



**Looking at the
Text of the Roman Missal
Do this in Memory of Me**

Do you ever wish you could have been there? Sometimes this comes into our minds as we hear stories of Jesus and the wonderful things he said and did. The telling of the story on television and in movies makes us feel as if we are seeing what it was really like – what experience could be greater than that? In fact there is an experience so much greater that it can take your breath away.

When Jesus said 'Do this in memory of me' he was doing more than asking the disciples not to forget. 'In memory' has a special meaning at Passover. In that annual celebration the story is told how God rescued the people from slavery, poverty and death and gave them freedom, the Promised Land and life. The understanding is that those gathered are present to those saving events long ago and God's mighty hand stretches out and rescues them. This sharing in God's saving work made present in the here and now is described as doing it 'in memory'.

So Jesus' command to remember means that every time we do so we share in the great work that he undertook for us. In the Mass we offer with him his sacrifice. As we share in the miracle of the Mass we are present at his saving death. At the same time we are present at his life-giving Resurrection and glorious Ascension.

In the Eucharistic Prayer the whole Church joins with Jesus who offers the perfect act of worship to his Father. This is the centre of our worship and the gateway to eternity. It is so important that we all participate fully and consciously in this great action of the Mass. To help us there are parts of the Prayer for both priest and people. The ministry of the priest is essential as he draws his priesthood from Jesus the head of the Body, which is the Church, and its great High Priest. At the same time all members of the Church share in Jesus' priestly dignity. By our Baptism we are all part of a 'royal priesthood'.

The priest leads us in the Eucharistic Prayer and says the words of Jesus as bread and wine are changed into the Body and Blood of Christ. We join in by making the prayer our own in heart and mind. There are words for everyone to sing or say. We have the 'Holy, holy' which reminds us that our prayer is joined to heaven's worship. There is the Acclamation as we proclaim Jesus' Death and Resurrection and look forward to our being with him for ever. The priest raises the Host and Chalice in offering during the 'through him and with him' and we proclaim our great 'Amen' to say we share in the offering and its promise of everlasting life.

Save the Date...

June 8-10, 2012

Catholic Charismatic Conference

Franciscan University ~ Steubenville, Ohio

- For adults ages 18+
- Current Canadian passport required
- Transportation by Coach Bus

Registrations January-April 2012 for early bird discounts

First come, first served as this notice is also published in surrounding parishes

For more information contact Vicky: vjsea@yahoo.ca

Eucharistic Adoration Schedule

Sunday January 1

Open at 2:00 pm

Special thanks to Fortino's for their contribution to our parish Christmas decorations.

Ready for Pre Authorized Giving (PAG)?

Many thriving parishes in the Archdiocese of Toronto and across North America have been using Pre-authorized giving (PAG) for years. We are preparing to launch it here at St. Benedict. **PAG** is an easier, more convenient way for us to support our parish. **PAG** allows you to authorize your financial support to be directly transferred from your bank account to St. Benedict's. **PAG** is a better way to make your regular contributions, including the Weekly Sunday Offertory Collection, ShareLife, Shepherd Trust and other collections, including our Capital Campaign. **PAG** is attractive because:

- Set up is free, quick and easy.
- Saves you time in the morning so that you are not running around looking for money or cheques.
- Allows you to have a copy of your donations on a month to month basis allowing for more efficient budgeting through your banking records.
- Eliminates the risk of carrying money around.
- Allows you to focus on prayer, and eliminates the need to rummage through your wallet during mass.
- Allows you to support your parish even if you are unable to attend mass. Just as our personal homes are maintained and secured while we are away from them; **PAG** allows our spiritual home to be maintained as well even when we can't be there.
- Absolutely safe and secure.

More information to follow in the coming weeks.

**SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL
CHRISTMAS 2011**

Thank You

On Saturday, December 17th, approximately 60 people delivered hampers, fruit, turkeys, toys and gift certificates to the needy of our parish community. With the help of many of our parishioners and high school students, we were able to serve 102 families, 16 of whom were seniors. In addition, 99 children aged 12 and under received toys and 30 young teens received gift certificates. A special thank you is extended to Brother Bernie, the Squires and students from St. Marcellinus School in Mississauga, who also helped to deliver.

Our appreciation is also extended to the teachers and children of St. Benedict, St. Stephen, Holy Child, Rivercrest and Melody Village schools for their food contributions. We also received canned goods from the parishioners of the Croatian Martyrs Church in Mississauga. Monsignor Johnson High School sponsored families and provided both food and gifts, which were delivered on the Saturday morning. Similarly, Don Bosco High School sponsored families and delivered hampers, turkeys, and fruit to them on Wednesday, December 21st. Loopstra Nixon LLP generously sponsored families again this year. Employees of Canada Post also sponsored 3 families.

We are also grateful for the cash contributions from individual parishioners, which provided the turkeys and fresh fruit. We would like to extend a special thank you to the Knights of Columbus, the Daughters of Mary, the Youth and Adult Choirs, and Choir Helpers, the 55+ Club, Neighborhood Watch, and the staff of BFG Financial Group and Ontario East Insurance Agency. We also appreciate the generous parishioners who donated the toys and gift certificates that made the children's Christmas more enjoyable.

We thank everyone who donated their time: the food collectors – the Knights of Columbus and seven strong gentlemen from Monsignor Johnson, the sorters, the packers, the drivers, and the Saturday morning "coffee and snack" crew.

We especially thank everyone who contributes to the poor boxes regularly. The money collected provides the support for helping the needy throughout the year. We also thank those who remember us with Memorial donations in memory of a loved one.

DAUGHTERS OF MARY ~ The next meeting will take place on Tuesday January 3, following the 7:30 pm Mass.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION	CAPITAL FUND TARGET: \$760,000
SUNDAY OFFERING \$11,777	SECOND COLLECTION \$1,973.50
Average Env. Donation \$15.20	TOTAL \$335,914.75
CHRISTMAS OFFERING \$14,226	

Thank you for your ongoing generous support!

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, January 2

8:00am Leo Marineau by Gertrude

Tuesday, January 3

7:30pm Daughters of Mary both living & deceased members & CWL by Daughters of Mary
- Maria Isopo by Clara & family
- Dino Ciarletti by wife
- Joe Pesa by family

Wednesday, January 4

8:00am Deceased Salesians by Salesians of Don Bosco

Thursday, January 5

8:00am Agnese Bertollo by Bortolo family

First Friday, January 6

8:00am Elisabetta Mancini by Mancini family

7:30pm cancelled

Saturday, January 7

8:00am Deceased members of the Nano family by family

5:00pm Marino Moras by Moras family

Sunday, January 8

8:00am Christina Glebocki by Glebocki family

9:30am Salvatore Varano by Joe Galluzzi

9:30am For the People

11:00am Maria Hubert by Bzoma family

12:45pm Luigi & Amelia Caruso by Prestia family



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DEAD, ESPECIALLY:

MARIA BORG & MARIE DEBENHAM

CANCELLED

FIRST FRIDAY MASS

Friday January 6

CONSOLATA MISSIONARIES

2671 Islington Ave. Toronto

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BIBLE STUDY

THE BOOK OF REVELATION PART II

Tuesdays, January 10 ~ February 21, 2012

7:30 – 9:00 pm

Presented by Fr. Michael Brizio, IMC

NURTURING THE SPIRIT WITHIN

WOMEN'S RETREAT WEEKEND

Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre

Mississauga

January 27-29th 2012

The retreat will be facilitated by the new Centre team – Father Leo, Father Tomy, and Mrs. Anne Hales. For further information or reservation please call 905-278-5229.