## December 1, 2024 - 1st Sunday of Advent

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## **Christmas Caroling is Back**

After last years great success, St. Benedict's CORE Team will be Christmas caroling once again! They will be available for caroling on the evenings of **December 5, 7, 12, and 19**. Sign up to have the carolers come to your house using the QR code or the following link: https://forms.gle/LemH8XhBJkUSmiAQ9



### **Adorers Needed**

One great thing to love on earth is spending time with JESUS in the MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT. 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. Presently, adorers are needed for the hours listed below. Will you sign up to spend one hour with Jesus in our Eucharistic Adoration Chapel?



Interested parishioners, kindly contact Teresa: 416-743-5338.

SUNDAYS	7:00 pm <u>to</u> 8:00 pm 8:00 pm <u>to</u> 9:00 pm 9:00 pm <u>to</u> 10:00 pm 10:00 pm <u>to</u> 11:00 p.m.
MONDAYS	4:00 p.m. <u>to</u> 5:00 p.m.
TUESDAYS	3:00 p.m. <u>to</u> 4:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. <u>to</u> 7:00 p.m.
	2:00 a.m. <u>to</u> 3:00 a.m.
WEDNESDAYS	3:00 a.m. <u>to</u> 4:00 a.m. 4:00 a.m. <u>to</u> 5:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m. <u>to</u> 7:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAYS THURSDAYS	4:00 a.m. <u>to</u> 5:00 a.m.

### What is Eucharistic Adoration?

Eucharistic adoration is the act of worshipping God as He is present in the consecrated Eucharist. Spending time before the Blessed Sacrament, in prayer and devotion, is exactly the same as spending time before the living God.

### Why should I come?

"The Church and the world have a great need for Eucharistic worship. Jesus awaits us in this sacrament of love. Let us not refuse the time to go to meet him in adoration, in contemplation full of faith, and open to making amends for the serious offenses and crimes of the world. Let our adoration never cease." (CCC, 1380)

To everyone who contributed to the planning, organization, baking, set-up, selling and buying at our annual Parish Baazar earlier this month, THANK YOU! Total funds raised from food and items

sold at vendor tables is \$5050.50.



**Annual Parish Baazar** 

Beneficiaries include St. Vincent de Paul Society, Squires, Savio Club, and St. Benedict Parish Special Thanks to our local donors: Fortinos, Giant Tiger, Newediuk

## **Come Let Us Worship**

The Filipino parishioners of St Benedict Parish are excited to invite you to celebrate the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ by participating in this year's Christmas Novena.

The Christmas Novena is adapted from the Filipino tradition called 'Simbang Gabi' introduced by the Spanish missionaries in 1600 to honor Mary, the Mother of God. The Latin Americans call it Las Posadas.

Parishioners of all nationalities are welcome to join in to make this a joyful Multi-Cultural Christmas Novena.

## **December 15 – 23 / 7:30 pm in church**

Dec 15 (Su) - Filipino Community (BLD)

Dec 16 (Mo) - Italian Choir

Dec 17 (Tu) - St Benedict Choir

Dec 18 (We) - Filipino Community (BLD Singles)

Dec 19 (Th) - (Open)

Dec 20 (Fr) - St Andrew Spanish Choir

Dec 21 (Sa) - (Open)

Dec 22 (Su) - St Benedict Filipino Community

Dec 23 (Mo) - Filipino Community (CFC)



# SALESIAN COOPERATORS MAKE THEIR PROMISE

After two years of formation and discernment, and, as a result of being enthused by the work and support of the Salesians in Toronto, two individuals have decided to become members of the

Association of Salesian Cooperators: Boban and Luna Mathew. Salesian Cooperators are members of the Salesian Family who have taken inspiration from Don Bosco's Apostolic Project to serve youth and the poor. At the end of their initial formation, Aspirants make an Apostolic Promise as Salesian Cooperators. The meaning and purpose of the Promise is to express the Aspirant's will to live his or her baptism according to the Project of Apostolic Life. Don Bosco proposed the Promise as an apostolic expression of the Salesian Vocation in society.

Salesian Cooperators are lay members of their parish who have chosen to live out this lifelong Vocation within their own secular reality. During the 11:00 am Mass on Sunday December 8th, Boban and Luna will make their Promise for the first time. We encourage you to join us in witnessing and celebrating this significant and joyful moment in their faith as they promise to live out their lives in the charism of Don Bosco.

Mary Help of Christians, pray for us.



## **ShareLife-funded agencies** turn no one away

NEW: Your gift will double in value! From November 1 until year end, your contribution to our parish's ShareLife campaign will be matched by an anonymous donor up to a total of \$500,000.

Did you know no one is turned away from ShareLife-funded agencies due to inability to pay? This is all thanks to your compassionate and generous heart. Through your support, ShareLife agencies are helping the most vulnerable in our community and around the world. Thank you for living the Gospel!

Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.



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

Sunday Offering (envs & loose only): \$7,316 PAG (MONTHLY Pre Authorized Giving) Nov 20, 2024 \$6,781

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, December 2

8:00am Caterina & Lorenzo Vendittelli by Stefano Vendittelli 7:30pm Memorial Mass - Maria Cipollone

Tuesday, December 3
8:00am
7:30pm
Alex & Betty Jamieson by family
- Conrado Avila by Avila family
- Jacques Holly Dai by Farah-Martine Dai
- Living Intention for Farah-Martine Dai by Farah

- Living Intention for Beatrice Kouame & family by Farah-Martine Dai

- John Pace by Ljubicic family

Josie Bellissimo by family

- Kazimier Bzoma by Bzoma family

Anna Maria Bisceglia by Edward

- Salvatore Soda by Marisa

## Wednesday, December 4 8:00am Riccardo Sala by Sala

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### Thursday, December 5

8:00am Maria Fung by Clara

First Friday, December 6

8:00am Maurice, Gretta & Jim Fay by Mary Fay 7:30pm Gianni Nobile by Aldo & Marisa D'Andrea

Saturday, December 7

8:00am Lewis McLellan by family 5:00pm Carinta Gallo by Daughter

Sunday, December 8 8:00am In thanksgiving to In thanksgiving to Donors & Benefactors by SVDP

9:30am Fr. Joseph Occhio SDB by Italian Choir (Ital/Ch) 9:30am For the People (Eng/Hall) 11:00am Luigi Aquino by Di Felice family

12:45pm Maria, Luigi and Tony by Clara

## **Pray for the Dead** Carmela De Domenico

### Pray for the Sick

Frank Losiggio, Mary Lynne Gallagher, Lidia Scaccia, Fr. Frank Kelly SDB, Cathy Projetti, Vincent Squassero, Alessio Firreira, Steve Cawthorne, Assunta Di Felice, Benito & Pasqualina Soscia, Leona Bradbury, Mary LeBlanc & Bernie O'Hara

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



Our faith community welcomes

Adam Damien Dante Spagnuolo Siema Mehari Blair

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



Blessings on your Marriage As a parish community, we keep in prayer

Brian Gallego & Shazia Naqvi who will have their marriage blessed on December 7, 2024

Andrew Santino Leggieri & Lynette Sheba who will be married on December 7, 2024

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

