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# Mass: Baptism of our Lord Do you know and celebrate the date of your baptism?

To know the date of our Baptism is to know a blessed day. Our baptism day is our birthday into the Church and opens up the doors of grace to us that will lead us to life eternal.

https://aleteia.org/2017/04/26/do-you-know-the-dateof-your-baptism-2/

# SANTO NIÑO DE CEBU NOVENA JANUARY 9-17 at daily 8:00 am Mass FEAST DAY MASS SATURDAY JANUARY 18 ROSARY 10:30 am MASS 11:00 am POTLUCK RECEPTION follows in parish hall



## Adorers Needed / Why not You?

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. Will you sign up to spend one hour with Jesus in our Eucharistic Adoration Chapel?



Interested parishioners contact Teresa: 416-743-5338

## **Looking for Marriage Enrichment?**

For couples interested in enriching their married life, the Archdiocese of Toronto website provides a link that offers several options, as listed below:

- ◆ BLD Toronto-Bukas Loob Sa Diyos (Open in Spirit to God)
- ♦ Couples for Christ
- ♦ Focolare Movement
- Missionary Families for Christ
- Movement for Marriage Enrichment
- ♦ Teams of Our Lady
- ♦ Worldwide Marriage Encounter



# To access the website for every group listed above, click here:

https://www.archtoronto.org/en/offices-and-ministries/sub-sites/ marriage/marriage/for-couples/https://www.archtoronto.org/en/officesand-ministries/sub-sites/marriage/marriage/for-couples/

# Marriage Sunday February 8 & 9

Marriage Sunday highlights the importance of the sacrament of marriage, 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 serve in marriage ministries, whether in marriage preparation or marriage enrichment. First celebrated in the Archdiocese of Toronto in 2011, Marriage Sunday was designated on the second Sunday of February each year (the weekend prior to the Family Day long weekend). This year, Marriage Sunday weekend will be celebrated on February 8/9.

#### **Celebration of Marriage Mass**

As part of Marriage Sunday 2025 celebrations, Bishop Ivan Camilleri 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 2025. The Mass will take place at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, February 9, 2025, at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica (65 Bond Street, Toronto). All married couples will have an opportunity to renew their marriage commitment.

All are welcome to attend. Reserved seating is available for couples celebrating a 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or 60+ anniversary in 2025. Reserved seating is limited, so please register early. All other seating is on a first-come, first-served basis.

The broadcast begins at 2:15 p.m. Those who are unable to attend the Cathedral are invited to join the celebration via livestream Mass <a href="https://www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live/">https://www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live/</a>.

MASS WITH BISHOP IVAN CAMILLERI Sunday February 9, 2025 / 2:30 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-bishop-ivan-camilleri-tickets-1088800765399?aff=oddtdtcreator

#### FOR INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

for Couples, Widowed, Separated and Divorced Persons:

https://www.archtoronto.org/en/offices-and-ministries/sub-sites/marriage/marriage/for-widowed-separated-and-divorced-persons/

"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

#### Sunday January 12, 2025 - Baptism of the Lord



**Healthy Communication,** Intimacy, Relationship

> Friday, January 17 Sunday, January 19

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

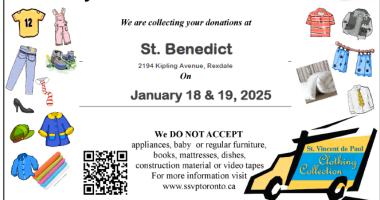
Build a joyful marriage by learning the tools of healthy communication. Retrouvaille, a Catholic-origin program, welcomes all couples to help get their relationships back on track. Join us in Mississauga. Call 437-234-5610 or visit

torontoretrouvaille.com or helpourmarriage.org.

# Bundle Up



## Society of Saint Vincent de Paul







#### SUNDAY MISSALS

ON SALE IN THE PARISH OFFICE (limited quantity left)

\$5.50 ADULTS S10.00 YOUTH

## **Users of Pink Visitors' Donation Envelopes**

Please write your name, address (including postal code) and phone number on the envelopes you place in the collection basket. This will allow us to register you properly as the user of a particular numbered box of envelopes.

**Note:** if you forgot your envelope at home and are using a Pink Visitors' Envelope, kindly show your envelope number.

#### **Last Week's Collection**

Sunday Offering (envs & loose only): \$6,124 Initial Offering (envs only): \$3,001 Mary Mother of God (envs & loose only): \$4.467

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, January 13

8:00am Maria Fung by Clara 7:30pm Memorial Mass for Valerio Sassi

**Tuesday, January 14** 8:00am Teresa Pellegrina by Adele Pascolo & family

7:30pm David Holowaty by family

Wednesday, January 15 8:00am Tony Tramontozzi by family

Thursday, January 16 8:00am Gretta, Maurice & Jim Fay by Mary Fay

Friday, January 17 8:00am Josefa Verayo by Bong, Pe & Villahermosa family

Saturday, January 18 8:00am Gretta , Maurice 8

8:00am Gretta , Maurice & Jim Fay by Mary Fay 5:00pm Enrico Vittori by Maria Vittori & family

Sunday, January 19

Living Intention for Pacarek Children by Mom & Dad

9:30am Osvaldo & Maria D'Andrea by Aldo & Marisa D'Andrea (Ital/Ch)
9:30am Bill & Martin Turner by Mom, Dad & family
11:00am Mafalda Giovannoni & Trieste Marcelli by Marcelli family

12:45pm For the People

#### **Pray for the Sick**

Frank Losiggio, Mary Lynne Gallagher, Lidia Scaccia, Cathy Proietti, Vincent Sguassero, Alessio Firreira, Steve Cawthorne, Assunta Di Felice, Leona Bradbury, Benito & Pasqualina Soscia, Mary LeBlanc & Bernie O'Hara

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





**Annual Week of Prayer** for Christian Unity **Prayer Service 2025** 

Sunday, January 19, 2025 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM

North City Church, 377 Woodbridge Ave., Woodbridge

AN IN-PERSON EVENT SPONSORED BY THE OFFICE FOR PROMOTING CHRISTIAN UNITY AND **RELIGIOUS RELATIONS WITH JUDAISM** 

Theme: "Do you believe this?" (John 11:26)

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity this year holds special significance, as Ecclesial Communities across the Greater Toronto Area jointly commemorate the 1,700<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the First Ecumenical Council of Nicaea. This provides a unique opportunity to reflect upon and celebrate our common faith as expressed in the Creed formulated at this historic council.

We invite you to join Bishop John A. Boissonneau, Auxiliary Bishop of Toronto, Northern Region, and distinguished Christian leaders from various traditions, as we pray together for the restoration of the full visible unity that Jesus Christ willed for His Church. This gathering is jointly organized by the Office for Promoting Christian Unity and the Greater Toronto Area Council of Christian Churches.