

Votive Candles at St. Benedict Church

Here at St. Benedict Church, votive candles are found in the church near the statue of Mary Help of Christians and in the Eucharistic Adoration chapel. These candles are for parishioners who wish to light a candle in prayer. This is part of the continued effort to provide parishioners more opportunities for prayer and devotion to our Lord. Why do Catholics light candles?

A Symbol of Christ

In our Catholic tradition, in early times as well as today, light is a symbol of Christ Himself.

In scripture, there are many references to Jesus as Light: "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life." Jn 8:12 and "I have come as light into the world, so that everyone who believes in me should not remain in the darkness." Jn 12:46

The Light Is A Reminder to Stay Present to the Lord

With this background, we can appreciate the use of votive candles. Here, as in early Christian times, we light a candle before a statue or sacred image of our Lord or of a saint. Of course, we do not honor the statue or the image itself, but whom that statue or image represents. The light signifies our prayer offered in faith coming into the light of God, allowing us to be filled with His light. With the light of faith, we petition our Lord in prayer, or petition the saint for intercession to pray with us and for us to the Lord. The light also shows a special reverence and our desire to remain present to the Lord in prayer even though we may depart and go about our daily business.

Who do I Light a Candle For?

Catholics light candles to pray for their deceased loved ones, the sick, the health and welfare of family and friends, and for the needs of our worldwide family.

How do I Light a Candle?

For safety reasons, the candles at St. Benedict do not have an open flame. To light a candle, simply open the lid on the metal deposit box and drop an offering of \$3. Then, select the candle you wish to light and push on the top of its glass chamber. Each candle remains lit for six days.

The candles on the top row of each stand, are designated as "Memorial Candles". These candles may be dedicated for one year in memory of a deceased loved one. The name of the deceased loved one and the name of the individual by whom the deceased is remembered, is placed inside the glass chamber so that it's clearly visible. The annual offering for a memorial candle is \$200. Anyone wishing to offer a memorial candle may contact the Parish Office. On the one-year anniversary date, you will be contacted regarding renewal, at which time changes may be made.



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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Church Yard Sale

Saturday September 14

9:00 am—3:00 pm

St. Benedict Church

PARKING LOT

Rain or Shine

DONATIONS

accepted

new or gently used items

Donations may include:

- Small household furniture
- Household items
- NO CLOTHES, please

Have items to donate?

Send photos of your items to Peg: see contact below.

Drop off location will be indicated

in your phone chat with or email response from Peg.

Kindly do not call or drop off items at the parish office.

For all inquiries, contact:

Peg: pegwyatt@rogers.com / 416-846-2909

Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Join us at All Saints Parish on
Thursday August 15 at 7:30 pm

for the Feast of the Assumption of Mary.

We gather in front of the church for the liturgy of the Word and to recite the rosary.

Come and bring a friend!



Assumption



EWTN Family Celebration in Toronto

EWTN, the world's largest Catholic TV Network, invites everyone to the **EWTN Family Celebration on Saturday, September 7, 2024** at the Delta Hotels Toronto Airport & Conference Centre, 655 Dixon Rd, Toronto.

Admission is FREE!

This year's theme is **"Stand Firm in the Faith!"** Be renewed with Inspirational talks by **Fr. Chris Alar, MIC, Johnnette Williams, Canada's Fr. Raymond de Souza**. Meet other EWTN hosts and clergy - **Fr. Mitch, Fr. Joseph and more!** Be part of a live TV audience, attend Confession, Adoration and Holy Mass to be celebrated by **Archbishop Emeritus Thomas Cardinal Collins**.

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Invite your family and friends.

It will be a great celebration of our faith!



Christmas Craft & Gift Sale



at

**St. Paul the Apostle, Rexdale,
Anglican Church**

2182 Kipling Ave. M9W 4K9
416 743-1993 email: stpfundraising@yahoo.com

Sat. Nov. 2nd, 9:30am-3pm

**Vendor tables are \$40 each, please
contact us for more info**

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

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

Monday, August 12

8:00am Jim, Gretta & Maurice Fay by Mary Fay
7:30pm Memorial Mass for Brenda D'Abreo

Tuesday, August 13

8:00am Nicholas D'Souza by D'Souza family
7:30pm Maria & Luigi Isopo by Clara

Wednesday, August 14

8:00am Maryann D'Souza by D'Souza family

Thursday, August 15

8:00am Living Intention for Assunta Di Felice by Di Felice family

Friday, August 16

8:00am Carmen Valdes by Daughter

Saturday, August 17

8:00am Maximo Bolido by Wife & family
5:00pm Rocco DeFrancesca by DeFrancesca family

Sunday, August 18

8:00am For the People
9:30am Natalizia Stanizzo by Stanizzo family (Ital/Ch)
9:30am Primitiva Alba by Alba family (Eng/Hall)
11:00am Alfonso & Anna Marsillo by Joseph & Marianne Gaglia



Pray for the Dead
Lois Hilda McDowell

Pray for the Sick

Frank Losiggio, Mary Lynne Gallagher, Fr. Frank Kelly
SDB, Lidia Scaccia, Cathy Proietti, Vincent Sguassero,
Alessio Firreira, Steve Cawthorne Assunta Di Felice,
James & Leona Bradbury & Betty Jamieson

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



Canadian Missions Shared Collection August 10 & 11

The proceeds of this collection are divided evenly between Catholic Missions in Canada (CMIC) and the two northern Canadian Dioceses supported by the Archdiocese of Toronto, namely, the Archdiocese of Grouard-McLennan (Grande Prairie, AB) and the Diocese of MacKenzie-Fort Smith (Yellowknife, NWT).

This is a prime opportunity to demonstrate our care for our Indigenous brothers and sisters.

Catholic Missions In Canada seeks to sustain and extend the Catholic Faith in isolated, poor and hard-to-reach mission areas in Canada. These are communities where diocesan resources are insufficient to keep the Church alive.

Find out more at www.cmic.info.

Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

Last Week's Collection

Sunday Offering (envs & loose only): \$7,248

Thank you for your ongoing generous support!