

Sunday January 8, 2023 - Epiphany of the Lord

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WEEKLY BULLETIN

Marriage Sunday

February 11 & 12

Marriage Sunday highlights the importance of the sacrament of matrimony, affirms couples who strengthen our faith community through their witness, and complements World Marriage Sunday celebrations that take place across North America. It also honours those who nurture marriage ministries. First celebrated in the Archdiocese of Toronto in 2011, His Eminence Thomas Cardinal Collins designated the weekend prior to the Family Day long weekend in Ontario as "Marriage Sunday". This year, Marriage Sunday weekend will be celebrated on February 11/12.



A Celebration of Marriage

As part of Marriage Sunday 2023 celebrations, Bishop Vincent Nguyen will preside at a special Mass to honour married couples, especially those celebrating milestone wedding anniversaries (25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or 60+) in 2023. All married couples will have an opportunity to renew their vows and milestone anniversary celebrants will be honoured with a special blessing.

The Mass is open to all, but due to space restrictions those wishing to attend are asked to register online. Milestone anniversary celebrants will be assured of reserved seating. All other seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. Those who are unable to attend the Cathedral are invited to join the celebration via livestream Mass here: <https://www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live/>. The broadcast will begin at 2:15 p.m.

MASS WITH BISHOP VINCENT NGUYEN
Sunday February 12, 2023 / 2:30 pm
St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica
65 Bond St., Toronto

Registration is open.

We look forward to meeting and serving all the married couples who have registered for this event.

For more information and registration, visit:
www.archtoronto.org/marriage

Marriage is About Perfecting You

Chris Stefanic: Real Life Catholic / <https://reallifecatholic.com/>

Society tells us that marriage is about finding that one perfect person. **Actually, it's about perfecting YOU.** And this is something that often takes people years into marriage to figure out!

When you find someone to marry, you might think that person is God's healing balm for all your wounds, someone who'll make all the hurt go away. **Listen up - in reality, your spouse is the diagnosing finger of God.** They're going to reveal those wounds to you so that you—and God—can deal with them. And you know what? That's a good thing.



Mass for the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

Monday January 9

8:00 am

Don Bosco Metal Art

Thanks to Albert Nasrawi who donated a collection of metal art to our parish.

Offering four different designs, we feature the first one of St. John Bosco appropriately in this month of January, the month of one of our parish patronal saints. A limited quantity of this stand alone Don Bosco metal art is available for sale, \$20 each. Proceeds benefit St. Benedict parish.

To purchase, contact Susan:
speresso@archtoronto.org / 416-743-3830 X0



Don Bosco metal art
suitable for home or office
Height 7" x Width 5"

At the age of 12, Albert began to learn the trade of blacksmith from his father in Syria. As a recent newcomer to Canada, Albert hopes to establish himself as a craftsman of stainless steel, metal and iron décor. We wish Albert and his young family many blessings as they resettle near our parish community.



Zoom Rosary Blanket of Prayer Wednesday January 11th / 2 PM

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3355996295?pwd=VGZOR3ISeiZuUERLa0VBSDZOUTIPZz09>

Meeting ID: 335 599 6295 / Passcode: MotherMary



May He Rest in Peace

Eight years as pope, 36 years a cardinal and bishop, 71 years a priest, and 95 years a Christian — Pope Benedict XVI will be remembered as one of the most important teachers, servants and leaders in modern Church history. Born Josef Ratzinger in the Bavarian town of Marktl am Inn on April 16, 1927, Pope Emeritus Benedict died a peaceful, natural death in the Mater Ecclesia monastery enclosed within the Vatican walls on Saturday, Dec. 31 at 3:34 a.m. Eastern time. His remarkable life encompassed significant accomplishments, but he will go down in history as the only pope in the modern age to resign as pontiff. He stunned the world on Feb. 11, 2013 when he announced that, due to age and declining strength at 85, he was physically unable to fulfill his ministry.

**"God has done everything;
he has done the impossible:
he was made flesh.**

**His all-powerful love has accomplished something
which surpasses all human understanding:
the Infinite has become a child, has entered the human family.
And yet, this same God cannot enter my heart
unless I open the door to him." Benedict XVI**

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SANTO NIÑO DE CEBU
NOVENA AND MASS
JANUARY 12-20, 2023
8 AM

FEAST DAY MASS
SATURDAY, JANUARY 21, 2023
11 AM
ST. BENEDICT CHURCH

All Envelope Users

Please do not use envelopes with
2022 dates in 2023.

Pray for the Sick

Fr. Joseph Ho, SDB, Lois McDowell, Lidia Scaccia,
Dan McKinnon, Tom McGynn, Cathy Proietti,
Vincent Sguassero, Alessio Firreira,
Steve Cawthorne, Assunta Di Felice,
Fr. Patrick Kilgariff & Doris Roy

*Parishioners wishing prayer from our parish
family are asked to call Susan Peresso: 416-743-3830*



Blessings on your Marriage
As a parish community, we keep in prayer

Krishol Thapamagae & Treesa Pinhero
who will be married on January 21, 2023.

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

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

To request a mass intention, contact Susan:
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Monday, January 9

8:00am Francesco & Maria Pinelli by Tony Pinelli

Tuesday, January 10

8:00am Arcangela Francesco Rossi by Marisa & Aldo D'Andrea
7:30pm David Holowaty by family

Wednesday, January 11

8:00am Sophia Coleman by Janet Huitema

Thursday, January 12

8:00am Bortolo Bertollo by Janet Huitema

Friday, January 13

8:00am Living Intention for the Tavares family by Mira

Saturday, January 14

8:00am Teresa Pellegrina by family
5:00pm Giovanni Parziale by Parziale family

Sunday, January 15

8:00am John Chetcuti by Grand Daughter
9:30am Antonio Tramontozzi by family (Ital/Ch)
9:30am Vena Furlano by Bob & Sharon Krol
11:00am For the People
12:45pm Eileen Mattern by Paula Wilson

THE JOY OF BEING YOURSELF

January 20-22, 2023

Cost: \$350

Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre

7020 Stanley Avenue

Niagara Falls, ON

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905-356-4113

What is preventing you from accepting yourself just as you are? Many of us spend so much time trying to be someone else rather than being ourselves. Rather than comparing our lives and experiences to others, we should embrace and enjoy the things that make us who we are!

The most important relationship that you will ever have in your life is the relationship with yourself. Learn how to focus on strengthening that relationship and deepening your connection with self.

This Retreat provides an opportunity for you to invest in yourself and to awaken the flow of love within you. Optional: Includes individual session with Anna. Discover the gift of being you and become your own best friend!



Presenter: Anna Racine, Adjunct Faculty at Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre, is active in Parish Ministry at St. Thomas More Catholic Church. Anna is a Facilitator of Grief and Healing Support Programs and is a Spiritual Director. In 2015, Anna was awarded the Niagara Catholic Award of Distinction for her 20 years of volunteer service with the Niagara Catholic District School Board and in Parish Ministry. For more information on Anna visit annaracine.org.

Sunday Offering (envelopes & loose only):

\$ 11,919

New Year's Day Offering (envelopes & loose only):

\$ 3,082

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