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WEEKLY BULLETIN

*Celebrate*

## The Feast of St. John Bosco

at all the weekend masses on  
**Saturday January 27 &  
Sunday January 28**

and on the actual feast day  
**Wednesday January 31**  
Mass 8:00 am

**Eucharistic Adoration**  
2:00 pm—3:00 pm in church



### The Eucharist: the Centre of John Bosco's Life

The Holy Eucharist is the centre of Catholic worship, and so it was the centre of Saint John Bosco's devotion. As a youth and later as a seminarian, John Bosco was happy to assist at Holy Mass and when possible to serve at it too. Very often, he received Our Lord Jesus Christ in "Holy Communion" and visited him in the Blessed Sacrament. Don Bosco had deep devotion to the "Real Presence" of Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist. His spiritual life was guided by this "Real Presence".

### John Bosco's Devotion to Eucharist: A Pillar of Salesian Spirituality

A significant pillar of Don Bosco's spirituality is devotion to Jesus in the Eucharist, which he saw as the heart of every Salesian community. He often reminded young people: *"If you want many graces, pay many visits to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament; if you want few graces, pay him few"*.

Don Bosco was formed through and through by the Eucharist. He was so passionate about the Eucharist that he communicated his passion to the young he carefully prepared for communion with the Lord through the sacrament of Reconciliation. For Don Bosco, Confession and the Eucharist were the two sacraments that inculcated in young people the Christian virtues and holiness. On this topic he wrote in 1877: *"Frequent Confession, frequent Communion and daily Mass are the pillars that must support an educational building that we desire to protect from threats and scourges. Never force youngsters to receive the holy sacraments, but only encourage them and make it easy for them to do so"*

*(John Bosco, Il sistema preventivo nella educazione della gioventù [1877], n. 4).*

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**St. John Bosco**

## Marriage Sunday

**February 10 & 11**



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 10/11.

## *A Celebration of Marriage*

As part of Marriage Sunday 2024 celebrations, Archbishop Francis Leo will preside at a special Mass to honour married couples, with special recognition for those celebrating 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th and 60+ wedding anniversaries in 2024. All married couples will have an opportunity to renew their marriage commitment.

All are welcome to attend. Couples celebrating a 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or 60+ anniversary in 2024 may register for reserved seating. Reserved seating is limited, so please register early. 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 <https://www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live/>. The broadcast will begin at 2:45 p.m.

**MASS WITH ARCHBISHOP FRANCIS LEO**  
**Sunday February 11, 2024 / 3:00 pm**  
**St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica**  
**65 Bond St., Toronto**

### REGISTRATION IS OPEN

To Register for Celebration of Marriage Mass:  
<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/celebration-of-marriage-mass-with-archbishop-francis-leo-tickets-754091396667?aff=oddtcreator>

**FOR INFORMATION AND RESOURCES**  
**for Couples, Widowed, Separated and Divorced Persons:**  
[www.archtoronto.org/marriage](http://www.archtoronto.org/marriage)

*"Marriage is a precious sign,  
for when a man and a woman  
celebrate the sacrament of marriage,  
God is, as it were, 'mirrored' in them;  
he impresses in them his own features  
and the indelible character of his love.  
Marriage is the icon of God's love for us."*

Pope Francis, Amoris Laetitia



**SANTO NIÑO  
DE CEBU**

**NOVENA AND  
MASS**

**JANUARY 11-19, 2024  
8 AM**

**FEAST DAY MASS**

**SATURDAY  
JANUARY 20, 2024  
11 AM**

**ST. BENEDICT  
CHURCH**

## MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

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

### Monday, January 15

8:00am Gretta, Maurice & Jim Fay by Mary Fay  
7:30pm Memorial Mass for Nicolino Meo

### Tuesday, January 16

8:00am Aloysius Antle by Nellie McGlynn  
7:30pm Living Intention for Fr. Frank Kelly SDB  
by Cathy, Sergio Proietti & family

### Wednesday, January 17

8:00am Patrick Antle by Nellie McGlynn

### Thursday, January 18

8:00am Eivka Ursa by Nellie McGlynn

### Friday, January 19

8:00am Mrs. Yolanda Tavares family by Yolanda

### Saturday, January 20

8:00am Deceased members of the Sala family by Sala family  
5:00pm Dianne Jaubere by family

### Sunday, January 21

8:00am For the People  
9:30am Tony Tramontozzi by family (Ital/Ch)  
9:30am Trieste & Mafalda Marcelli by Marcelli family (Eng/Hall)  
11:00am David Curtis by Halina Lavor  
12:45pm Felix Anthony D'Sa by Carmen D'Souza



Serving Our  
Neighbours  
In Need



## BUNDLE UP

for the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul

**January 20 - 21, 2024**

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is a non-profit charity whose volunteer members collect clothing, shoes, linen and small household goods to donate, exchange for vouchers or sell in order to support their works of charity. Please bring your donations to the Society's truck parked in the church parking lot and share with others in the community.

**There will be a truck in the parking lot all weekend.**

Thank you for your continued support.

**KINDLY PICK UP YOUR  
2024 SUNDAY ENVELOPES  
at the main church entrance  
AVAILABLE & SORTED IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER**

### Last Week's Collection

Sunday Offering (envs & loose only): **\$6,120**

Initial Offering (envs only): **\$5,673**

**Thank you for your ongoing generous support!**



**Pray for the Dead  
Antonio D'addese**

**Pray for the Sick** Frank Losiggio, Mary Lynne Gallagher, Lois McDowell, Fr. Frank Kelly, SDB, Fr. Joseph Ho, SDB, Lidia Scaccia, Dan McKinnon, Cathy Proietti, Vincent Sguassero, Alessio Firreire, Steve Cawthorne, Assunta Di Felice

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



**Society of Saint Vincent de Paul  
Christmas 2023**

*Thank You...*

Our appreciation is extended to the staff and children of our schools, St. Benedict, St. Stephen and Monsignor Percy Johnson, for their food drive contributions and to the St. Benedict Leadership group who helped pack the boxes for delivery on the Saturday before Christmas.

Financial donations were received from the Knights of Columbus, the annual Bazaar and the ladies of the Sewing Group who also sorted the toys this year. We sincerely appreciate the generous parishioners who donated the toys and gift certificates for the children and teens, or made cash or cheque contributions. We couldn't manage without the wonderful volunteers: the Knights, the sorters, the drivers, the Squires and the "coffee and snack crew". Thank you all very much!

Our Sunday poor box collections at the church entrance help us to serve our community throughout the year. Please continue to be generous.