

## Humanitarian Relief Natural Disasters in Haiti

The Archdiocese of Toronto has opened a humanitarian relief fund to assist Haiti, which in recent days has been stricken by a 7.2 magnitude earthquake and a tropical storm.

At least 1,900 people are dead, 9,000 are injured and 30,000 are homeless after a strong earthquake devastated the country on Saturday, August 14, 2021. Many people with habitable houses were sleeping outside due to fear of aftershocks causing more damage. Then on Monday evening, Tropical Storm Grace dumped more than 30 cm of rainfall onto Haiti's coastal areas, resulting in floods and mudslides.

Haiti is the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere and is unable to adequately respond to these natural disasters without international assistance. The country was already responding to the COVID-19 pandemic, worsening gang violence and a presidential assassination on July 7, 2021.



The Archdiocese of Toronto will send donations through Caritas Internationalis, an international confederation of Catholic humanitarian organizations with a long history of disaster relief. Caritas is already on the ground assisting Haitians, as it has been when other disasters have struck that country.

Donations to Caritas will be used for food, water, shelter, clothing and medical supplies.

### Those wishing to help may do so in the following ways:

- Online through the Archdiocese of Toronto: <https://community.archtoronto.org/page.aspx?pid=378>
- By phone through the Development Office: 416-934-3411
- Through the parish, making cheques payable to: St. Benedict Parish – Natural Disasters in Haiti, Disaster Relief



As parishioners in a Salesian parish another option is to make a donation to the **Don Bosco Mission Office** that directly supports Salesian priests, brothers and sisters in their various works in Haiti.

Donations received for the Haiti Earthquake Relief will be used to help distribute plastic covers and construction materials for temporary shelters.

### To donate to the Don Bosco Mission Office go to:

[www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/6333](http://www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/6333)

Specify in the drop-down menu that your donation is for Haiti Earthquake Fund.

**Please continue to pray for the people of Haiti and all those who suffer after natural disasters.**



**Blessings on your Marriage**  
As a parish community, we keep in prayer

Ismael Hashim & Tiffany Rosales &  
Raphael Iantria & Christina Marrella  
who will be married on September 3, 2021.

God grant them happiness, good health and a long life together.



Sunday Offering: \$ 2,904  
St. Benedict Debt to the Archdiocese \$ 90,000  
Thank you for your ongoing generous support!

## MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Parishioners wishing to participate in mass from home are encouraged to view the mass of the day at home on TV: (Salt & Light, EWTN or Vision TV) or online: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCY8MWUNQLCqEILmb9kFtRA>

### TO REQUEST A MASS INTENTION FOR THE REMAINDER OF THIS YEAR

Contact Susan: [speresso@stbenedicts.ca](mailto:speresso@stbenedicts.ca) /416-743-3830 X0

#### Monday, August 30

8:00am Abelardo Musangkay Sr. by daughter & family

#### Tuesday, August 31

8:00am Carmen Valdez by daughter

7:30pm Living Intention for Patients & Staff at Etobicoke General Hospital by Ivan Canjar

#### Wednesday, September 1

8:00am Jose Valdez by sister

#### Thursday, September 2

8:00am Living Intention for Fr. Jim Berning by John & Salvina Pace

#### Friday, September 3

8:00am Living Intention for Patients & Staff at Etobicoke General Hospital by Ivan Canjar

#### Saturday September 4

8:00am Riccardo Sala by Sala family

5:00pm Jennifer Meo by Antonella Scaccia

#### Sunday, September 5

8:00am Neil Cameron Wood by Arsenia Reyes

9:30am Angelo & Carmela Zambri by Colomba Zambri (Church)

9:30am Beatriz Casillano by family (Hall)

11:00am Maria Fung by Clara

### Pray for the Dead

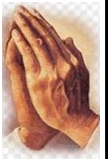
David Herbert Spurr

*Eternal rest, grant unto him, O LORD  
and let perpetual light shine upon him.*



### Pray for the Sick

Lois McDowell, David Sartor, Lidia Scaccia,  
Dan McKinnon, Cathy Hartmann, Tom McGlynn,  
Cathy Proietti, Susan Almonte & Vincent Sguassero,  
Alessio Firreira & Steve Cawthorne



Our faith community welcomes

Victoria Rose Luis

*I have called you by name, you are mine. Is 43:1*

*There are those who seek knowledge for the sake of knowledge; that is curiosity. There are those who seek knowledge to be known by others; that is vanity. There are those who seek knowledge in order to serve; that is love. St. Bernard*

## OBJECTIONS TO CATHOLIC FAITH: how do you respond?

How do you respond to "OBJECTIONS TO CATHOLIC FAITH" that you may receive from work colleagues, friends or even family members?

Most objections come from misinformation and misconceptions about the Catholic Church. The Bible and Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC) are an excellent source of information. If you would like a particular question addressed, contact:

Deacon Diego: [amdggloriam@gmail.com](mailto:amdggloriam@gmail.com),  
subject "I HAVE A QUESTION".

Our parish website "Deacons' Corner"

KNOW YOUR FAITH series deals with questions of a general nature.