

St. Benedict Parish Advent Mission on the Infancy Narratives



For three evenings during the third week of Advent, Fr. Thomas Rosica, CSB will help us reflect on the great biblical stories of this holy season and take a deep dive into the Infancy stories of the Gospels of Matthew and Luke and the Word made flesh from John's Gospel. It is both fantastic and crazy, wonderful and subversive, that the fate of the world would hang on the 'yes' of a teenage girl, but that is exactly what the Scriptures tell us. Not for naught is the plaque on the little altar in that grotto of the massive basilica of the Annunciation in Nazareth: *"Verbum caro HIC factum est."*

Basilian Fr. Rosica, a noted biblical scholar, lecturer, retreat director, author and friend of our parish and the Salesian Community, will share with us what is 'behind the scenes' of some of the most beautiful stories of the bible that have formed us from our childhood. He will take us inside our manger scenes and help us to appreciate the significance of each of the characters in our Christmas stories: Zechariah and Elizabeth, John the Baptist, Mary and Joseph, the angels and shepherds, the wise astrologers from the East, all those who welcomed the birth of this child in such poverty in Bethlehem, as well as those who opposed his coming among us as Lord and Savior.

The first witness to Jesus is, as Mother Teresa of Calcutta so wisely and truthfully pointed out, an unborn child. Mary and Jesus, Elizabeth, John and Zechariah – a family scene full of anxious, expectant chatter against the din of the doubters and the cheap gossip in a small town! That first Christmas reminds us of truths of which we can never hear enough. The Gospel stories of Jesus' birth invite us to become pilgrims and follow shepherds and kings, saints and sinners, and that long cortège of witnesses of all generations as they seek the light in the darkness and share their message of good news with a world steeped in darkness.

Come with your family and friends. Join Fr. Rosica and our parish community reflect on the 'greatest story ever told' and prepare for a blessed Christmas.

Advent Mission Schedule

St. Benedict Church
7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Monday Dec 18 - Vespers with Talk 1

Tuesday Dec 19 - Mass with Talk 2

Wednesday Dec 20 - Reconciliation Service with Talk 3

A free-will offering will be collected each evening in gratitude for our speaker, Fr. Tom.

Reception to follow in parish hall on final evening.



Save the Date!
Saturday December 2
10 am - 2 pm
St. Benedict Parish Hall

Join the St. Benedict Mother's Group as it hosts a pot luck Christmas party for moms and their kids. There will be crafts, music, and other surprises.

Please register for this event.

Email rema@catholicmomsgroup.com with the following information, so we can plan resources for the activities:

- *Number of children
- *Age of each child
- *dish you are bringing

Looking forward to seeing you there!



Outdoor Christmas Planters

Decorate your home this Christmas with a beautiful handmade planter and support our parish at the same time.

\$75 each

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Orders taken until December 5



ANNUAL TURKEY TOSS



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Saturday December 9/2023
6:30-10pm

St. Benedict Parish Hall

Presented by the Knights of Columbus

Tickets available

\$15 - Adults

\$5 - Children under 12

Entrance includes pizza, salad and 1 drink



Join us on Saturday, December 9, 2023, from 6:30 to 10 PM for an exciting evening filled with fun and games

****PROCEEDS TO THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL****

\$15 for adults and \$5 for children under 12.

Don't miss out on this fantastic opportunity to have a great time with your family and friends. Get your tickets today and secure your spot for an great evening!

TURKEY TOSS - \$2.00 FOR THREE TRIES TO WIN A TURKEY OR HAM.

ADDED BONUS GAME!!
\$10 FOR 2 TRIES TO WIN A PAIR OF LEAFS TICKETS.

Online purchases etransfer to : stjohnbosco14327@gmail.com
Or call Adam @ 416-428-9828



Sunday November 19, 2023 – 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



LIVELOUD Toronto 2023

Saturday, November 25th
3:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Toronto Pavillion,
190 Rainside Road, Toronto

Be inspired and moved by the power of music and faith! Join this one-of-a-kind worship night celebrating faith through music - an experience to remember for all attending.

Liveloud Worship is a Catholic advocacy that promotes and declares God's Word through music. The movement began in 2009 as an avenue to create and promote original music and soon after evolved into an annual worship concert. While its main thrust continues to be sharing God's love and the beauty of the Catholic faith through music, Liveloud is also meant to be a way of life: living each day according to our identity as children of God.

Liveloud Canada was established in 2012 and has since held its worship concerts/nights in cities across the country. Liveloud Canada recently led two worships during the World Youth Day in Portugal.

Schedule: Catholic Expo from 3 pm to 5 pm.; Holy Mass from 5 pm to 6 pm; Concert from 7 pm to 9 pm

REGISTER: <https://liveloud.eventbrite.ca/>

Online event:

Do Good Fences Make Good Neighbours? A Talmudic Teaching

Online Event recommended by the Office for Promoting
Christian Unity and Religious Relations with Judaism

Monday, November 20, 2023
1:00 PM - 02:30 PM

Dr. Aaron Koller will answer some basic questions about our obligations towards our neighbours and societies in which we live. These questions will be unpacked through the lens of the Talmud in the Jewish tradition. This session, which is part of a series on friendship, will provide insight into relationships as we face emotional, financial, social, and political challenges in living our faith.

REGISTER: <https://www.jtsa.edu/event/do-good-fences-make-good-neighbors-a-talmudic-teaching/>



Pray for the Dead

Ann Olga Lis & Helena O'Neill

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

Sunday Offering (envelopes & loose only): \$6,610

Thank you for your ongoing generous support!

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

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

Monday, November 20

8:00am Mae & Ken Sutton by the Sutton family

Tuesday, November 21

8:00am David Curtis by Maureen Curtis
7:30pm Marija & Ivan Galic by family

Wednesday, November 22

8:00am Joe & Gennaro Di Palma by family

Thursday, November 23

8:00am Victoria Mascardo by Mascardo & Agbayani families

Friday, November 24

8:00am Mrs. Mak Tang & family by Savio Mak

Saturday, November 25

8:00am Deceased Parents of the Salesian family by Salesians of Don Bosco
5:00pm Maurice & Lil Chicorli by Marie Chicorli & family

Sunday, November 26

8:00am Giuseppe Rubino by Olga
9:30am Mario Orlando by Ida & family (Ital/Ch)
9:30am Deceased members of the Capone family by Sellitto & Capone families (Eng/Hall)
11:00am Maurice Chicorli by Tammie Cancelli
12:45pm For the People

CHRISTMAS MARKET

Monsignor Percy Johnson
Catholic Secondary School

2170 Kipling Avenue

Admission: Non-perishable Food item or
new unwrapped toy for Families in need



Sat. Nov. 25th | 10am-5pm

Twenty-Sixth Annual Celebration of Life

It is an uplifting community service offering the opportunity to reflect, share and connect so as to find strength and comfort for making it through Christmas.

At Newediuk Funeral Homes, we appreciate that your recent loss may make the Christmas season painful. What was once a joyous time may now seem unbearable. Yet it can also be a special time to honour the memory of your loved on.

Saturday, December 2, 2023 at 3pm

Newediuk Funeral Home, Kipling Chapel

2058 Kipling Ave

(north of Rexdale Boulevard)

Etobicoke, ON