

Ministry Centre Hours

Monday to Thursday: 9 am to 4:30 pm
Friday: 9 am to 3 pm
Closed 12:30 to 1:30 pm
Saturday: 2 pm to 6:30 pm
Sunday: 9:30 am to 1:30 pm

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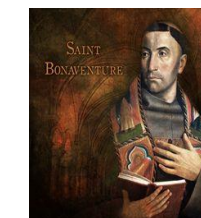
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YOU ARE ALWAYS WELCOME AT ST. BONAVENTURE

GROWING IN SPIRIT, COMMUNITY AND SERVICE
Inspired by St. Francis we seek to live and proclaim the gospel in our daily lives, responding to the spiritual hungers of the community and becoming an oasis of peace, prayer and service.



August 19, 2018
The Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Becoming Food

The Eucharist is a sacrament of unity, primarily the unity of Christ with the Christian: "The one who feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me, and I in him; by this sacrament you make us one with Christ." This unity reflects the unity of the Son with the Father in the Trinity.

The reading from Ephesians encourages the Church to reflect in its life the unity of the Trinity: Christians are to walk in the Spirit and give thanks to the Father in the name of Jesus Christ.

The opening prayer speaks of a larger unity, the unity of the whole human race: "May the walls, which prejudice raises between us, crumble." Prejudice and discrimination destroy the unity that the Trinity and the Eucharist symbolize for us and challenge us to achieve.

Pope John Paul II, *Sollicitudo Rei Socialis*, 1987:14
Now in book form, *To Love and Serve*, By Gerald Darring

Today's readings invite us to consider the parallel paradoxes and promises of our faith; wisdom and foolishness, eating and being satisfied, boasting and humility, fear and courage, dying and living forever, eating Jesus' flesh and blood for salvation. And I pray that we all have the eyes to see these moments of invitation and accept them.

Maureen Wicken, Vancouver, BC

Weekday Liturgy: Monday to Friday, 9 am
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday, 4 pm
Sunday Liturgy: Saturday, Vigil, 5 pm
Sunday, 8:30 am, 10 am, 12 noon

Join our Parish: Pick-up a registration form at the church, Ministry Centre or download online.

Baptism of Infants: One Sunday every month. Request forms are on the website, at the back of the church or at the Ministry centre.

Becoming Catholic (RCIA): For those not baptized, those baptized in another Christian tradition and those baptized Catholic but have not completed their initiation, a process of becoming Catholic involving prayer, inquiry and study is available. Please contact Greg, our Lay Pastoral Associate.

School-aged children: Preparation of children for the celebration of First Reconciliation, First Eucharist and Confirmation is provided through our parish program. Further information will be provided in the bulletin during the school year.

Marriage: Contact Friar Dennis or Friar Peter at least one year before the desired date. Couples need to participate in a Marriage Preparation Course.

Religious Life: For more information and assistance in discerning a call to the consecrated religious life, priesthood or diaconate please see one of the friars.

Pastoral Care: Ministers of the Eucharist bring Communion to the homebound. Contact the Ministry Centre to make arrangements.

Private Prayer: Contact Friar Boniface at 416-447-5571 ext. 500

Spiritual Direction: Contact Friar Mark at friarmsted2015@gmail.com

Prayer Network: Members pray daily for intentions held in confidence. Contact Carol Molina at 647-200-4719

Funeral: Please contact the Ministry Centre and we will assist you in planning the liturgical services.

Psalm 34 ~ Taste and see that the Lord is good.

Mass Intentions

Aug. 20 Monday 9:00 am †Marie Silva
Aug. 21 Tuesday 9:00 am †Joseph Maheandiran
Aug. 22 Wednesday 9:00 am †Nicodemus Fernandes
Aug. 23 Thursday 9:00 am †Peter Emerson
Aug. 24 Friday 9:00 am †Agnes Mendonca
†Joachin Fernandes
†Leonardo Castillo
†James Joseph Lovisek
†Elizabeth Schultz
Aug. 25 Saturday 5:00 pm †Francisco Corpus and
†Susan Rillera
Aug. 26 Sunday 8:30 am Special Intentions
10:00 am †John Cheuk Ping Lee
12:00 pm Intentions of the Parishioners

Prayer Intentions

Sanctuary Lamp: Anita Sioson
Vigil Lamp: †Anna Korbylo

For the Sick:

Alfonz Pavli, Ashley Devlin, Joan Pape, Maggie Marquis,
John Ladd, Raymond Fung, Teresita Peiris, Alice Eaglen,
Josefina Penafiel, Joe Pimenta, Christine Aramburu,
Kay Corner, Dorothy Lord, Lina Cornacchia, Michael
Morra, Mary DiGregorio, Mabel Lim & Roger Payette

Stewardship: A Way of Living

August 12th Offertory Collections

Thank you for your generous donations.

Regular Collection:..... \$ **6,359.50**
Canadian Shared Missions Collection.. \$ **2,801.80**
Pre-Authorized Giving:..... \$ **2,926.00**
Donate Now:..... \$ **328.00**

Second Collection:

September 9 ~ Maintenance Fund Offering

September 30 ~ Needs of the Canadian Church Offering

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This Week in Our Parish

Tuesday, August 21st

9:30 am Ministry with Maturing Adults, Summer Film and Book Club/ Francis Room

Wednesday, August 22nd

7:00 pm Alcoholic Anonymous/Francis Room

Saturday, August 25th

9:30 am Al-Anon Group/Bonaventure Room

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (August 19)

Promise of Eternal Life

Jesus said, “Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day.” (John 6:54)

Proverbs 9:1-6 – Forsake foolishness

Ephesians 5:15-20 – Sing praise to the Lord

John 6:51-58 – Discourse on the bread of life, continued

Adults: How does Jesus’ promise of eternal life affect the way you live today?

Kids: How often do you think about heaven? Does it make a difference in the choices you make?

Casseroles for the Good Shepherd Centre

The deadline for this month’s casseroles is **Sunday, August 26th**. If you can spare some time to make a casserole each month, contact **Eva Trace** at **416-447-3040**.

Secular Franciscan Meeting for Monday, 20th August is cancelled.

Christian Meditation Group at St. Bonaventure Parish every Saturday at 9:30 am in the Oak Room is cancelled for the rest of the summer and will resume in September 15, 2018.

A Day of Reflection for YOUNG ADULTS

If you are a Young Adult (19-35) you are invited to a Day of Reflection to help you discern your priorities in life where God might be leading you to next. The Day of Reflection will be led by Chris Elliott a professed member of the Secular Franciscan order. Held at St. Timothy’s Church, 21 Leith Hill Road, Saturday, October 6th from 10:00 to 6:00 pm. Registration fee is \$10.00 which includes lunch. Spaces are limited so book your spot by September 21st. Call 416-494-6526 ext. 302 or email chriselliottym@gmail.com.

Update on Scam alert: Priest request for gift card

We have been advised by multiple parishes that scammers have created Gmail accounts in various pastors’ names and are continuing to email people asking for iTunes gift cards for a sick friend in the hospital. The people being targeted are parish staff or parishioners who are in key volunteer positions at a parish where there is a publicly known email address. Please be advised not to respond should you receive this email.

Community Life

Ministry with Maturing Adults

Summer Film and Book Club

St. Bonaventure’s Parish

Tuesday, August 21st, 9:30 am – 12:00 noon, Francis Room

Mary of Magdala, Apostle to the Apostles, is truly an inspiration and wisdom figure for the faith community today. There is a growing worldwide interest in and devotion to Mary of Magdala. July 22nd is her feast day. Come and join our exploration through video, presentation and discussion of the significance of Mary Magdalene. All are Welcome!

We share books; watch films and videos; take pleasure in discussions while sipping coffee & tea and munching on treats. **The final meeting of the summer!**

Contact **Maureen McDonnell** at **416-447-5571 ext. 550** or maureen@st-bonaventure.ca

Ministry with Maturing Adults – Life Stories Program

A small-group **Life Stories** program will be offered in the Bonaventure Room for 8 consecutive **Wednesday afternoons** from **Sept. 26 until Nov. 14, 2018**. Time: **12:45 – 2:45 pm**. Participants write and share stories about their lives. See brochures at the back of the church for more details. Cost: \$25. Preregistration required. To register, call **Gisela Cote** at **416-447-5571 Ext. 560**

News from the St. Vincent de Paul Society

Before helping others, we need to have a personal encounter with God: we need time to pray and listen to His Word. ~ Pope Francis

All parishioners, friends and benefactors of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul are invited to a Mass in St. Bonaventure Church on Wednesday, September 12, 2018, at 7:00 pm. Come celebrate the Eucharist with us as we reflect on the lives of Blessed Frederic Ozanam and St. Vincent de Paul and join fellow Vincentians in North York. Those wishing to volunteer are also invited to the gathering after mass. For more information, call Jack or Judy at 416-390-9495.

Vocation Seeds

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time – August 19, 2018

Today’s Gospel asks for us “how can this man give us His flesh to eat?” Through the mystery of Eucharistic consecration, we partake of the “living bread”. In faith we can also respond to God’s invitation to be his priest, religious, or permanent deacon, visit: www.vocationtoronto.ca; www.franciscans.org or speak with one of the friars.

And now, a word from our Pastor

My first two weeks here have been wonderful. Worshipping, meeting, and learning. Thank you. Much of the time has been spent with staff members listening and asking questions. Those conversations deepened my appreciation and admiration for our community of faith. This past week we gathered for a staff meeting where we continued to build bonds to ensure that we continue to offer the best possible ministry to you, God’s People. To borrow the words of Jacob in the Book of Genesis: “Surely God is here, in this place” – the parish of St. Bonaventure.

Peace and Prayer

A. Dennis

Sacramental Preparation 2018-2019 at St. Bonaventure Parish

The following information meetings are for parishioners of St. Bonaventure church.

Preparation for First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion

Roman Catholic children may begin to be prepared to celebrate their First Reconciliation (Confession) and First Communion around the age of 7. If you are the parent of a 7-year-old child (in grade 2), or older, who is baptised Roman Catholic, then it is important for you to attend **one** of the following parent information meetings in the Main Hall of the Parish Centre to learn about the preparation process, registration, and celebration of these Sacraments: **•Sunday, September 23rd from 1:15 to 2:45 pm, or •Tuesday, September 25th from 7:00 to 8:30 pm**

Preparation for Confirmation

In September 2015, the age when youth may begin to prepare for and celebrate Confirmation was lowered to age 12 in the Archdiocese of Toronto. If your child is baptised Roman Catholic and 12 years old (grade 7) or older, then it is important for you and your son or daughter to attend **one** of the following parent-youth Confirmation information sessions held in the Main Hall of the Parish Centre to learn about the preparation process, registration, and celebration of Confirmation: **•Sunday, October 14th from 1:15 to 2:30 pm, or •Tuesday, October 16th from 7:00 to 8:30 pm**

