



Advent Mission

on the Infancy Narratives

Invite your neighbours, colleagues, friends and relatives and join facilitator, Fr. Tom Rosica, CSB and our parish community in reflecting 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.

**For the reception
on Wednesday December 20,
parishioners are invited to
drop off a sweet or savory treat
to the parish hall between 4:00 pm and 6:45 pm.**



Your Knights of Columbus thank everyone for their generous support in making last week's Turkey Toss a resounding success. Proceeds help many needy families served through the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

Thank you for your ongoing support throughout the year.

On behalf of all the Knights and our families, we wish everyone in the St. Benedict parish community and beyond a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous and safe New Year.

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St Benedict Parish



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

WEEKLY BULLETIN

Schedule for Advent Reconciliation Christmas Mass & Eucharistic Adoration during Christmas

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays 4:30 pm (before 5 pm Mass)

Tuesdays 7:00 pm (before 7:30 pm Mass)

Wednesday December 20 (during Parish Mission 7 - 9 pm)

Sunday December 24

4th Sunday of Advent: Regular Sunday Schedule

8:00 am, 9:30 am Italian in church,

9:30 am English in hall, 11:00 am, 12:45 pm

Adoration Chapel Closed

Christmas Eve Masses

5:00 pm, 8:00 pm, 12 midnight

With Carol sing-along 30 minutes prior to each Mass

Monday December 25

Christmas Day Masses

8:00 am, 9:30 am Italian in church,

9:30 am English in hall, 11:00 am, 12:45 pm

Adoration Chapel: opens 2:00 pm

Sunday December 31

Feast of the Holy Family Masses

8:00 am, 9:30 am Italian in church,

9:30 am English in hall, 11:00 am, 12:45 pm

Mary, Mother of God Eve

Mass: 5:00 pm

Eucharistic Adoration: 9:00 pm - 11:00 pm

Monday January 1

Mary, Mother of God Masses

8:00 am, 9:30 am Italian in church,

9:30 am English in hall, 11:00 am, 12:45 pm

Adoration Chapel: opens 2:00 pm

Sunday January 7

Epiphany Masses:

8:00 am, 9:30 am Italian in church,

9:30 am English in hall, 11:00 am, 12:45 pm

Adoration Chapel: opens 2:00 pm

Monday January 8

Baptism of the Lord Mass: 8:00 am



Sunday December 17, 2023 – 3rd Sunday of Advent

St. Benedict Church Memorial Cards

In lieu of flowers to honour our beloved deceased, consider the gift of a St. Benedict Church Memorial Card.

Featuring the beautiful stained glass window of our parish patron, these cards are available from:

- ◆ Funeral Home
- ◆ St. Benedict Parish
Funeral Coordinators
- ◆ St. Benedict Parish
Office

Income tax receipts issued at the end of the calendar year.



MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

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

Monday, December 18

8:00am Gaetano & Vincenza Maratta by Diego & Diane

Tuesday, December 19

8:00am Living Intention for Tavares family by Mira
7:30pm John Gallego by Mom

Wednesday, December 20

8:00am Deceased members of Morrow & Alleluia families by John & Loretta

Thursday, December 21

8:00am David Curtis by Maureen Curtis

Friday, December 22

8:00am Edgardo Gargoles by family

Saturday, December 23

8:00am Rosemary McDonald by Ruberto & De Melo families
5:00pm Argentina Re by Adele Pascolo

Sunday, December 24

8:00am Mrs. Mak Tang & family by Savio Mak
9:30am Natalizia Stanizzo by Husband & family (Ital/Ch)
9:30am Giannina Caruso by Daughters & families (Eng/Hall)
11:00am Leocadia D'Souza by Allen D'Souza
12:45pm For the People
5:00pm Deceased members of the Fantin family by Stefania
8:00pm Ollie Holowaty by family
12:00am Michael & Irene Glebocki by Roman & Wladzia Slugocki

FRIARS STUDENT WRITING CONTEST 2024

November 8, 2023 - January 15, 2024



"YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD
... AND YOUR NEIGHBOUR AS YOURSELF."
LUKE 10:27

The theme and resources for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity are prepared and published by Dicastery for Promoting Christian Unity (Vatican) and Commission on Faith and Order of the World Council of Churches.

Focus Question for the Writing Contest (Essay) 2024
Luke 10:27 is taken from the parable of the Good Samaritan which carries a message of love, compassion, humility, mercy, and a culture of encounter for reconciliation and healing.

How are you personally challenged to live this parable? And, in what ways can the churches work together to give witness to this good news in your city? Conclude your essay with a prayer, expressing hope for love in action, especially for those most wounded and in need of the healing of God from the disciples of Jesus.

Contest Rules:

- The Essay should focus on the theme of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity from the Gospel of Luke 10:27, "You shall love the Lord your God ... and your neighbour as yourself." Please read Luke 10:25-37 for a full insight of the parable.
- The contestants should consult resources of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2024 @ <https://rb.gy/wajo2> and submit a 450- 500-word essay that answers the given focus question.
- The contestants must be 13-19 years of age, and currently enrolled in an Ontario Secondary School or equivalent program.
- The essay must be submitted on or before Monday, January 15, 2024, by 2:00 p.m. Late entries will not be accepted.
- Entries must include contestants full name, email address, phone number and name of their School/School Board on the front page of their essay.

Entries are to be submitted @ <https://www.catholicregister.org/writingaward>. For any enquiries contact at ecumenical@archtoronto.org or call 416-934-3400 x: 527.

Selection of the winners:

All submissions will be read by a panel including professional journalists and the Director of the Office for Promoting Christian Unity, Archdiocese of Toronto, and judged on overall merit.



1st Place:
Samsung Galaxy S23 128GB -
Phantom Black



2nd Place:
Apple AirPods Pro
(2nd generation)



3rd Place:
Sonos One (2nd Gen)
Smart Speaker

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 Ferreira,
Steve Cawthorne, Assunta Di Felice

Parishioners wishing prayer from our parish family are asked to call Susan Peresso: 416-743-3830 x0.



**LIVING WITH CHRIST
SUNDAY MISSALS
ON SALE IN THE PARISH OFFICE**
(limited quantity left)
Cost: \$5.50

**2024 SUNDAY ENVELOPES
AVAILABLE & SORTED IN
ALPHABETICAL ORDER**

Please pick up your boxed set as soon as possible in the Church.

Do NOT use these new envelopes until the New Year. In January 2024, ALL remaining envelopes from 2023 and prior years should be DISCARDED. Please contact the parish office, if your boxed set is not available and if you wish to receive one or if you have never been registered and wish to do so. Finally, your co-operation in writing your donation amount clearly on the envelope each week is greatly appreciated by the volunteers who record donations.

Last Week's Collection

Sunday Offering
(envelopes & loose only):
\$7,379

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



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is almost here!
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