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Giving Thanks with a Grateful Heart

*A Message from
Deacon Peter and Naida Takaoka*

As we approach the end of 2024, it is natural to look back and give thanks for blessings received throughout the year. Naida and I want to thank the pastoral team, the parish staff and the parishioners of St. Benedict's for all the many ways you have assisted us as we journeyed through our health issues. You helped us more than you will ever know. Thank you.

Adorers Needed

Here at St. Benedict Church, we are blessed to have a Eucharistic Adoration Chapel. Everyone is welcome to drop in for a short visit or to commit for a weekly hour of adoration. Presently, adorers are needed for the hours listed below. Will you sign up to spend one hour with Jesus in our Eucharistic Adoration Chapel?

Interested parishioners contact Teresa: 416-743-5338



Come Let Us Worship

The Christmas Novena is adapted from the Filipino tradition called 'Simbang Gabi' introduced by the Spanish missionaries in 1600 to honour 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



CCRC EVENT

I HAVE SET YOU FREE

Galatians 5:1

Adoration | Mass | Healing Service | Worship | Vendors

In-Person Registrations: \$15

Zoom Conference Available: \$10 e-Transfer

BRING YOUR OWN LUNCH

RESTORATION OF THE HEART

SCAN QR. CODE TO PURCHASE TICKETS OR EMAIL
ccrcutorontoinfo@gmail.com

SATURDAY JANUARY 4TH 9:30 A.M. TO 5:00 PM

St. Roch's Church hall, 2889 Islington Ave N. North York M9L 2J1

Anointed Speakers



REV. JOEL OKOJIE OSA



SR. HAZEL D'SOUZA



FAMILY JOEL TESTIMONY



Schedule for Advent Reconciliation Christmas Mass & Eucharistic Adoration during Christmas

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays 4:30 pm (before 5 pm Mass)

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

Friday December 20 (after 7:30 pm Mass)

or by Appointment: 416-743-3830 X0

Tuesday December 24

Daily Mass 8:00 am

Adoration Chapel: Closes 8:00 am

Christmas Eve Masses

5:00 pm, 8:00 pm, 12 midnight

With Carol sing-along 30 minutes prior to each Mass

Wednesday December 25

Christmas Day 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

Sunday December 29

Feast of the Holy Family Masses

Regular Sunday Schedule

Tuesday December 31

Mary, Mother of God Eve

Daily Mass 8:00 am

Mass: 5:00 pm

Adoration Chapel: Closes 8:00 am

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

Wednesday 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

Sunday January 5

Epiphany of our Lord

Regular Sunday Schedule

Sunday January 12

Baptism of the Lord Mass

Regular Sunday Schedule





Living the Gospel through ShareLife

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.

Your support of ShareLife is improving the lives of our brothers and sisters in the Deaf and hard of hearing community.

"If you ever wonder what impact you are making – you are sending Deaf kids to an accessible American Sign Language (ASL) camp in the summer; you are connecting Deaf kids with Deaf mentors; you are inspiring Deaf kids to achieve their dreams; you are teaching family members ASL so they can communicate with their Deaf children. When you give, it goes a long way." – Kelly Mackenzie, Silent Voice

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



2025 Friars Student Writing Contest

Until
January 13, 2025

Theme:
"Do you believe this?"

John 11:26

High school students aged 13 to 19 from the Catholic School Boards in the Archdiocese of Toronto are invited to participate in this annual event, which honours the global Week of Prayer for Christian Unity taking place from January 18 to 25.

Write a five-hundred-word essay that explores the 2025 theme. Great prizes await the top three submissions. Students are encouraged to explore the resources at <https://bit.ly/3zOVHly> to gain insight into the meaning and purpose of the theme. They should also refer to the focus question available on the poster at <https://bit.ly/3XCGGgo>. Submit entries to: <https://www.catholicregister.org/writingaward>.

For more information:
ecumenical@archtoronto.org / 416-934-3400 X 527

Last Week's Collection

Sunday Offering (envs & loose only): **\$7,318**

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 16

8:00am Betty Jamieson
by Antoniette Pace, Clara Wu & Magnificat Prayer Warriors
7:30pm Simbang Gabi Novena Mass

Tuesday, December 17

8:00am Tony Tramontozzi by family
7:30pm Rosina Aquino by Di Felice family
Simbang Gabi Novena Mass

Wednesday, December 18

8:00am John Pace by Maria & Joe Galluzzi
7:30pm Simbang Gabi Novena Mass

Thursday, December 19

8:00am Deceased members of the Tramontozzi & Cellucci families
by families
7:30pm Simbang Gabi Novena Mass

Friday, December 20

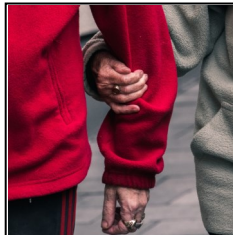
8:00am Suor Lodovica Fantin by Stefania Fantin
7:30pm Simbang Gabi Novena Mass

Saturday, December 21

8:00am John Pace by Maria Garito
5:00pm Leocadia D'Souza by Allen D'Souza
7:30pm Simbang Gabi Novena Mass

Sunday, December 22

8:00am Fr. Joseph Ho SDB by Society of St Vincent de Paul
9:30am Deceased members of the Orlando & Coletta families
by Ida Orlando & family (Ital/Ch)
9:30am Giannina Caruso by Frances Perri (Eng/Hall)
11:00am Giuseppe Rubino by Olga Rubino
12:45pm For the People
7:30pm Simbang Gabi Novena Mass



Healthy Communication, Intimacy, Relationship

**Friday January 17 -
Sunday January 19, 2025**

**Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre
1617 Blythe Rd., Mississauga**

Build a joyful marriage by learning the tools
of healthy communication.

Retrouvaille, a Catholic-origin program,
welcomes all couples
to help get their relationships back on track.

Join us on January 17-19, 2025 in Mississauga.

Call 437-234-5610 or visit
torontoretrouvaille.com or helpourmarriage.org.

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