

Let's Grow our Ministry of Hospitality



Ushers and greeters serve the assembly in a variety of ways. Perhaps the most important way can be summed up in the word hospitality.

Having ushers and greeters in a ministry of hospitality is not simply a desire to be sociable or friendly. Rather, as Christians, we believe that Christ reveals his presence to us in the Eucharist in various ways including his presence in the assembly itself. And this presence of Christ in the assembly may be the one least recognized by Catholics today. It is not stretching things to say that the tabernacle which Jesus chose as his primary dwelling place was not a metal box in a church building. His primary dwelling place is in each of us. We are each a tabernacle where he dwells.

Hospitality is reverence of Christ

Hospitality at worship, therefore, is an expression of reverence of the presence of Christ in each member of the assembly. To ignore those who gather with us to celebrate the liturgy is irreverent; it is to ignore Christ himself. To welcome them into our lives is to welcome Christ.

As we thank our present ministers of hospitality for their continued service, we invite parishioners to help grow this ministry at St. Benedict by joining the ministry.

Please review the qualities of a minister of hospitality and respond either by volunteering yourself or recommending a parishioner who is suited for the ministry. **Training provided.**

A minister of hospitality is a man or woman who:

- Has a gift for welcoming with genuine warmth and joy
- Is at ease with one-to-one social encounters, and can put others at ease
- Can look people in the eye and converse easily
- Has skills, knowledge, and temperament to deal with the unexpected
- Can recognize the presence of Christ in the gathering community
- Sees service in this ministry as an outgrowth of their day-to-day life as a baptized person.

Who me? Yes, you!

Please complete and return to parish office.

I am interested in serving as a minister of hospitality at our parish.

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Day Phone: _____

Email: _____

I recommend this person as a minister of hospitality in our parish:

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Day Phone: _____

Email: _____

Our parish weekly bulletin continues to be available digitally on our parish website: www.stbenedicts.ca

WEEKLY BULLETIN

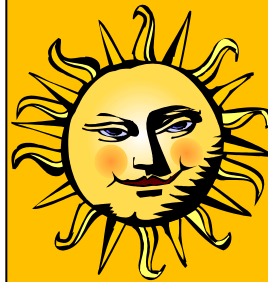
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St Benedict Parish



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2024 Summer Mass Schedule July 7 to September 1 inclusive

Saturdays 5:00 pm

Sundays 8:00 am

9:30 am (English in hall)

9:30 am (Italian in church)

11:00 am

12:45pm not scheduled

Celebrating St. Benedict

our parish patronal saint:

Thursday July 11

Mass: 8:00 am & 7:30 pm

With opportunity to venerate the relic of St. Benedict following Mass

St. Benedict and the Poison Cup

Did you ever wonder why there is a poison cup in the upper left corner of the stained glass window of St. Benedict in our church? An enlargement of the poison cup is featured here. This story explains the miracle of the poison cup.



St. Benedict's survival of attempted poisoning is one of the most well-known stories about his life, and it comes from St. Gregory the Great's *Dialogues*, a primary source of information about St. Benedict.

While St. Benedict was living in the community he had joined after leaving his life of solitude in Subiaco, his strict adherence to the monastic rules and his ascetic way of life did not sit well with the other monks. The austerity and discipline he advocated as the prior of the community were viewed as excessively harsh by the monks who had a more relaxed interpretation of monastic living.

Feeling threatened by the changes he was instigating, the monks decided to poison him to rid themselves of his leadership. They laced his drink with poison and served it to him.

However, as was his custom, St. Benedict performed the sign of the cross over the cup before he drank from it. As he made the sign of the cross, the cup that held the poisoned drink shattered, spilling its contents. This miraculous event is interpreted as divine intervention to save St. Benedict's life.





Living the Gospel through
ShareLife

ShareLife is more than a parish collection. It is how we, as Catholics in the Archdiocese of Toronto, bring the hands of Christ to those in need.

"If I can help even one person at this difficult time, I'm doing my part. Through ShareLife we assist those who need it the most." – A ShareLife supporter

Thank you for showing your love and compassion through ShareLife!



Our faith community welcomes

**Zion Maximus Licay Vercosa
Azhia Ross Dela Cruz Sison**

I have called you by name, you are mine. Is 43:1



Dear Parishioners,

Our Saint Vincent De Paul cupboard is in need of non-perishable foods to help the needy of this parish.

Our stock is low and needs replenishing.

Please remember those in need when you go shopping and place your food donation in the box (next to the holy water spigot) at the front entrance of the Church.

Thank You for your ongoing kindness.

Saint Vincent De Paul



Family Healing Retreat 2024

Divine Retreat Centre
69 William St., Toronto

July 13 & 14, 2024 - 9:00 am - 6:00 pm

The Family Healing Retreat will be led by Fr. Sam Samuel VC, Fr. Louis Joseph VC and the Divine team on July 13 and 14 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. The Retreat will consist of Holy Mass, Praise and Worship, Spiritual talks, Confession and Eucharistic Adoration. Lunch will be provided and attendance on both days is mandatory.

Prior registration is required with a fee of \$20 (plus service fees) and registration can be done through our website <https://divineretreatcentretoronto.org>.



Blessings on your Marriage

As a parish community,
we keep in prayer

Antonio Pasquale Adamo & Dalila D'Andrea
who will be married on July 13, 2024

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

Last Week's Collection

Sunday Offering (envs & loose only): **\$5,826**

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, July 8

8:00am Albert Kevin Francisco by Francisco family

Tuesday, July 9

8:00am Francesco Reda by Di Felice family

7:30pm Franco Giacometti by Aldo & Marisa D'Andrea

Wednesday, July 10

8:00am Peter Garito by John & Salvina Pace

Thursday, July 11

8:00am Anto Brkan by Mirjana Barisic

Friday, July 12

8:00am Iva Kapular by Anda Zizic

Saturday, July 13

8:00am Deceased Fellegara & Sala Brothers by Sala family

5:00pm Clarence Halge by Jackie Halge

Sunday, July 14

8:00am David Curtis by Maureen Curtis

9:30am Rosa & Paul Sassi by Bianca (Ital/Ch)

9:30am For the People (Eng/Hall)

11:00am Living Intention for Anil Budhai by Paties family



Pray for the Dead

Vincenzo Armocida & Brenda D'Abreo

Annual Mass for the Faithful Departed

Wednesday, August 14, 2024 / 7:00 pm



Catholic Cemeteries & Funeral Services – Archdiocese of Toronto invites all families within the Archdiocese of Toronto to participate in the Annual Mass for the Faithful Departed.

CEMETERY / CELEBRANT

[Assumption Cemetery](#), Mississauga, Most Rev Ivan Camilleri

[Christ the King Cemetery](#), Markham, Rev Msgr Vid Vlasic

[Holy Cross Cemetery](#), Thornhill, Most Rev Francis Leo, Archbishop of Toronto

[Mount Hope Cemetery](#), Toronto, Most Rev Robert Kasun

[Queen of Heaven Cemetery](#), Woodbridge, Rev Msgr Patrick O'Dea

[Resurrection Cemetery](#), Whitby, Most Rev Vincent Nuyen

[St. Mary's Cemetery](#), Barrie, Most Rev John A Boissonneau

IN THE EVENT OF RAIN, MASSES WILL BE HELD IN:

- Our Lady of Fatima Mausoleum at Assumption Cemetery
- Holy Family Mausoleum at Holy Cross Cemetery
- St. Anthony's Mausoleum at Queen of Heaven Cemetery
- Main Mausoleum at Resurrection Cemetery
- Christ the King Cemetery will celebrate Mass in the Reception Centre at the cemetery office
- Mount Hope Cemetery will celebrate Mass at St. Monica's Parish, 44 Broadway Ave. Toronto
- St. Mary's Cemetery will celebrate Mass at St. John Vianney Parish, 13 Baldwin Lane, Barrie