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St Benedict Parish



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www.stbenedicts.ca

WEEKLY BULLETIN

Life in the Spirit Seminar



Mondays

May 29, June 5, 12, 19, 26, July 3

7:30pm – 9:30pm / St Benedict Parish Hall

Cost \$25 per person

Sessions include: Music, Teaching, Sharing, Refreshments

Men and women welcome!

Registration Required

Your registration helps organizers plan resources, seating and refreshments.

Payment at the Door: Cash or Cheque

Feiona: 416-846-4068

Magnificat.toronto.chapter@gmail.com

What is a Life in the Spirit Seminar?

At Pentecost, the Holy Spirit filled the apostles with faith and zeal empowering them to proclaim the Good News with a fresh boldness and fearless confidence that convinced those of their day that Jesus Christ is who he said he is: Lord!

This same Holy Spirit equips and empowers us to spread this Good News about Jesus by the witness of our lives as we bring Jesus to others in these current times just as Mary brought Jesus to Elizabeth in the Visitation story.

The Life in the Spirit Seminar is a proven tool of the Holy Spirit that transforms and empowers us to do this. It stirs into flame the gifts we received in the Sacrament of Baptism by setting our hearts and minds on fire with love and appreciation of our awesome God.

A Life in the Spirit Seminar

- Refreshes us in our walk with the Lord
- Calls us to repentance
- Opens our hearts to forgiveness and trust
- Heals and delivers us from attitudes and behaviours that are not life-giving
- Anoints us to use our gifts and talents
- Helps us to grow in holiness

Celebrate Fr. Branden Gordon's

Mass of Thanksgiving

Sunday June 4

11:00 am & 12:45 pm Masses

St. Benedict Church

Reception follows 12:45 pm Mass



Deacon Branden Gordon, SDB, was ordained a priest on May 27, at Our Lady of the Valley Church in Orange, NJ. Branden, born in Toronto, attended Monsignor Percy Johnson high school and eventually got involved in the youth ministry here at St. Benedict where he encountered the Salesians. We thank God for Branden's generous response to his vocation, and we accompany him with our prayers in these final days leading to his ordination. We look forward to welcoming him home next Sunday as he presides a Mass of Thanksgiving with us.

As a priest, Fr. Branden looks forward to the first time he'll pronounce the words of consecration at Mass and the first time he'll give absolution to a penitent. He's very grateful to Jesus for calling him to share in his priestly authority; "it's humbling, a gift Jesus is giving me for the benefit of others with love and mercy."

As a newly ordained priest, his assignment is to Sherbrooke, where he will assist with the Salesian mission to the young people at the local high school, Le Salésien.

For the full story on Branden Gordon, click here:

<https://salesians.org/blog/frs-branden-gordon-and-joshua-sciullo-be-ordained>

VENERATE A FIRST CLASS RELIC OF BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS



JOIN US! St. Benedict parish is hosting a Blessed Carlo Acutis relic
Tuesday June 6, 2023

WHAT?

Celebration of Blessed Carlo Acutis

WHERE?

St. Benedict Catholic Church
2194 Kipling Ave, Etobicoke

WHEN?

Tuesday June 6, 2023

WHO?

This event is being hosted by www.CatholicMomsGroup.com along with:

PROGRAM

6:30 pm Holy Hour
submit prayer intentions
7:30 pm Mass
8:00 pm Veneration of Relic

POTLUCK COMMUNITY SOCIAL
bring desserts, snacks, juice etc. after
veneration of the relic on the parish hall



I Love my
Catholic Moms' Group
LOVE, LAUGHTER, MOMENTS OF GRACE

DYNAMIC
women of
FAITH



www.CatholicMomsGroup.com

Sunday May 28, 2023 – Pentecost Sunday

Next Sunday is ShareLife Sunday

Our parish goal for this year's campaign is \$52,600.

ShareLife-funded agencies turn no one away.

Did you know that no one is turned away from ShareLife-funded agencies due to inability to pay? This is all thanks to your generosity to our annual appeal. It is through your support that ShareLife agencies are able to help the most vulnerable in our community and around the world.

ShareLife currently supports over 40 agencies across the archdiocese. While the pandemic put a strain on the services of the agencies, they continued to support the ones who need it the most. This was made possible through your kind and generous donations.

Without your support, the more than 150,000 people who are helped each year would not receive the hope offered through the important work of these agencies.

Thus far we have raised **\$22,316.00** toward our goal. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.

Monthly Pre-Authorized Giving is a convenient way to spread your ShareLife contribution throughout the year.

You can learn more about PAG by visiting our website at https://www.stbenedicts.ca/files/ugd/eb5354_d06702cab52745d1af7024732ca445cf.pdf

We thank you for giving generously to ShareLife.



Blessings on your Marriage

As a parish community,
we keep in prayer

Rosanna Sinopoli & Gianluca Federico
who will be married on June 3, 2023.

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

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

Sunday Offering (envelopes & loose only):	\$4,506
Debt Repayment (envelopes & loose only):	\$3,233

PRE-AUTHORIZED GIVING (PAG) MONTH OF MAY 2023

SUNDAY OFFERING	\$5,673.02
DEBT PAYMENT	\$ 765.00
SHARELIFE	\$ 454.00
TOTAL	\$6,892.02

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, May 29

8:00am Antonio & Krystyna Ricchetti by Vince Ricchetti

Tuesday, May 30

8:00am Peter Tai Nguyen by Phuong Thiep Nguyen

7:30pm Living Intention for Angelina Belli & family by Luigina & Lina

Wednesday, May 31

8:00am Deceased members of the De Monte family by Hilda & family

Thursday, June 1

8:00am Fr. Denis McPolin by Salesians of Don Bosco

Friday, June 2

8:00am Rosemary McDonald by Ruberto & DeMelo families

7:30pm Giovanni Pagliuca by Wife & family

Saturday, June 3

8:00am Alex Jamieson by Betty & family

5:00pm Alberto, Antonietta & Luigi Rossi by Maria Rossi

Sunday, June 4

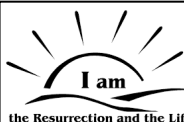
8:00am Peter Tai Nguyen by Phuong Thiep Nguyen

9:30am Damilo & Vivian Partenio by Marisa & Aldo D'Andrea (Ital/Ch)

9:30am Florencio D'Souza by D'Souza & Jara families (Eng/Hall)

11:00am For the People

12:45pm Myrtle D'Silva by Tony & family



Pray for the Dead

Loreto Troia

Thomas Cuschieri

Pray for the Sick

David Curtis, Frank Losiggio, Mary Lynne Gallagher,
Fr. Joseph Ho, SDB, Lois McDowell, Lidia Scaccia,
Dan McKinnon, Tom McGylnn, Cathy Proietti,
Vincent Sguassero, Alessio Firreira, Steve Cawthorne,
Assunta Di Felice, Fr. Patrick Kilgarrrif & Doris Roy

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



In partnership with the
Archdiocese of Toronto,
Catholic Family Services
of Toronto offers the

***New Beginnings* program**

Share discussions with others in a welcoming, non-judgmental online forum. New Beginnings is a ministry for those who have suffered a loss through separation, divorce or bereavement.

Online Bereavement Introductory Program

Wednesday June 14 / 7:00 pm

To Register: <https://nbb0623.eventbrite.ca>

Online Separated/Divorced Introductory Program

Thursday June 15 / 7:00 pm

To Register: <https://nbsd0623.eventbrite.ca>

For more information contact: Arcangelo Limanni, MRE
alimanni@cfstoronto.com /647-215-3978



May 26, 2023

With the attached 2022 financial statement, I want to thank parishioners for their generosity to contribute to the financial needs of our Parish home. While the precarious times we live in have been challenging, especially in the financial sector, the success of the Donor Wish List that embraced ten projects and the added confessional renovations can be attributed to the generous response of parishioners to support St. Benedict Parish.

Looking in the face of our debt, we have been proactive these last two years by requesting the Archdiocese of Toronto to lower our loan payment until we can get back on solid financial ground. Further, in working with Quentin Schesnuik, Associate Director for Parish Vitality and Stewardship and the Archdiocesan resource “Parish Time Machine,” we are developing strategies to rebuild our Parish as we are confronted with 470 fewer parishioners as a result of the pandemic.

As we continue to explore such measures to rebuild and revitalize our Parish home, may we hold the course, by being “signs and bearers of God’s love” (Mission Statement).

In St. John Bosco & Mary Help of Christians,

Reverend James Berning, SDB.
Pastor



St. Benedict Church

SALESIANS OF DON BOSCO

St. Benedict's Parish Financial Statement for 2022

Receipts

Offertory	\$	377,655
Other Parish Collections		35,123
Bequest / donation		9,808
Hall Revenue		11,722
Baptism, Wedding & Funerals		32,270
Easter & Christmas		25,117
Mass Intentions		31,475
Building Fund		2,823
Debt Repayment Fund		28,419
Lottery Receipts (see Note 3 below)		6,308
Candles		14,606
Salestians contribution to lay salaries & Rm & Board (see Note 2 below)		50,023
Atrium		965
Confirmation & Communion Fees & Offerings		22,112
HST Government Rebate		12,078
Energy Rebate		3,123
Wage Subsidy		6,786
Faith Formation Resources		2,919
Ontario Grant Security Parish		10,000
Health Benefits Refund		10,044
Donations In Lieu of Flower Offerings		1,155
Special Diocesan Collections (see Note 1 below)		68,295
Total Receipts	\$	762,824

Disbursements

Salaries & Benefits:

<i>Clergy salaries & priest support & Clergy Health / Pension Assessment</i>	\$	81,412
<i>Lay / Musicians Salaries</i>		421,592
Church Expenses		
Office Supplies (telephone; internet / cable; printing; printer; office supplies)		12,897
House Expenses		23,023
Repairs and maintenance		11,470

Lottery Disbursements (<i>see Note 3 below</i>)	6,058
Taxes, Insurance, hydro, heating and garbage	33,093
Lawn Care / Landscaping and snow removal	17,027
Liturgical / Mass Expenses	7,560
Books	6,739
Confirmation & Communion Expenses	1,731
Special Diocesan Collections (<i>see Note 1 below</i>)	68,295
Diocesan Assessment	80,779
Loan Repayment	22,518
Sundry Disbursements	23,710
Hospital Chaplaincy	73

Total Disbursements	\$ 817,977
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Net Operating Loss	\$ (55,153)
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NOTES:

note #1

ShareLife Trust; Holyland; Papal Charities; Catholic Missions; Needs of the Cdn. Church; Marygrove Camp; World Mission Sunday; Missionary Co-op; Shepherds' Trust; Humanitarian Relief

note #2

The Salesians of Don Bosco contributed toward salary and Clergy Room & Board

note #3

Receipts for Lottery Trust

Golf Tournament Raffle	5,440.00
Raptors Raffle	860.00
Interest Earned / Lottery Trust Account	7.60
Total Receipts	\$ 6,307.60

Disbursements

Fees / Licences	125.40
Hot Water Tank	5,932.50
Total Disbursements	\$ 6,057.90

Diocesan Assessment

Assessment owing July-December 2021	42,973.00
ADD: Interest bearing Diocesan Loan for Diocesan Assessment	100,105.00
LESS: payment July-December 2021 Assessment	(42,973.00)
LESS: Loan repayment	(22,518.00)
LESS: proceeds from Debt Repayment Fund Collections	(28,419.00)
LESS: payment from operating account	(9,387.00)
ADD: Diocesan Assessment, July-Dec2022	43,593.00
Closing balance, December 31, 2022	\$ 83,374.00

Current DIOCESAN ASSESSMENT OUTSTANDING DEBT \$83,374.