

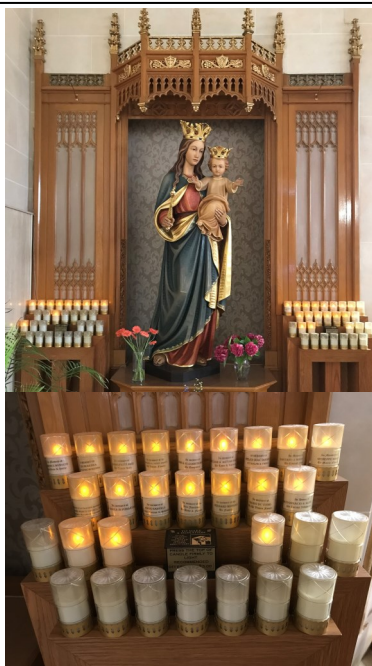
Votive Candles at St. Benedict Church

Here at St. Benedict Church, votive candles are found in the church near the statue of Mary Help of Christians and in the Eucharistic Adoration chapel. These candles are for parishioners who wish to light a candle in prayer. This is part of the continued effort to provide parishioners more opportunities for prayer and devotion to our Lord. Why do Catholics light candles?

A Symbol of Christ

In our Catholic tradition, in early times as well as today, light is a symbol of Christ Himself.

In scripture, there are many references to Jesus as Light: "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life." Jn 8:12 and "I have come as light into the world, so that everyone who believes in me should not remain in the darkness." Jn 12:46



The Light Is A Reminder to Stay Present to the Lord

With this background, we can appreciate the use of votive candles. Here, as in early Christian times, we light a candle before a statue or sacred image of our Lord or of a saint. Of course, we do not honor the statue or the image itself, but whom that statue or image represents. The light signifies our prayer offered in faith coming into the light of God, allowing us to be filled with His light. With the light of faith, we petition our Lord in prayer, or petition the saint for intercession to pray with us and for us to the Lord. The light also shows a special reverence and our desire to remain present to the Lord in prayer even though we may depart and go about our daily business.

Who do I Light a Candle For?

Catholics light candles to pray for their deceased loved ones, the sick, the health and welfare of family and friends, and for the needs of our worldwide family.

How do I Light a Candle?

For safety reasons, the candles at St. Benedict do not have an open flame. To light a candle, simply open the lid on the metal deposit box and drop an offering of \$3. Then, select the candle you wish to light and push on the top of its glass chamber. Each candle remains lit for six days.

The candles on the top row of each stand, are designated as "Memorial Candles". These candles may be dedicated for one year in memory of a deceased loved one. The name of the deceased loved one and the name of the individual by whom the deceased is remembered, is placed inside the glass chamber so that it's clearly visible. The annual offering for a memorial candle is \$200. Anyone wishing to offer a memorial candle may contact the Parish Office. On the one-year anniversary date, you will be contacted regarding renewal, at which time changes may be made.

Our parish weekly bulletin continues to be available digitally on our parish website: www.stbenedicts.ca

WEEKLY BULLETIN

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St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica Pilgrimage to Quebec

St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica is planning a summer pilgrimage to Quebec City and Montreal from **August 14-18, 2024**.

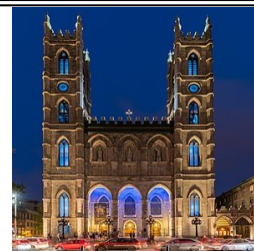
This is a great opportunity to visit prominent and historic Catholic sites including Notre Dame Basilica and Holy Door in Quebec City, and St. Joseph's Oratory in Montreal. Other sites include Ursuline and St. Augustine Monasteries and St. Anne du Beupre Basilica.

Cost: \$1750 (single occupancy), \$1250 per person (double occupancy) and \$625 per person (children under 17).

Limited number of spots available.

For more information visit:

Cathedral website here.



To register for the pilgrimage, or if you have questions, email: quebecpilgrimage@stmichaelscathedral.com

Mass of Thanksgiving

for the Vocation of

Sr. Natalie Doummar

Sunday August 18

11 am Mass



Check out the Archdiocesan post on Sr. Natalie here:

[Archdiocese of Toronto - Local Salesian Sister to Profess First Vows this Summer \(archtoronto.org\)](http://Archdiocese of Toronto - Local Salesian Sister to Profess First Vows this Summer (archtoronto.org))

Church Yard sale

Saturday September 14

9:00 am—3:00 pm

St. Benedict Church

PARKING LOT

Save the Date

More details coming...



When Sue discovered her child was Deaf, her world was suddenly filled with unfamiliarity. Worry set in as she wondered how they would communicate with each other. She was overcome with fear as she imagined the countless accessibility hurdles awaiting them, and the limitations these would put on her daughter's future.

That's when you eased her troubled mind. Through your compassion, Silent Voice, a ShareLife-funded agency, enabled Sue and her growing daughter to break down barriers in a welcoming American Sign Language (ASL) environment. Despite the persistent stigma and misunderstanding that people with disabilities face, Silent Voice offers a haven of acceptance and empowerment for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing community and their families. Here, their dignity and worth are affirmed, providing them with the confidence to thrive. And it's all possible because of understanding supporters like you.

"There is nothing my child and I can't do, with your support!" Sue proclaims. "I know we are going to face barriers, but I also know you are going to be there for me, and for my daughter's whole life journey!"

Today, more individuals and families like Sue's are in need of assistance. Will you support ShareLife's special needs programs and make a lasting difference today? Your sacrificial gift will create opportunities for those who need it most and ensure no one faces these challenges alone.

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

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

Monday, August 5

8:00am Maria Fung by Clara

Tuesday, August 6

8:00am Riccardo Sala by Sala family
7:30pm - Maximo Bolido by wife & family
- Living Intention for Mary LeBlanc-Carr by Mom, Dad & Cecil & Girls
- In Thanksgiving by Elizabeth Fernando
- Irine Nicolas Gallardo by Gallardo family
- Annita Giansagna by family
- Wayne Sellars by Janet

Wednesday, August 7

8:00am Living Intention for Julieta Fernandez-Clarke by Fernandez, Gocotano & Clarke families

Thursday, August 8

8:00am Fortunato Paties by Paties family

Friday, August 9

8:00am Nazzareno, Orsola & Greg Costa by Anna Costa

Saturday, August 10

8:00am Victor Monaco by Pina Monaco
5:00pm Giacomo & Franca De Francesca by the De Francesca family

Sunday, August 11

8:00am Ivy Griffith by Desiree Griffith
9:30am Mario & Osvaldo D'Andrea by Marisa & Aldo D'Andrea (Ital/Ch)
9:30am Living Intention for the Marcelli, Alleluia & Chu families by Marcelli family (Eng/Hall)
11:00am For the People



Pray for the Dead

Jean Comi & Silvio Marson

58^{esimo} Festa Annuale di SAN GABRIELE DELL' ADDOLORATA

58th Annual Celebration in Honour of St. Gabriel
Under the Direction of the Passionist Community

SUNDAY, AUGUST 25, 2024

From 1:00 p.m. onwards

- Visita al Santo e Confessioni 1:00 p.m.
Con le sue Reliquie nell'Urna.
With the Relics of San Gabriel in the Urn.
- Processione con L'URNA 2:30 p.m.
- Segue la Santa Messa con Omelia
Concelebrata (all' aperto) da Monsignor
Giovanni Iverini
- Porchetta - Servita da Vicentina Meats

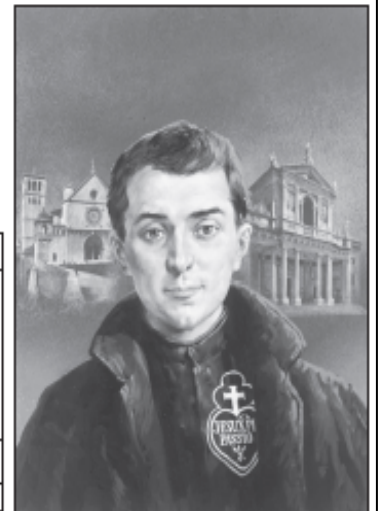
DOMENICA, 25 AGOSTO 2024

Dalle ore 1:00 p.m. in poi

- MELODIE ITALIANE
- MARIO CARIATI E DOLCE VITA BAND

Presso il
Veneto Centre

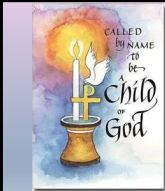
7455 Kipling Ave. Woodbridge, Ontario



Our faith community welcomes

Tobias Denuaga Tattao
Gabriel Gallego

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



Blessings on your Marriage

As a parish community,
we keep in prayer

Daniel Brullo & Vanessa Presutto
who will be married on August 10, 2024

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



Last Week's Collection

Sunday Offering (envs & loose only): \$4,842

Thank you for your ongoing generous support!