

Christmas Mass Schedule



TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
December 24 Christmas Eve Daily Mass 8:00 am Christmas Masses 5:00 pm 8:00 pm 12:00 am (11:30 pm Caroling)	25 Christmas Day 8:00 am cancelled 9:30 am Italian 9:30 am English 11:00 am 12:45 pm	26 Mass Feast of St. Stephen 10:00 am <i>No 8:00 am mass this day</i>
TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
31 Daily Mass 8:00 am Solemn Vigil Mass Mary, Mother of God 5:00 pm	January 1 Masses Mary, Mother of God 8:00 am cancelled 9:30 am Italian 9:30 am English 11:00 am 12:45 pm	2 Daily Mass 8:00 am

**Feast of the Holy Family
December 29th
Blessing of Families at all Masses**

Perpetual Adoration Christmas Schedule



Tuesday December 24	Chapel closes 12 noon
Wednesday December 25	Chapel opens 2:00 pm
Thursday December 26	Chapel opens as usual
Tuesday December 31	Chapel closes 12 noon
Wednesday January 1	Chapel opens 2:00 pm

Parish Office Closed these days

Tuesday December 24
 Wednesday December 25
 Thursday December 26
 Tuesday December 31
 Wednesday January 1

St Benedict Parish Easter Pilgrimage Holy Land, Rome & Assisi

Spiritual Guide: Fr. Michael Pace, SDB
Tour Guide: Mrs. Terry DiCredico, St. Clair Travel North
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Prices include tax, travel and transfers, double occupancy, 2 meals daily

PACKAGE A: 19 days ~ April 11 – 29 \$4489.00

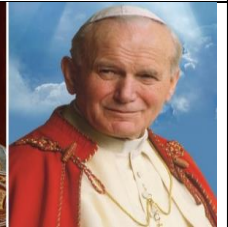
Palm Sunday & Holy Week. Procession into Jerusalem. Sunrise in Judean wilderness. Hike from Jerusalem to Jericho through Wadi Qelt. Retreat days in Galilee.
Holy Thursday in Gethsemane & Basilica of the Agony.
Good Friday Way of the Cross on Via Dolorosa.
Easter Sunday on Mt of Beatitudes, Capernaum, Tabgha, Mt Tabor, Nazareth.

Rome. Mass in Catacombs of St. Callistus. Divine Mercy Sunday celebrations with Pope Francis & Canonization of Popes John XXIII and John Pope II at St. Peter's Basilica.

Assisi. One day visit to Basilica and Medieval walled city

PACKAGE B: 15 days ~ April 15 – 29 \$3899.00

Join Package A from Holy Thursday onward.



Praying for Salesians in Formation

Please keep in prayer

Br. Adam Dupre

As I start my time in the phase of practical training I am excited but very nervous. I am charged with teaching freshmen and Sophomores about the Catholic faith. We use the new bishop's curriculum. The nervousness comes when I think about having the responsibility of instructing young minds and helping them to develop their relationships with God. I am also excited because I get to play an integral role in helping them to develop their relationship with God. I also get a front row seat. This year at Archbishop Shaw High School also presented me with being the Football team chaplain. This is very exciting. Having played football in high school I can relate to the student athletes and help them in their development of their relationship with God and with their neighbor.





In fidelity to the example of the Master, it is vitally important for the Church today to go forth and preach the Gospel to all: to all places, on all occasions, without hesitation, reluctance or fear. The joy of the Gospel is for all people: no one can be excluded. That is what the angel proclaimed to the shepherds in Bethlehem: "Be not afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people (Luke 2:10)".

Pope Francis, "The Joy of the Gospel"

With these encouraging words from our Holy Father, Pope Francis, I extend sincere Christmas wishes to you in my own name and on behalf of all the Salesians who serve you at St. Benedict Parish. Thank you for the many expressions of affection you have shared with us throughout the year and especially in these festive days. Be assured of our appreciation and gratitude. We will remember you at the altar in a heartfelt way as we pray our Christmas masses. In Don Bosco's living spirit, may all of us at St. Benedict Parish heed the message of the angel at Bethlehem, and go forth to preach the Gospel to all.

Sincerely,

The parish pastoral team, Frs. Mike Pace & Joseph Ho, and the Salesian pastoral team, Frs. John Puntino, Frank Kelly, Joseph Occhio, Enzo Trigatti & Jim Zettel.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, December 23

8:00am Philip Vultaggio by Vita & Lorenzo Poma

Tuesday, December 24

8:00am Deceased members of St. Benedict Parish
 5:00pm Deceased members of McCaugherty & Ricco families by Mary & Lou Ricco
 8:00pm Florence Bengert by family
 12:00am Gaetano & Maria Bucci by Cascioli family

Wednesday, December 25

NO 8:00am MASS
 9:30am Maria & Domenico Tassone by Franca Tassone
 11:00am Ollie Holowaty by family
 12:45pm Silvestre & Ilda & Joan Melo by Nelia & Henrique Melo

Thursday, December 26

NO 8:00am MASS
 10:00am Mary Smith by Cathy

Friday, December 27

8:00am Maria Borg by Rita Perta & family

Saturday, December 28

8:00am Living Intention ~ Healing of the Paties Family Tree by Paties family
 5:00pm Fr. Ryszard Cyman by Marcelli family

Sunday, December 22

8:00am Brother Malachi by Benedict Malloy
 9:30am Maria Luigia Tatangelo by Petrozzi family
 9:30am For the People
 11:00am Living Intention ~ Vincenza Mammone by Tuzi family
 12:45pm Domenico Simone by Simone family



Pray for the Dead, especially

John Kelly

CHRISTMAS OFFERING ~ Special Christmas envelopes are in the pews today for those who do not use Sunday Envelopes.

An Atheist's View on Life

I will live my life according to these beliefs
 God does not exist

It is just foolish to think

That there is a God with a cosmic plan

That an all-powerful God brings redemption and healing to the pain and suffering in the world

Is a comforting thought, however

It

Is only wishful thinking

People can do as they please without eternal consequences

The idea that

I am deserving of Hell

Because of sin

Is a lie meant to make me a slave to those in power

"The more you have, the happier you will be"

Our existence has no grand meaning or purpose in a world with no God

There is freedom to be who I want to be

But with God

Everything is fine

It is ridiculous to think

I am lost and in need of saving.

A Christian's View on Life

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LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

Sunday Offering \$8,021

Thank you for your support!

WILL YOU HELP KEEP ST. BENEDICT IN THE BLACK BY SIGNING UP FOR PRE-AUTHORIZED GIVING (PAG)?

The Archdiocese of Toronto has established PAG to assist you in your support of the work of St. Benedict's parish through your regular parish offerings (this does not include special collections). Download the enrollment form: www.stbenedicts.ca and follow the links to "Donate". Thank you to those who are already doing their part.