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OFFICE HOURS

Mon. - Thu. 9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Friday: 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Saturday: 3:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

WEEKEND SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday Vigil Mass: 4:30 p.m.

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.

12:15 p.m. 7:00 p.m.

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday thru Friday: 8:00 a.m.

Saturday: 9:00 a.m.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 9:45 - 10:30 a.m.

4:00 - 4:30 p.m.

Sunday: 6:30 - 7:00 p.m.

ADORATION OF BLESSED SACRAMENT

First Friday of the month
8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

BAPTISM

2nd and 4th Sundays at 2:00 p.m.
by appointment.

NOVENA - ST. THERESE OF LISIEUX

Saturdays, 9:30 a.m.

MARRIAGE

Please contact the rectory one Year
in advance of desired date.

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OUR PARISH SCHOOLS

Elementary Schools

Blessed Trinity School 416-393-5289

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St. Joseph's Morrow Park 416-393-5516

Brebeuf College School 416-393-5508



MASSSES OF THE WEEK

Monday, March 12	8:00 am
Special Intention	
Tuesday, March 13	8:00 am
Maria Sung III Moon Shin (Deceased)	
<i>Requested the family</i>	
Wednesday, March 14	8:00 am
Mrs. Jesse Soong (Deceased)	
<i>Requested by the family</i>	
Thursday, March 15	8:00 am
Alice Michael (Deceased)	
<i>Requested by Charmaine Michael</i>	
Friday, March 16	8:00 am
Shau Fen Lai (Deceased)	
<i>Requested by the family</i>	
Michael La Rocca (Deceased)	7:30 pm
<i>Requested by the family</i>	
Saturday, March 17	9:00 am
Cindy Gobin-Tam (Deceased)	
<i>Requested by the Tam family</i>	



SEASON OF LENT

Daily Mass:

8:00 am (Saturday 9:00 am)

Friday Evenings February 25 – March 30

7:00 pm Stations of the Cross
7:30 pm Mass

Lenten Reconciliation

Wednesday, March 28 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm
Thursday, March 29 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm
Saturday, March 31 9:30 am – 11:30 am



Catholic Women's League

Day of Recollection – Tuesday, March 20th, 9:00 am – 2:00 pm in the parish hall with Fr. Pierre Farrugia, OFM. All women of the parish invited. For further information call Velma Letterio at 416-226-0590 or Camila Nowakowski at 905-763-7670.



Knights of Columbus

Executive Meeting: Monday, March 12th, 7:30 pm (note changed schedule).

General Meeting: Mon, March 19th, 7:30

St. Patrick's Dinner/Dance Saturday, March 17, 2012

All parishioners and their friends are invited to attend. Tickets will be sold after the Sunday Masses or by contacting Rocco De Miglio at 416-225-7673 or Ron Forbes at 416-441-1406. All proceeds from this event will be for the Knights' Charities.



WORKING WONDERS FOR FAMILIES...

At four years old, Joe witnessed his father severely attack his mother and was also a victim of physical abuse. By the time he was seven, his rage was so intense that he would lash out at his mom and sister. Joe's mother went to Catholic Family Services of Durham's Safer Families Program to help her learn to manage Joe's violent behavior. By processing their trauma, Joe, his mom and his sister are slowly healing, rebuilding their lives and regaining their self-esteem. The Safer Families Program prevented Joe from becoming part of the child welfare system in a punitive way. He looks forward to going back to school soon and seeing his friends again. Our network of Catholic Family Services offices collectively reach nearly 100,000 clients, serving them in more than 25 languages.

1st ShareLife Sunday – March 25, 2012



40 Days for Life Campaign

Join together in unity to witness to Life in Toronto at the Mid-Point Rally from 6:30-7:30 followed by a candlelight vigil across from the abortuary at 25 Good Shepherd Crt., on **Tuesday, March 13th**. 40daysforlife.com/toronto

North York Retired Men's Club... The next meeting will be held on **Tuesday, March 13th at 2:00 pm** in the Blessed Trinity Parish Hall. The guest speaker will be Pat Rogan on the topic of **"Dr. Simone and the Food for Children Organization."** All retired men and spouses are cordially invited to attend.

Annual Mass in Honour of St. Patrick

Bishop Vincent Nguyen will be the Principal Celebrant of this year's annual St. Patrick's Day Mass at St. Michael's Cathedral on **Saturday, March 17, 2012 at 10:00 am**. The music will be provided by the Alumni Choir of St. Michael's Choir School. All are welcome.



Annual Bake Sale - The Theresians will hold their annual Bake Sale after all Masses, on the **weekend of March 10/11**. On Sunday, March 11th there will also be a

Cafe where you can relax and enjoy a beverage and baked goods. All proceeds will go to the various outreach projects that the Theresians support during the year.

Tai Chi Exercise – Tai Chi Exercise classes have resumed every Monday from 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm in the parish hall. A registration fee of \$10 will apply. All parishioners are welcome.

Canadian Food for Children – Thank God for all of you who have supported this work. Because of your love, Canadian Food for Children were able to send to the poor 392 containers of supplies with a total weight of 5 ½ million kg or 12 million pounds.



SAINT BENEDICT MEDAL

The Saint Benedict Medal is a Catholic sacramental medal containing symbols and text related to the life of Saint Benedict of Nursia.

The medal is one of the oldest and most honoured medals used by Catholics and due to the belief in its power against evil is also known as the "devil chasing medal". As early as the 11th century, it may have initially had the form of Saint Benedict's cross, and was used pope Leo IX.

The reverse side of the medal carries the *Vade retro satana* ("Step back, Satan") formula which has been used by Catholics to ward off evil since the 15th century. Sometimes carried as part of the rosary, it is also found individually.

In widespread use after its formal approval by Pope Benedict XIV in the 18th century, the medal is used by Catholics to ward off spiritual and physical dangers, especially those related to evil, poison, and temptation.

History

The exact time and date of the making of the first Saint Benedict Medal are not clear; however, it is likely that may have initially had the form of a cross. Catholic tradition holds that as young Benedictine, Pope Leo IX attributed his recovery from a snake bite to that cross. After becoming a pope, Leo IX enriched the St. Benedict cross to the form of a medal, and gave it blessings and indulgences.

Saint Vincent de Paul, who died in 1660, appears to have been acquainted with the Medal and the Sisters of Charity founded by him have worn it attached to their rosary beads.

The Medal's Symbolism

On the front of the medal is Saint Benedict holding a cross in his right hand, the object of his devotion, and in the left his rule for monasteries. In the back is a poisoned cup, in reference to the legend of Benedict, which explains that hostile monks attempted to poison him: the cup containing poisoned wine shattered when the saint made the sign of the cross over it (and a raven carried away a poisoned loaf of bread). Above the cup are the words *Crux sancti patris Benedicti* ("The Cross of [our] Holy Father Benedict"). Surrounding the figure of Saint Benedict are

the words *Eius in obitu nostro praesentia muniamur!* ("May we be strengthened by his presence in the our of our death"), since he was always regarded by the Benedictines as the patron of a happy death.

On the back is a cross, containing the letters CSSML – NDSMD, initials of the words *crux sacra sit mihi lux! Non draco sit mihi dux!* ("May the holy cross be my light! May the dragon never be my overlord!"). The large CSPB stand for *Crux Sancti Patris Benedicti* ("The Cross of [our] Holy Father Benedict"). Surrounding the back of the medal are the letters VRSNSMV – SMQLIVB, in reference to *Vade retro satana: Vade retro Satana! Nunquam suade mihi vana! Sunt mala quae libas. Ipse venena bibas!* ("Begone Satan! Never tempt me with your vanities! What you offer me is evil. Drink the poison yourself!") and finally, located at the top is the word PAX which means "peace".

Use of the Medal

Lay Catholics are not permitted to perform exorcisms, but they can use the Saint Benedict Medal, holy water, the crucifix, and other sacramentals to ward off evil. The Saint Benedict Medal in the middle of a Celtic Cross is believed to be a powerful tool against evil influences.

This medal is used in numerous ways:

- On a chain around the neck
- Attached to one's rosary
- Kept in one's pocket or purse
- Placed in one's car or home
- Placed in the foundation of a building
- Placed in the centre of a cross

The use of any religious article is intended as a means of reminding one of God and of inspiring a willingness and desire to serve God and neighbour. It is not regarded as a good luck charm or magical device. According to H.C. Lea (1896), "As a rule...it suffices to wear [the medal] devoutly, but, if some special favour is desired, it is advisable on a Tuesday to say five Glorias, three Aves and then three more Glorias to secure the protection of St. Benedict."

It is supposed to be effective in many ways:

- To destroy witchcraft and all other diabolical and haunting influences
- To impart protection to persons tempted, deluded, or tormented by evil spirits
- To obtain the conversion of sinners into the Catholic Church, especially when they are in danger of death
- To serve as an armour against temptation
- To destroy the effects of poison
- To secure a timely and healthy birth for children
- To afford protection against storms and lightning
- To serve as an efficacious remedy for bodily afflictions and a means of protection against contagious diseases

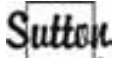
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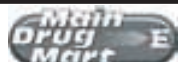
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