



Line Dance Classes
every Tuesday
12 noon to 1:30pm
St. Benedict Parish Hall
For more information
call Naida at 416-675-1248



My dear friends,

It is never easy to discuss funeral and burial arrangements with loved ones. Yet as Catholics, it is important that we learn and appreciate how our legacy of faith can be embraced in every moment of our journey, even in death.

Following the most ancient Christian tradition, the Church asks that the faithful, in preparing their funeral and burial arrangements, ensure that the bodies of Catholics are buried in cemeteries or other sacred places.

Many Catholics are unaware that since 1963 the Church has also accepted cremation as an alternative to burial. The Church raises no doctrinal objections to this practice, since cremation of our loved one does not affect his or her soul, nor does it prevent God from raising up the deceased body to new life. Thus, cremation does not deny the Christian doctrine of the soul's immortality nor that of the resurrection of the body. Concern about cremation being chosen as a way of denying these doctrines was the reason the Church formerly opposed it, but in our time this is not an issue, and so cremation is now allowed.

Over the years, the number of people being cremated has increased in many countries for a number of reasons. Unfortunately, with this increase come practices that are not appropriate or acceptable.

When cremation is chosen, this choice must never violate the wishes of the deceased.

According to Church teaching, scattering cremated remains on the sea, in the air, on the ground, or keeping them in the homes of relatives, does not display appropriate reverence.

When, for legitimate reasons, cremation has been chosen, the ashes of the faithful must be laid to rest in a sacred place, that is, in a cemetery or, in certain cases, in a church or an area set aside for this purpose, and so dedicated by the bishop. This shows fitting respect for the one who has died.

There is also a spiritual and emotional benefit when cremated remains are laid to rest in a proper place of burial. It gives the bereaved and the Church community a place to focus remembrance and to pray for the deceased. Such a sacred place will also make it easier to memorialize those that have been called home to God.

Within the Archdiocese of Toronto, Catholic Cemeteries & Funeral Services, as a ministry of the Church, has the responsibility for providing cremation to our Catholic faithful according to the faith tradition of the Church, for those who wish to have this alternative to burial. I encourage you to visit www.catholic-cemeteries.com to learn more about this ministry and to have your questions answered from a Catholic perspective.

Be assured of my ongoing prayers for you and your loved ones.

Yours sincerely in the Lord,
Thomas Collins, Archbishop of Toronto

All Saints Day
Wednesday November 1
Mass ~ 8:00 am & 7:30 pm

All Souls Day
Thursday November 2

Masses:
8:00 am English
10:00 am Italian
7:30 pm English

Blue & White Mass
Tuesday November 7
7:30 pm Mass



Organized by the Squires
Supported by The Knights of Columbus and **YOU!**

A mass dedicated to those who risk their lives every day for us. Toronto is one of the safest cities in North America thanks to the professionalism and dedication of our emergency service agencies.



Reception to follow in parish hall.



Five First Saturdays
In Reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

Sponsored by St Joseph's Community
St. Benedict parish CHAPEL
Saturday November 4
2:00 pm

All are welcome.

Origin of Five First Saturdays:

On December 10, 1925, Our Lady appeared to Sr. Lucia in her convent. Sr. Lucia was one of the three shepherd children to whom Our Lady appeared in 1917, at Fatima. Our Lady told Sr. Lucia, "I promise to assist at the hour of death with all the graces necessary for salvation, all those who, on the first Saturday of five consecutive months, go to Confession, receive Holy Communion, recite the Rosary and keep me company for fifteen minutes while meditating on the mysteries of the Rosary, with the intention of making reparation to me." With this, the Five First Saturdays devotion came into being.



WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

Thank you for your generous response to the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, on World Mission Sunday. It's a blessing for young dioceses, priests, sisters, brothers and catechists who depend on it. Please continue to pray for all who serve in Mission countries that they may remain strong in faith and in their vocation as they go about proclaiming the Good News of Christ.

All Souls' Day Envelopes ~ In the pews today for those parishioners who do not use Sunday envelopes. Please put in the Sunday Mass collection basket or in the basket by the altar.

First Friday Mass ~ November 3
6:45 pm Rosary - 7:30 pm Mass

2018 SUNDAY ENVELOPES AVAILABLE THIS WEEKEND SORTED BY LAST NAME IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER. Please pick up your boxed set as soon as possible at the entrance to the church. The use of these envelopes is an excellent way of supporting your parish on a regular basis and also ensures that a receipt for tax purposes is available at the end of the year.

Do **NOT** use these new envelopes until the New Year at which time **ALL remaining 2017 and prior years' envelopes should be DISCARDED.** Please contact the parish office, if your boxed set is not available and if you wish to receive one or if you have never been registered and wish to do so. Finally, your co-operation in ensuring that **your donation is clearly entered on the envelope each and every week** would be greatly appreciated by those of us who are responsible for opening and recording your donations.

PLEASE NOTE THAT YOUR BOXED SET CONTAINS FOUR ENVELOPES FOR THE DEBT REPAYMENT FUND.

PLEASE USE THESE ENVELOPES AT YOUR CONVENIENCE THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.



Let the children come to me...
 For to such belongs the kingdom of God." Luke 18:16

Our faith community welcomes
Branden Carl Murphy
& Madelyn Rios Llanes

On this day, we place our children in God's care forever.

St. Benedict Holiday Bazaar
Saturday, November 4th
9:30 am to 2:30 pm - Parish Hall

Knitted & Sewn Articles ~ Blankets ~ Quilts
 Books ~ Bake Table ~ White Elephant Table
 Coffee/Tea ~ Muffins ~ Pizza

Donations of Baked Goods for the Bake Table or
 Donations for White Elephant Table.

Please Drop off on Friday Morning Nov 3rd in the Parish Hall.

Once again, **Pro-life Christmas cakes and cards** will be sold. We appreciate your support.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, October 30

8:00am Mary & Lewis McLellan by Betty & Alex

Tuesday, October 31

10:30am Mass at Kipling Acres

7:30pm Mary Skeffington by Jake & Teresa Villaherrosa

Wednesday, November 1

8:00am Deceased members of Fantin family by Stefania Fantin

7:30pm Florence Bengert by family

Thursday, November 2

8:00am Joseph & Erminia Aquilina by Joseph & Josephine Muscat

7:30pm All the Faithful Departed

First Friday, November 3

8:00am Francesco & Maria Pinelli by Tony Pinelli

Saturday, November 4

8:00am Living Intention for Marcus Chun by Mom & Dad

5:00pm Giuseppe Marin by family

Sunday, November 5

8:00am Deceased Benefactors & Members of the Salesian Family
 By Salesians of Don Bosco

9:30am Deceased members of Capretta & Matta families
 by Carmelina & family

9:30am For the People

11:00am Maria Fung by Clara

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



St. Benedict's Thursday Night
Mixed 5-pin Bowling
Thursdays 7:00 pm to 10:00 pm
September 2017 to April 2018

- ◆ NO Entry Fee - \$15.00 per week for 3 games
- ◆ Turkey Roll, Christmas Buffet, Year-end Banquet(dinner/dance/Individual and Team awards) all included
- ◆ Monthly prizes and fun activities
- ◆ Full-time and part-time bowlers are welcome

Call Ray at 416.748.3344 or Wolf at 416.745.7983

COME JOIN US!!

St. John Bosco ~ Knights of Columbus
Annual Quarter Chicken Dinner Dance
Saturday, November 11 ~ Parish Hall

The menu includes a quarter chicken, sausage, potatoes, salad, buns, coffee, tea, dessert and a cash bar.. Doors open at 6:15 pm, dinner served at 7:00 pm with dancing until 11.00 pm. Cost: **\$25.00.** Proceeds from the event are going to our seminarian program that helps sponsor the studies of a seminarian. Reserve tickets before November 6. by contacting:

Wolf at 416-745-7983 or Ray at 416-748-3344



2000 Hail Mary's Devotion

Saturday, November 11

In the Church ~ 8:30am

(following 8 am Mass) until 4:00 pm

(come and join us at anytime)

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

SUNDAY OFFERING \$7,387

Thank you for your generosity.