

**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](mailto:friarmsted2015@gmail.com)

**Prayer Network:** Members pray daily for intentions held in confidence. Contact **Lois Theriault** at 416-447-7466

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

### Ministry Centre Holiday Hours

Saturday, December 22	2:00 pm – 6:30 pm
Sunday, December 23	9:30 am – 1:30 pm
Monday, December 24	9:00 am – 1:00 pm
Tuesday, December 25	Closed
Wednesday, December 26	Closed
Thursday, December 27	9:00 am – 4:30 pm
Friday, December 28	9:00 am – 4:30 pm
Saturday, December 29	2:00 pm – 6:30 pm
Sunday, December 30	9:30 am – 1:30 pm
Monday, December 31 <sup>st</sup>	Closed
Tuesday, January 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2019	Closed

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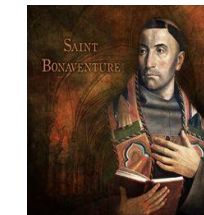
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YOU ARE ALWAYS WELCOME AT ST. BONAVENTURE

**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.*

December 16, 2018 ~ The Third Sunday of Advent



**Rejoice!** It is the word that best embodies the Third Sunday of Advent. It's like a beautifully wrapped gift that we can't wait to open. We know we are getting close to Christmas and close to receiving a most wondrous gift: the birth of Christ.

This expectation and the need to prepare ourselves for this wondrous event mark Advent. We are eager to celebrate an event that changed everything and gave all people new hope.

What is more joyous than a newborn... and yet what is more vulnerable? It is in such poverty and vulnerability that Jesus comes.

Advent is about preparing for Christ's coming. We must renew our commitment as Christians to reach out to others, especially the most vulnerable, and to let our "gentleness be known to everyone."

In the Gospel, when people ask John the Baptist what they should do, he says whoever has two coats must share with someone who has none. If they have food to eat, they must ensure the hungry are fed.

As we prepare for Christ's coming, bear in mind that Jesus comes not as a great ruler in flowing robes of gold and silk. He comes as a vulnerable child who requires our concern, nurturing and care

Jack Panozzo, Toronto, ON.

### Advent Days of Confessions

This week, let us make the journey into the heart of our relationship with God. Take a long, loving look at the ways of God calls us to grow. Take this challenge and hold it in readiness for the rich blessing that is manifest in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

**Confession here at St. Bonaventure will be on Tuesday, December 18th from 9:30 to 10:30 am; 12:00 to 1:00 pm and 7:00 to 8:00 pm**

Days and Times of Confessions in other parishes near us:

**St. Timothy's Parish, 21 Leith Hill Road**  
 December 17: 9:00 am - 12:00 pm; 5:00 - 8:00 pm  
**Blessed Sacrament, 24 Cheritan Avenue**  
 December 20: 9:00 am - 1:00 pm; 5:00 - 8:00 pm

### Christmas and New Year Mass Schedule Fourth Sunday of Advent

Saturday, December 22nd - Vigil Mass, 5:00 pm  
 Sunday, December 23rd - Regular Sunday Mass  
 8:30 am, 10:00 am and 12:00 noon

### The Nativity of the Lord Christmas Eve

Monday, December 24th - 4:00 pm, 7:00 pm and 10:00 pm  
 Christmas Carols before the 7 pm and 10 pm Masses

### Christmas Day

Tuesday, December 25th - 10:00 am and 12:00 pm

### Boxing Day

Wednesday, December 26th – 9:00 am Mass

### Feast of the Holy Family

Saturday, December 29th -Vigil Mass, 5:00 pm  
 Sunday, December 30th - Regular Sunday Mass  
 8:30 am, 10:00 am and 12:00 noon

### Mary, the Holy Mother of God New Year's Eve

Monday, December 31st -5:00 pm

### New Year's Day

Tuesday, January 1st, 2019 -10:00 am only

*Isaiah 12 ~ Sing and shout for joy, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.*

**This Week in Our Parish Hall**

**Community Life**

**Mass Intentions**

Dec. 17 Monday	9:00 am	Jennifer Khayat
Dec. 18 Tuesday	9:00 am	†Louise Wiggins
Dec. 19 Wednesday	9:00 am	†Eugenijus Cuplinskis
Dec. 20 Thursday	9:00 am	Special Intentions of Gwen Fitzgerald
Dec. 21 Friday	9:00 am	The Friars
		†James Christos
		†Helen Bonser
		†Antonio Di Ianni
		†Wayne Huk
		†Julie Lambino
		†Erasmus Lobo
Dec. 22 Saturday	5:00 pm	†Clarita Dayot
Dec. 23 Sunday	8:30 am	Intentions of the Parishioners
	10:00 am	†Peter Lynch
	12:00 pm	†Jimmie Demoe

**Prayer Intentions**

Sanctuary Lamp: †Alicia Karwowska  
Vigil Lamp: Rochelle Labrador

**For the Sick:**

Deanna Andrew, Bonnie Beverley, Rochelle Labrador, Mabel Lim, Tony Guiney, Alfonz Pavli, Joan Pape, Maggie Marquis, Raymund Fung, Teresita Peiris, Kay Corner, Dorothy Lord, Michael Morra, Mary DiGregorio, Liliana De Las Mercedes Vazquez, and Elisabetta Schiavone

**For the Deceased:** Eric Clegg and Randolph Fung

**Stewardship: A Way of Living**

**December 9<sup>th</sup> Offertory Collections**

Thank you for your generous donations.

Regular Collection:.....	\$ 7,647.25
Flowers for Christmas .....	\$ 2,515.50
Maintenance Fund Offering .....	\$ 445.00
Shepherds' Trust .....	\$ 260.00
Pre-Authorized Giving:.....	\$ 2,926.00
Donate Now:.....	\$ 328.00

**Second Collection:**

**December 25 – Christmas Offering**

**Year End Dates**

The last date for processing any donations to be included in your 2018 Charitable Donations Tax Receipt is December 31, 2018. Please ensure that any donations are received in our office, or post marked by December 31<sup>st</sup>. This includes any Family of Faith Campaign donations. Please call the Ministry Centre for information or any questions.

**Parking Lot**

During this busy season, please obey the traffic signs and practice patience as you are entering and leaving the parking lot. Please be extra careful and watch for children and pedestrians. Please consider parking at the Toronto Botanical Gardens and walking to the church. This will leave parking for our senior members and our young families.

**Monday, December 17**

6:30 pm Brownies/Main Hall  
6:30 pm Sparks/Bonaventure Room  
7:00 pm Secular Franciscan Meeting/Francis Room

**Tuesday, December 18**

7:00 pm Bible Study/Oak Room

**Wednesday, December 19**

7:30 pm CWL- Christmas Bags/Main Hall  
7:30 pm Alcoholic Anonymous/Francis Room

**Thursday, December 20**

9:30 am Theology and Tea/Francis Room

**Saturday, December 22**

9:30 am Christian Meditation/Oak Room  
9:30 am Al Anon Group/Bonaventure Room

**“Warmth and Comfort”**

The CWL is embarking on a CWL Toronto Archdiocesan project called ‘Warmth and Comfort’ asking parishioners to donate jars of peanut butter and boxes of crackers to be given to homeless shelters in our city. And will continue collecting these items through **December 31<sup>st</sup>**. ‘Peanut Butter and Crackers’ collection boxes are placed at the back of the church for your donations. Thank you for helping feed the homeless with these nutritious snacks.

**Help the Homeless – City Street Outreach**

City Street Outreach, a Canadian registered, non-profit charity, run completely by volunteers and serving the city since 2010 needs blankets, sleeping bags, pop-up tents, coats, scarves, mittens and socks to be distributed to the homeless and to families living in poverty. Please drop off new or gently used items at the Ministry Centre on **December 17** at the latest.

**Casseroles for the Good Shepherd Centre**

The deadline for the casseroles is Sunday, **December 23<sup>rd</sup>**. Drop off your casseroles at the Ministry Centre. If you can spare some time to make a casserole each month, contact **Eva Trace** at **416-447-3040**

**2019 Offertory Envelopes**

Last year, we had a significant number of boxes that were never picked up. Some parishioners were using previous years’ envelopes with outdated numbers. After careful consideration, and in consultation with the Parish Finance Committee, we decided to mail the 2019 offertory envelopes out to our parishioners.

Envelopes will be mailed out each quarter, 4 times per year. They will include the regular Sunday offertory envelopes and the second collection envelopes. Each envelope will be preprinted with your name and mailing address as well as your envelope number. You only need to print the amount of your offering.

Although there seems to be more cost associated with the mailing, the reality is that the envelopes are going directly to those that use them and the preprinting with names improves our administration and recording of donations.

We will have extra blank envelopes at the back of the church and an update form in case you have not received your envelopes. Thank you for your patience as we implement this new system!

**St. Bonaventure’s Ministry with Maturing Adults  
A Spirituality for the Second Half of Life  
Embracing Wholeness and Challenge**



**2019 Winter Program St. Bonaventure’s  
Ministry with Maturing Adults**

**Tuesday Mornings; Coffee & Treats 9:30 – 11:45 am**

- January 15 Belonging and Community; Exploring the wisdom and radiance of Jean Vanier as a guide for healthy communities - Mary Bastedo, Daybreak (retired)
- January 29 A Contemplative Retreat; Draw aside to meditate with Franciscan wisdom - Friar Dennis J. Mason

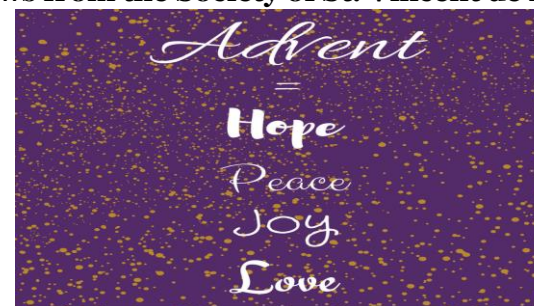
There is no monetary cost for this program. For more information: [maureen@st-bonaventure.ca](mailto:maureen@st-bonaventure.ca) or call Maureen McDonnell at 416-447-5571 Ext. 550

**Theology and Tea**

**Next T and T is on December 20<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 am in the Francis Room.**

Advent is a season of anticipation and a time to ponder the Mystery of the Incarnation of the Holy One into the world and into our lives. **Friar Mark Steed and Maureen McDonnell** began the exploration of the Advent season with a focus on the inspirational Magnificat, “**My soul magnifies the Lord.**” All are welcome!

**News from the Society of St. Vincent de Paul**



Your donations, prayers, and caring support enable us to bring hope and warmth to the less fortunate in our parish and community at Christmas and beyond. *Thank you for your continuing generosity.*

**Congratulations to the children who celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation yesterday, December 15. May they continue to cherish and welcome God’s mercy. Thank you to the parents for helping prepare them to experience God’s goodness.**

**And Now, A Word from Our Pastor**

December 30 is the Feast of the Holy family. Jesus, Mary and Joseph rejoiced in the gift of family. They also experienced the storms of family life. The Holy Family stands as a model of respect and love, faith and hope. They witness to the presence of God in our family lives in the midst of peace or troubles.

On the weekend of December 29 – 30 St. Francis Council of the knights of Columbus will help us to offer prayer for nuclear families, extended families, adoptive families, blended families, families who know division and families who experience mourning. The Knights will provide us with a prayer we will offer during the Liturgy calling upon the intercession of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. May the Holy Family bring a spirit of gratitude where there is peace and peace where there are troubles. May they be hope for the future and healing for hurt. Jesus, Mary and Joseph pray for us.

**A PRAYER FOR THE  
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
*Joy-filled Giver of Life, let the anticipation of your birth fill us with overflowing joy. May our excitement and anticipation be a sign to the world that you are always near. Amen.*

**Third Sunday of Advent – December 16, 2018**

**The Joy of Kindness**

Rejoice in the Lord always; again, I will say, Rejoice, Let your gentleness be known to everyone. (Philippians 4:4-5)

**Zephaniah 3:14-18a** – Promise of a savior

**Philippians 4:4-7** – Joy and peace

**Luke 3:10-18** – John calls the people to justice

**Adults:** What might John the Baptist challenge you to do differently in your life?

**Kids:** Do you have extras that you can share with others this week?

**‘Vocation Seeds’**

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Could God be calling you to be a priest, or religious and announce the Good News to His People as John the Baptist did? If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon visit the website: [www.vocationtoronto.ca](http://www.vocationtoronto.ca); [www.franciscans.org](http://www.franciscans.org) or speak with one of the friars.







