**The Franciscan Church of St. Bonaventure***Growing in Spirit, Community & Service*

*Inspired* by St. Francis…

Seeking to *live and proclaim*   
the Gospel in our daily lives

*Responding* to the spiritual hungers   
of the community

Becoming an oasis of  
*peace, prayer and service*





*Welcome*



*“While you are proclaiming peace with your lips, be careful to have it even more fully in your heart.”*

Our warmest welcome to you on joining our Franciscan family. We are grateful that you have made our parish your spiritual home.

Together, inspired by St. Francis of Assisi, we seek to live and proclaim the Gospel of Christ in our daily lives.

We offer you this booklet in the hope that it will help you to understand who we are, how we serve, and how you can share your gifts and talents as together we strive to follow in the footsteps of St. Francis of Assisi.

We look forward to worshiping and serving our community together.

*“Preach the gospel at all times…if necessary use words.”* St. Francis of Assisi

Join Our Community  
Make sure you register. Pick-up a registration form at the church, Ministry Centre or download online.

Worship  
*“We should seek not so much to pray but to become prayer.”*Weekday Liturgy  
Monday to Friday: 9 am   
Public Holidays: 9 am  
Reconciliation: Saturday, 4 pm   
Sunday Liturgy  
Saturday Vigil: 5 pm   
Sunday: 8:30 am, 10 am, 12 noon  
  
Gluten Free Hosts — Come to the sacristy before mass to arrange.

Children’s Liturgy— 10 am Sunday, for children pre-school to grade 6.

Wheelchair Accessible Washroom —At the back of the church on the south side.

## Caring for the Sick & Homebound — If a parent or loved one is homebound and would like to receive the Eucharist contact the Ministry Centre. For those living at Greenview Lodge, Thompson House and Revera Donway Place, the friars celebrate mass with residents once a month. Mass Intentions — A mass can be offered for someone who is living or deceased. Arrangements can be made at the Ministry Centre. We accept multiple intentions for our Friday 9 am masses. Sanctuary Lamps & Vigil Candles — You can have a seven-day lamp for your intentions in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel or Our Lady’s Chapel. Arrangement can be made at the Ministry Centre.

Social Ministry  
*“A single sunbeam is enough to drive away many shadows.”*Community Share Food Bank — A volunteer program of the five area churches in Don Mills. To volunteer call 416.441.3209. Donations of non-perishable food are welcome at all masses.

Good Shepherd Provide A Meal Program — Volunteers prepare casseroles for the Good Shepherd Centre which serves meals daily, free of charge and without distinction, to anyone in need. A recipe and pan are provided. Contact Eva Trace, 416.447.3040.

Volunteer Screening Coordinator – Pavla Urbanek administers the volunteers screening requirements.[Volunteer.Screening@st-bonaventure.ca](mailto:Volunteer.Screening@st-bonaventure.ca)

Bereavement Support —Contact Nimfa Chua, 416.447.5571 Ext. 222 nimfa@st-bonaventure.ca

Prayer Before the Cross  
Most High, glorious God,   
enlighten the darkness of my heart   
and give me true faith,   
certain hope and perfect charity,   
sense and knowledge, Lord,   
that I may carry out Your holy and true command.

Prayer Network — Members pray daily for intentions held in confidence. To join the network contact Julie Flood, [flood.jc@gmail.com](mailto:flood.jc@gmail.com)

Small Faith Communities — Provide opportunities for discussion by reflecting on the upcoming Sunday’s Scripture readings. ministry@st-bonaventure.ca

Resettlement Committee —Guides the parish in sponsoring families for relocation to Canada. frpeter@st-bonaventure.ca

St. Vincent-de-Paul Society — Provides assistance with food vouchers and clothing. To join the society, contact [ssvp-stbonnie@hotmail.com](mailto:ssvp-stbonnie@hotmail.com)

Welcoming Committee — Welcome new parishioners and explore ways to make all who worship with us feel at home. [welcome@st-bonaventure.ca](mailto:welcome@st-bonaventure.ca)

Sunday Coffee Teams — Arrange for coffee, doughnuts and juice after 10 am Mass. [coffee@st-bonaventure.ca](mailto:coffee@st-bonaventure.ca)

Ministry with Maturing Adults – Discover new meaning and graces in the second half of life. [maureen@st-bonaventure.ca](mailto:maureen@st-bonaventure.ca)

Celebrating the Sacraments Infant Baptism — One Sunday every month. Request forms are on the website and at the Ministry Centre.

Marriage — The bride or groom must be a registered member of our parish. Contact Fr Peter or Fr Thomas at least one year before the date you would like to be married.

Our History In 2005 we celebrated our 50th anniversary. The parish was established in January 1956 — in the care of the Franciscans – to respond to the spiritual hungers of the many Roman Catholic families who flocked to the new suburb of Don Mills. Construction of the church and Parish Hall began in 1958 followed by the friary in 1960, a home for the many friars who have served the community. The parish continued to grow in numbers and ministries and in 2004 a new Ministry Centre was opened to provide a focal point for organizing parish activities. The friars also moved to a new residence.

**Anointing of the Sick** — The sacrament can be received after any Mass or by appointment. While the friars make every effort to respond to hospital emergency calls requesting the sacrament, receiving the sacrament before going to the hospital is preferable in the event that one of the friars is not immediately available in an emergency. Both North York General and Sunnybrook Hospital also have an on-call Chaplain available 24/7.

Growing in Faith   
Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults— Parishioners support and sponsor those interested in becoming Catholic, and those who were baptized but did not receive any other sacraments.   
  
Sacramental Preparation for children — Programs are in place to support parents and their children who are preparing to celebrate the Sacraments of Reconciliation, First Communion, and Confirmation.

Secular Franciscan Order — Catholic women and men who seek to deepen their faith and pattern their lives on Jesus Christ. After a period of formation, members make a public profession and life-long commitment to follow the example of St. Francis of Assisi. Contact: Moira McKeown at [mary.mckeown@sympatico.ca](mailto:mary.mckeown@sympatico.ca)

Liturgical Ministry *“The deeds you do may be the only sermon some persons will hear today”*  
Altar Servers — Adult servers prepare and care for the sanctuary and sacred vessels used for the Liturgy and assist the friars during mass. Youth Altar Servers serve at Sunday masses. [ministry@st-bonaventure.ca](mailto:ministry@st-bonaventure.ca)

Lectors — Proclaim the scripture readings during the liturgies.  
lectors@st-bonaventure.ca

**Environment & Art** — Members offer their talents to enhance the liturgical seasons and celebrations. [**environment@st-bonaventure.ca**](mailto:environment@st-bonaventure.ca)

Ministers of the Eucharistic —Distribute communion during mass and bring the Eucharist to the homebound. communion@st-bonaventure.ca

Ministers of Hospitality — Greet arrivals, facilitate the offertory collection and communion procession and distribute the parish bulletin.   
[hospitality@st-bonaventure.ca](mailto:hospitality@st-bonaventure.ca)

Music Ministry — Choirs serve at the 10 am and noon liturgies on Sunday. Rehearsals are after the respective masses, [rfoty@st-bonaventure.ca](mailto:rfoty@st-bonaventure.ca)

Peace Prayer of St. Francis  
Lord, make me an instrument of your peace,  
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;  
where there is injury, pardon;  
where there is doubt, faith;  
where there is despair, hope;  
where there is darkness, light;  
where there is sadness, joy;  
O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;  
to be understood as to understand;  
to be loved as to love.  
For it is in giving that we receive;  
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;  
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

Stewardship *Start by doing what is necessary, then what is possible, and suddenly you are doing the impossible.”*  
We celebrate our faith in prayer, worship and deed. In addition to sharing your time and talents, ongoing financial support helps ensure our parish continues to be a vibrant, active place of faith. Through your generosity and commitment we can continue to strive to follow in the footsteps of St. Francis. Sunday Offertory Envelopes — Use envelopes to donate by cash/cheque for the weekly offering and special collections.   
Donate Now — Make your donations using your credit card through the Archdiocese of Toronto website [www.archtoronto.org](http://www.archtoronto.org).   
Preauthorized Giving —Under the automatic debit plan your offering is withdrawn from your account monthly. Enrolment forms are in the church and on the website.   
  
Outreach  
“*For it is in giving that we receive.”*  
Catholic Women’s League — A national organization, calling its members to holiness through service to the people of God. Contact: Waveney Duarte, cwl@st-bonaventure.ca

Our Spiritual Home There are three buildings on our parish grounds; the church, Ministry Centre and Parish Centre. The Ministry Centre houses the parish office. The Parish Centre is used for meetings and parish events.

Our meditation garden to the south of the church provides an oasis of peace for prayer and meditation.



Knights of Columbus — Follow the values of unity, fraternity and charity. Contact: Kingsley Leon, 416.447.2770, [kofcouncil5080@outlook.com](mailto:kofcouncil5080@outlook.com)

Ministry Centre Hours   
Monday to Thursday: 9 am to 4:30 pm   
Friday: 9 am to 3 pm   
Closed 12:30 pm to 1:30 pm   
Saturday: 2 pm – 6:30 pm   
Sunday: 9:30 am – 1:30 pm  
  
Pastoral Staff   
  
Pastor – Friar Dennis J Mason, ext.234

**Associate** – Friar Peter Knaapen, ext. 233

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Maturing Adults – Maureen McDonnell, ext. 550 [maureen@st-bonaventure.ca](mailto:maureen@st-bonaventure.ca)

Spiritual Direction – Friar Mark Steed, ext. 540

Private Prayer – Friar Boniface Reinhart, ext. 500

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