



Family of Faith

Family of Faith Campaign

Campaign Goal	\$960,000
Total Pledged	\$1,247,480
Total # of Donors	257
Total Collected	\$447,762
Parish Share of Collected	\$106,416
Campaign Cost Paid	\$22,100
Funds Available	\$84,316

The Family of Faith campaign generated excitement and tremendous support here. Pledges redeemed over the next five years will enable our parish to do so much! With the parish share, we plan to:

- Expand Faith Formation and Sacramental Preparation programs
- Develop and expand Youth Ministry
- Expand our Ministry to Maturing Adults

On behalf of the parish, and all the volunteers who assisted with the Family of Faith campaign, thank you for your prayers and support of the campaign effort.

We have a number of outstanding pledge payments. Please remember to contribute toward your pledge. Your continued payments of your commitment to our campaign will enable us to fund future projects that will help in many practical ways to welcome and to serve those who come to our church to encounter Christ.

If you wish to receive a tax receipt for your 2016 donation, please ensure that your pledge payments are made by December 31<sup>st</sup> 2016. Payments received or postmarked by this date will qualify for 2016 tax receipt.

If you need to discuss the payment of your pledge for any reason, please contact the parish at 416-447-5571 ext. 224 or the Donation Processing Centre at your earliest convenience at: campaign@archtoronto.org or 416-934-3400 Ext. 555.



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Third Sunday of Advent



And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away. -Isaiah 35.10

'Tis the season for runaway anticipation. Expending seemingly unlimited time and energy on preparing for the big day, it's easy to lose sight of what Christmas is all about. Certainly not fire and brimstone - rather a genuine Christmas story of love and salvation. It's time that we shifted our focus from unrealistic expectation to embrace the promise of Jesus as the true meaning of Christmas.

Frank Campbell, Enfield, NS

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon. Dec. 12 9:00 am †Joseph Badali  
Tues. Dec. 13 9:00 am †Andela Jirechkova  
Wed. Dec. 14 9:00 am †Antoinette Machado  
Thurs. Dec.15 9:00 am †Monsignor Edward Boehler  
  
Fri. Dec.16 9:00 am †Luigi Rossi  
Sat. Dec.17 9:00 am †Louis Patricio Correia  
†Frances Coady  
†Elwyn McDonnell  
†John Enright  
†Louis F. D'Souza  
†Stas krotowski  
†Aileen Moore  
†José Alberto Bacardi  
†Theresa Wisniowski  
†Alfredo DeRose  
†Thomas Deeth  
†Paul Yip  
  
Sat. Dec. 17 5:00 pm Parishioners  
Sun. Dec. 18 8:30 am †Hugh Canning (father and son)  
10:00 am †Alice Castelino  
12:00 pm †Frank Covello

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Sanctuary Lamp: Nana Mara Marku  
Vigil Lamp: †Frank Covello  
For the Sick: Burke Seitz, Peter Holloway, Kay Corner, Linda Nasturzio, Elena Pappalardo, Eileen Velazquez, George Joel, Martin Young, Geraldine Daly and Patrice Flanagan

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

**Prayer Network:** Members pray daily for intentions held in confidence. Contact Patricia Floros at 416-444-0424

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



Lord, come and save us

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

**Monday, December 12**  
6:30 pm Sparks/Bonaventure Room  
6:30 pm Brownies/ Francis Room  
7:30 pm Adult Choir Practice/Church  
**Tuesday, December 13**  
9:30 am Spiritual Growth in the Second Half of Life/Francis Room  
7:00 pm Bible Study Group/Oak Room  
**Wednesday, December 14**  
6:30 pm GRASP Group/Oak Room  
7:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous/Francis Room  
7:30 pm Family Choir Practice/Church  
**Thursday, December 15**  
6:30 pm Café Glace/Main Hall  
**Friday, December 16**  
5:00 pm St. Bonaventure School, Ginger Bread Event/Main Hall  
**Saturday, December 17**  
9:30 am Christian Meditation/Oak Room  
9:30 am Al Anon Group/Bonaventure Room

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**  
Fridays of Advent, following the 9:00 a.m. Mass concluding at 10:30 a.m. with Benediction.

**Diocesan-Wide Day of Confessions**  
St. Bonaventure Church Day of Confessions, Wednesday, December 14, 9:30 - 10:30 a.m., 12:00 - 1:00 p.m., 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

All priests in the Archdiocese have been asked to hear confessions several times throughout the day. This is not meant to replace Parish Reconciliation Services but to deepen the experience of this Healing Sacrament.

**Christmas Liturgies**  
**Christmas Eve**  
4:00 p.m. Children's Mass with Pageant  
4:15 p.m. Mass in the Parish Centre. This Mass is to reduce overcrowding and to comply with the Fire Regulations concerning the number of people that can be safely housed in our Church. If you arrive after the Church is filled, you will be asked to go to the Parish Centre for the Mass. We encourage younger parishioners to park at the Botanical Gardens.

7:00 p.m. Mass  
9:30 p.m. Festival of Carols and Poems  
10:00 p.m. Mass During the Night  
**Christmas Day**  
10:00 a.m. Mass During the Day



## STEWARDSHIP - A WAY OF LIVING

### December 4 Offertory Collection

Thank you for your generous donations.

Regular Collection: \$10,396.95

Maintenance Fund: \$3,844.55

Donate Now: \$328 Pre-Authorized Giving: \$2,906

### Second Collection: Christmas Offering

There will be a second collection December 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> weekend for the Christmas Offering.

## COMMUNITY LIFE

### News from the St. Vincent de Paul Society

*"Give thanks for dirty dishes, they have a tale to tell. While other folks go hungry, we're eating very well. With home and health and happiness, we shouldn't want to fuss. For by this stack of evidence, God's been very good to us." - Anonymous*

Please remember the less fortunate this Advent by taking a tag from the 'Giving Tree' or dropping into one of our poor boxes as you leave the church. Thank you.

### Casseroles for the Good Shepherd Centre

The deadline for this month casseroles is **Thursday, December 29, 2016**. If you can spare a few hours, contact Eva Trace, 416.447.3040.

### Knights of Columbus Sock Drive

The Knights of Columbus, St. Francis Council 5080 welcome donations of new, heavy duty, warm socks, mitts and underwear for the Good Shepherd Centre. Please place your donations in the box marked "Advent Sock Drive" at the back of the Church. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

### Spiritual Growth in the Second Half of Life

**Tuesdays, 10 am, December 13 at Francis Room**, hosted by Maureen McDonnell, D. Min., Maturing Adults Minister.

To register for 2017 programme, call 416-447-5571 Ext. 550 or email at [maureen@st-bonaventure.ca](mailto:maureen@st-bonaventure.ca)

### Secular Franciscan Meeting

There will be a Secular Franciscan meeting **Monday, December 19, 2016 at 6:30 pm, Francis room.**

### Administration

The 2017 Offering envelopes are ready for pick up. Please contact the Parish Office with any address changes.

### "Giving Tree"

Bring the spirit of Christmas to someone in need. We invite you to take a gift tag from our 'Giving



Tree'. The back of the gift tag will indicate the type of gift needed. We appreciate you returning your gift as soon as possible so that we can ensure all requests for help are answered - **December 17/18** at the latest. Your gifts will support those who seek help through **St. Vincent de Paul Society, The Community Share Food Bank, residents at Thompson House Retirement Home and Greenview Lodge Nursing Home.**

### Franciscan Pilgrimage to Rome and Poland

Friar David Stachurski is part of the team that will be leading the pilgrimage from **August 7-18, 2017**. We will be walking the footsteps of **St. Maximilian Kolbe** as we celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the founding of the Militia of the Immaculata, a worldwide movement of Marian consecration he founded. Cost from Toronto is \$3,480. Brochures are available in the back of the church for detailed information.

### Advent is...a wreath of evergreens and light!

The Advent wreath is a prominent symbol of the Advent season and is used in our churches and our homes as a way to prayerfully count the four weeks of the liturgical season. It consists of a wreath made of evergreens into which four candles have been placed.

According to tradition, three of the candles are purple and one candle is pink, although all four candles may be purple. The pink candle is lit on the Third Sunday of Advent, also known as *Gaudete* Sunday (from the Latin word which means "Rejoice!"), as the focus of the season shifts from the Second Coming of Christ to the First Coming of Christ.

Why not create an Advent wreath for your kitchen table? The following blessing may be prayed:

*Lord our God, we praise you for Your Son, Jesus Christ: he is Emmanuel, the hope of the peoples, he is the wisdom that teaches and guide us, he is the Saviour of every nation.*

*Lord God, let your blessing come upon us as we light the candles of this wreath. May the wreath and its light be a sign of Christ's promise to bring us salvation. May he come quickly and not delay.*

*We ask this through Christ our Lord.  
Amen*

### Third Sunday of Advent... Actions worthy of praise

**Reading I** Isaiah 35:1-6,10 (Israel's deliverance)

**Reading II** James 5:7-10 (patience)

**Gospel** Matthew 11:2-11(Christ's witness to John)

Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he." (Matthew 11:11)

**Adult:** How do you prepare yourself to meet Christ in those around you?

**Child:** What good thing have you done so far during Advent to be like Jesus?



### Lighting Prayers

### Third Week of Advent

*God of joy and compassion, you send glad tidings to the lowly and break through the darkness with your great light. As we light these candles, help us remember that the Good News is on its way. May we announce it in what we do and what we say. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord.*

*Amen*

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