caroling is Back

After last years great success, St. Benedict's CORE Team will be Christmas caroling once again! They will be available for caroling on the evenings of **December 12 and 19**.

Sign up to have the carolers come to your house using the QR code or the following link: <https://forms.gle/LemH8XhBJkUSmiAQ9>



Sacrament of Reconciliation during Advent

Saturdays 4:30 pm (before 5 pm Mass)

Tuesdays 7:00 pm (before 7:30 pm Mass)

Friday December 13 during Visitation (7:00pm—8:30 pm)

Friday December 20 (after 7:30 pm Mass)

Or by appointment: call 416-743-3830 X0



Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

This year, December 8 falls on the Second Sunday of Advent which takes liturgical precedence over the Immaculate Conception, typically celebrated on this day. To honour the importance of this Marian feast, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is observed the following day.

Mass: Monday December 9
8:00 am & 7:30 pm

Come Let Us Worship

The Filipino parishioners of St Benedict Parish are excited to invite you to celebrate the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ by participating in this year's Christmas Novena.

The Christmas Novena is adapted from the Filipino tradition called 'Simbang Gabi' introduced by the Spanish missionaries in 1600 to honor Mary, the Mother of God. The Latin Americans call it Las Posadas.

Parishioners of all nationalities are welcome to join in to make this a joyful Multi-Cultural Christmas Novena.

December 15 – 23 / 7:30 pm in church

Dec 15 (Su) - Filipino Community (BLD)
Dec 16 (Mo) - Italian Choir
Dec 17 (Tu) - St Benedict Choir
Dec 18 (We) - Filipino Community (BLD Singles)
Dec 19 (Th) - (Open)
Dec 20 (Fr) - St Andrew Spanish Choir
Dec 21 (Sa) - (Open)
Dec 22 (Su) - St Benedict Filipino Community
Dec 23 (Mo) - Filipino Community (CFC)



Prayers and Best Wishes for Frank Cardinal Leo

The faithful of the Archdiocese of Toronto offer our prayers and best wishes for the newest members of the College of Cardinals, including our chief shepherd, the Archbishop of Toronto, Frank Cardinal Leo. This weekend, Cardinal Leo is in Rome as one of the 21 new cardinals from around the world gathered with Pope Francis. Please pray for our new cardinal as he begins this important role of service to the Church.



The Visitation Friday December 13 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.

Come with your whole family.



Jubilee Year 2025

The Catholic Church worldwide will celebrate a special Jubilee Year in 2025. This has been a tradition dating back to the year 1300 when Pope Boniface VIII announced the first Jubilee, which is also referred to as a "Holy Year". The frequency has changed over time, with a Jubilee year originally celebrated every 100 years, later every 50 years and, more recently, every 25 years or at the request of the Holy Father.

The Jubilee Year includes many celebrations within the city of Rome and also local initiatives in dioceses around the world. The theme of the 2025 Jubilee will be "Pilgrims of Hope".

The Holy Father will open the Jubilee Year on December 24, 2024, with the official opening of the Holy Door of Saint Peter's Basilica and continuing until January 6, 2026, the Solemnity of the Epiphany, with the closing of the Holy Door.



In the Archdiocese of Toronto,
we will open the Jubilee Year with a Solemn Opening Mass on
Sunday December 29

5:00 pm at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica

All are invited to join in this special celebration.

Sacrament of Reconciliation available: 3:30 pm - 4:45 pm

May this Holy Year provide a grace-filled opportunity to nurture the seeds of faith for you and your loved ones, immersing ourselves as Pilgrims of Hope into a year-long journey of prayer, witness and service drawing on the example of Jesus, our Lord.



Your compassion
brings love and care
to our brothers and
sisters in need

NEW: Your gift will double in value! From November 1 until year end, your contribution to our parish's ShareLife campaign will be matched by an anonymous donor up to a total of \$500,000.

When you give to ShareLife, you support agencies like Mary Centre. Here's how your contribution makes a difference for the work of this agency:

"Thank you to all who donate to ShareLife. With each donation we receive, we are able to attain our goals of assisting people in their efforts in building a good life, and also providing a safe place for people with a developmental disability to stay so that their families/caregivers and themselves can get some needed respite."

Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.

**Spiritus
Ministry
Fellowship**



**Spiritus Ministry is a
regional Young Adult
Ministry serving those
ages 19-39 in the
Archdiocese of Toronto**

Spiritus Ministry hosts monthly ministry nights centred on prayer, theology, social issues, fellowship, and catechesis. Our young adult ministry also has a focus on community building including social activities and outreach initiatives. We are currently in 6 regions of the Archdiocese: Central (Downtown Toronto, Midtown, North York), Durham (Ajax, Oshawa, Pickering, Whitby), East (Scarborough, East York), North (Alliston, Barrie, Bradford, Newmarket), West (Brampton, Etobicoke, Mississauga), and York (Markham, Richmond Hill, Stouffville, Vaughan).

Please email youth@archtoronto.org to find out more about Spiritus Ministry and other young adult initiatives.

Follow us on Instagram to stay up to date - @spiritusministry (<https://www.instagram.com/spiritusministry/>)

LIVING WITH CHRIST SUNDAY MISSALS

ON SALE IN THE PARISH OFFICE
(limited quantity left)

\$5.50 ADULTS \$10.00 YOUTH

Last Week's Collection

Sunday Offering (envs & loose only): **\$6,859**

Debt Repayment Offering (envs & loose only): **\$3,660**

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, December 9

8:00am Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception
Angelo Ingriselli by family
7:30pm Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

Tuesday, December 10

8:00am Peter Thuc Nguyen by Phuong Thiep Nguyen
7:30pm Kata Jezovit by family

Wednesday, December 11

8:00am Susan Almonte by Mom & Dad

Thursday, December 12

8:00am Susan Almonte by Paties family

Friday, December 13

8:00am Fr. Joseph Occhio SDB by Salesians of Don Bosco

Saturday, December 14

8:00am Living Intention for Tito & Thelma Cruz by family
5:00pm Americo & Maria Zavagno by Aldo & Marisa D'Andrea

Sunday, December 15

8:00am Pawel Hubert by Bzoma family
9:30am Mario & Ida Marrelli by Irma Marrelli (Ital/Ch)
9:30am Jim Bradbury by Doug & Jean Woods
11:00am For the People
12:45pm Fr. Joseph Occhio SDB by Stefania Fantin



**The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul
&
The Knights of Columbus**

Toy Sunday

December 14 / 15

**For Children up to 12 years old
A Donation of a New Unwrapped Toy**

**For Teenagers 13 & 14 years old
Gift Certificate with the value clearly indicated**

**Please leave all gifts in front of the altar
before or after mass**

**To ensure gifts are collected for all age groups,
please provide them according to the following guideline:**

<u>Surname starting with</u>	<u>Age Group (Boys/Girls)</u>
E, F, G, H	Infants – 4 Years
I, J, K, L	5 - 6 Years
M, N, O, P	7 – 8 Years
Q, R, S, T, U	9 – 10 Years
V, W, X, Y, Z	11 – 12 Years
A, B, C, D	13 – 14 Years

All donations are gratefully appreciated!