

The Franciscan Church of St. Bonaventure

*G*rowing in *S*pirit, *C*ommunity & *S*ervice

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 worshipping 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

Saturday: 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.

Youth Mass— 10 am the first Sunday of each month.

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 Rivera 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.

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.

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.

Bereavement Support — Offers support to grieving individuals and families. Contact: Nimfa Chua, 416.447.5047, nimfa@sympatico.ca.

Prayer Network — Members pray daily for intentions held in confidence. To join the network contact Julie Flood, 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. fellins@sympatico.ca

St. Vincent-de-Paul Society — Provides assistance with food vouchers and clothing. To join the society contact 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

Sunday Coffee Teams — Arrange for coffee, doughnuts and juice after 10am Mass.
coffee@st-bonaventure.ca

CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENTS

Baptism — One Sunday every other 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 the Ministry Centre 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 — Parishioners support and sponsor those interested in becoming Catholic, and those who were baptized but did not receive any other sacraments.

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: Louise Arruda, larruda@live.ca

Sacramental Preparation for Youth — Programs are in place to support parents and their children who are preparing to celebrate the Sacraments of Reconciliation, First Communion, and Confirmation.

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

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

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

Music Ministry — Choirs serve at the 10 am and noon liturgies on Sunday. Rehearsals are Wednesday evenings at 7:15 pm. 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.

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: Jill Tonus, cwl@st-bonaventure.ca

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

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.



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 am – 1:30 pm

PASTORAL STAFF

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