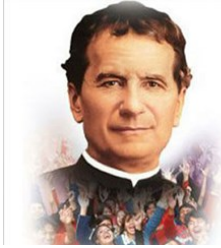


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WEEKLY BULLETIN

St. John Bosco Novena Masses

A Novena is nine days of private or public devotion in the Catholic Church to obtain special graces. The heart of any Novena is the same as the first one called by our Lord Himself (Acts 1:4). In this biblical account where the Apostles and the Blessed Virgin Mary are gathered in the Upper Room after the ascension for nine days, Jesus commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father.



On the day after Ascension the Church often enters in to a Novena to the Holy Spirit, which culminates with the Feast of Pentecost. In our own day it is time to reach into the treasure house of the traditions of prayer within the Church and pull out treasures old and new. The Novena is just such a treasure.

Nine day vigils were noted in Church history from the third century onward. Still today, whenever we undertake a novena of prayer, we are declaring that same supreme desire to wait for the promise, persevering with confidence until the end.

Either as a public or personal observance, a novena involves nine days of hopeful anticipation of an answer for the petition or intention for which prayers are being offered.

There are a number of Novenas, most of which focus upon Mary, St. Joseph, the Sacred Heart, particular Saints, a special theme such as Divine Mercy or the Holy Family, or preparing for Special Feasts. Parishes often offer a novena of Masses.

Prepare for

The Feast of St. John Bosco

by joining in the

Novena of Masses

Sunday Jan 22 - Monday Jan 30

7:30 pm

and

Celebrate

The Feast of St. John Bosco

At all the weekend masses on

Saturday January 29 & Sunday January 30

and at Mass on the actual feast day

Tuesday January 31

7:30 pm

Presider:

Auxiliary Bishop Joseph Dabrowski
of the Diocese of London, Ontario

Virtual
Visitation



Magnificat Spirituality

WELCOME all returning and new friends of Magnificat!

This Virtual Visitation Series will enrich our understanding of the mission and spirituality of Magnificat, this blessed women's ministry in our Toronto Archdiocese and in the life of the Church.

Our gatherings include prayer for healing, intercession, reparation and praise.

Thursdays

7:30 pm—8:30 pm

January 26, February 23, March 23, April 27

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3355996295?pwd=VGZOR3lSejZuUERLa0VBSZDZOUTIPZz09>

Meeting ID: 335 599 6295 / Passcode: MotherMary

The Experts in Humanity Project

with Dr. Josephine Lombardi

For men and women, 18+

Next Course Starts on
Tuesday February 21

This course will be 100% virtual so participants can watch videos at their own pace with optional ZOOM check ins with Dr. Josephine Lombardi.



This "watch at your own pace" course covers the following topics and more:

- Factors that influence human behaviour
- Conflict and communication skills
- Trauma
- Family of origin issues/relationship dynamics
- Coping skills
- Virtuous leadership
- Faith formation

Links to videos and accompanying handouts will be sent to your in box closer to the start date.

For more information and to register:

<https://josephinelombardi.com/the-experts-in-humanity-project/>

"Be the person you needed when you were younger."

Aisha Siddiqui

Dr. Lombardi is Assistant Dean of Academic Affairs and Associate Professor of Pastoral and Systematic Theology for St. Augustine's Seminary in Scarborough. She is an award-winning author and documentary film maker who has worked as a parish minister, university campus minister, high school chaplaincy leader, teacher educator through O.E.C.T.A., professor of Religious Education, Brock University, retreat facilitator, faith formation consultant, and program coordinator in the Diocese of Hamilton.

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

- On January 29th, the squires are hosting a movie night fundraiser in the Saint Benedict church basement
- The movie is on the life of saint John Bosco, whose feast day is on January 31st.
- The time is from 6-8pm and you can purchase tickets after weekend masses or at the door during the event

PRICES

\$5 per person

\$3 Children 3-12
(under 3 are free)

- We will be selling soft drinks and Popcorn
- You may bring a lawn chair if you wish to have more comfortable seating

TAX RECEIPTS YEAR 2022: Mailed to Your Home

Again, this year, St. Benedict has taken advantage of the opportunity offered by the Archdiocese of Toronto Parish Purchasing Programme to have our Tax Receipts printed and mailed to all our parishioners. **The tax receipts will be mailed out this month via Canada Post.**

NEW
Beginnings

In partnership with the
Archdiocese of Toronto,
Catholic Family Services
of Toronto offers the

New Beginnings program

Share discussions with others in a welcoming, non-judgmental online forum.
New Beginnings is a ministry for those who have suffered a loss through separation, divorce or bereavement.

Online Drop-In Bereavement Support Session

Wednesday January 25 / 7:00 pm

To Register: <https://jnpnp.eventbrite.ca>

Online Drop-In Separated/Divorced Support Session

Thursday January 26 / 7:00 pm

To Register: <https://jnpnpsd.eventbrite.ca>

For more information contact: Arcangelo Limanni, MRE
alimanni@cfstoronto.com /647-215-3978

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

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

Monday, January 23

8:00am Sophie Coleman by Elizabeth Belen

Tuesday, January 24

8:00am Living Intention for John Berning by Paula Wilson

7:30pm Living Intention for Michael Pasut by Beatrice

Wednesday, January 25

8:00am Arsenia Lagasca Reyes by Mercedes Reyes L. Belvig Pancho

Thursday, January 26

8:00am Living Intention for Rita & Noreen by Beatrice

Friday, January 27

8:00am Living Intention for Rina Grella by Beatrice

Saturday, January 28

8:00am Lewis McLellan by Betty

5:00pm Pastor's Intention

Sunday, January 29

8:00am For the People

9:30am Bortolo Bertollo by St. Benedict's Sewing Group (Ital/Ch)

9:30am Donata Rocca by Daughter Eng/Hall)

11:00am Ottavio Domodossola by wife

12:45pm Filippina Mandarano by Collure-Farzadfar family



Pray for the Dead

William Turner & Martin Turner
Rodney Chicorli



Our faith community welcomes

Olivia Ava Gullo

Kamiya Benny Dontoh

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

Meeting



Calling all Knights!!!



Let's join together. Without you, we are much less than we can be. In 2023, let's give more, forgive more, and be more like Christ, the Knight par excellence!

GENERAL MEETING

7 PM - Wednesday, January 25th

St. Benedict Church Hall

Sunday Offering (envelopes & loose only): \$ 5,826

Initial Offering (envelopes only): \$ 300

New Year's/Mary Mother of God (envelopes only): \$ 445

Thank you for your ongoing generous support!