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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

Calling Forth New Gifts

Our parish family will be as vibrant and attractive as each of us allows it to be. We all have different gifts and talents, different ways in which God empowers us and invites us to share in the mission of the church according to our own real possibilities. St. Benedict Church is everyone's spiritual home. Are you ready to help? If so, please fill in the sheet below and return it to the Parish office. THANK YOU!

Check off **below as many gifts as you wish to share**

Check	Your Gift to Share
☐	Social Committee Member: Assist with various parish social celebrations
☐	Fundraising: Plan and coordinate fun family events to "fun-d raise" for our parish.

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Day Phone _____

E-mail _____

Reflecting on Finding Life During Difficult Times

*The below is an excerpt from Archdiocese of Toronto Deacon Robert Kinghorn's book, **The Church on the Street**, chronicling his ministry for the poor, the ill, addicted, and homeless in one of the roughest parts of Toronto. He shares his thoughts on finding life during difficult times.*

A.A. Milne, in his wonderful books about Winnie-the-Pooh (Edward Bear) and his young owner Christopher Robin, writes, "Here is Edward Bear, coming downstairs now, bump, bump, bump, on the back of his head, behind Christopher Robin. It is, as far as he knows, the only way of coming downstairs, but sometimes he feels that there really is another way, if only he could stop bumping for a moment and think of it. And then he feels that perhaps there isn't." We often don't really want to be healed. We want the bumping in our life to stop, we want to get relief so that we can fully participate in life again, but such healing itself is painful and that's where we draw the line. And we wait in the darkness of depression until we find the faithful friend who will give their life to walk with us as we search for the courage to allow ourselves to be healed. For me, this was a reality in my life for several years when I lived that darkness of depression and prayed that the bumping would stop, and yet I hid away from those who could lead me to life. Much as I hid, I still had a friend who did not give up on me and he would continue to call me and invite me back into the world of the living.

To read the full blog, click here:

<https://www.archtoronto.org/en/outreach/archdiocesan-blog/archdiocesan/reflecting-on-finding-life-during-difficult-times/>



The beginning of the end of abortion

Daily Until November 5 / 7 am—7 pm

Dufferin & Lawrence /

St. Charles Borromeo Parish / 811 Lawrence Ave. West

To Register: <https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/toronto>

For More Info: 40daysprayforlife@gmail.com



Guilty as Charged?

If you were accused of being a Christian, would there be enough evidence to convict you?

This simple question gets right to the heart of Matthew's Gospel, Mt 21: 28-32. Many people claim that they are Christian and that they are followers of Christ. Unfortunately, there are few signs in our world, which is filled with many who claim to be Christian, of actual Christians walking around and daring to act. Perhaps one of the reasons why it is difficult to find many concrete signs of our faith in the world is due to the fact that so many people have confused being Christian with a kind of political correctness which identifies being Christian with being "nice."

To read Fr. Michael McGourty's full reflection from our Archdiocesan Faith Alive Series, click here:

<https://www.archtoronto.org/en/our-faith/our-faith-alive/archdiocesan/if-you-were-accused-of-being-a-christian-would-there-be-enough-evidence-to-convict-you/>



CULINARY TOUR AND DANCE

food, dancing, silent auction and door prize

A FUNDRAISER IN SUPPORT OF THE CHILDREN IN HAITI - BY VIDES CANADA

Oct. 28th, 2023 - Following the 5:00pm mass until 11:30pm at St. Benedict Church 2194 Kipling Avenue, Etobicoke

\$25 for adults / \$15 for children & students (valid student ID required) Families with two or more children only pay for 2 child tickets - extra children are free!

Wine, Beer & Pop will be sold - bring cash!

For tickets or information please visit

VIDESCANADA.CA



Fundraiser Bazaar

Saturday November 4

9:00 am - 2:30 pm

Our very own parish Sewing Ladies have handmade quilts, shopping bags, knitted hats, scarves, kid's sweaters and face masks, and more...
...including Religious Items, Jewelry, White Elephant and fabulous homemade pies and baked goods to go.

PRE-ORDERS: HOMEMADE FOOD

Meat Lasagna \$ 50 / serves 8
Party Size Pizza \$ 28 each

Place orders by October 29th
call Silvana: 647-237-4264

Pizza Pick Up: Saturday November 4
12 noon – 2:30 pm in the parish hall

Lasagna Pick Up: Tuesday November 7
12 noon – 6:30 pm in the Savio Room



World Mission Sunday 2023
October 22nd



Today, we celebrate World Mission Sunday, heeding Pope Francis's call to keep our "Hearts on fire, feet on the move." On this day, we reflect on our baptismal promise to be disciples and missionaries, sharing the Good News. The collection today for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith directly aids priests, religious, and lay leaders in the Pope's missions, allowing them to minister to and uplift communities in dire need. Let's light up the world with our prayers and generosity. Thank you for your heartfelt contribution!

To Donate:

Special envelopes for this second collection will be in the pews today. Sunday envelope users are strongly encouraged to enter their envelope number in the space indicated

or visit www.archtoronto.org & click on **DONATE**



Pray for the Dead

Fernanda Ciantar

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

Sunday Offering (envelopes & loose only): **\$7,680**

Thank you for your ongoing generous support!

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

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

Monday, October 23

8:00am Living Intention for the Macchio family by Paties family

Tuesday, October 24

8:00am Mrs. Mak Tang & family by Savio Tang

7:30pm Patrick McMahon by Rosaleen & family

Wednesday, October 25

8:00am Susana Rambacal by family

Thursday, October 26

8:00am Giuseppe Rubino by Olga

Friday, October 27

8:00am Immacolata & Rocco Tropea by Domenic & family

Saturday, October 28

8:00am Norma S. Calaguas by Rhea Calaguas

5:00pm Jennifer Meo by Elena Meo & family

Sunday, October 29

8:00am Rod Chicorli by Marie Chicorli

9:30am Deceased members of the Terlizzi family by family (Ital/Ch)

9:30am Donata Rocca by Daughter Betty & family (Eng/Hall)

11:00am Living Intention for Angelina Reda by Di Felice family

12:45pm For the People

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 Firreira, Steve Cawthorne, Assunta Di Felice

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



Project Rachel
POST-ABORTION HEALING

Project Rachel at the Refuge
is offering a retreat

October 27-29, 2023

for women who are suffering the effects of abortion.

We have been offering Project Rachel retreats for more than fifteen years. At our retreats, we welcome women whose pain has been silenced and denied by the world.

See our web site (stmarysrefuge.org/rachel), and phone or e-mail us in confidence, 289 691 6840 or projectrachel@stmarysrefuge.org.



Thank you

St. Benedict and St. Stephen Schools

You have lifted our hearts in thanks for your kindness in helping those less fortunate with food.

GOD bless you all Students, Parents and Teachers

QUEEN OF APOSTLES RENEWAL CENTRE

1617 Blythe Road, Mississauga

INVITES ALL WOMEN TO THE 2023 WOMEN TOGETHER RETREAT

Wednesday October 25, 2023 - 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Cost \$45.00

905-278-5229 or office@qoa.ca

Retreat concludes with Mass