

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
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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 17, 2017
The Third Sunday of Advent



Rejoice in the Lord, Always!

It is a time for rejoicing: "The Lord is near! The earth rejoices in hope of the Savior's coming and looks forward with longing to his return at the end of time."

We again encounter John the Baptist echoing Isaiah's oracle: "Make straight the way of the Lord!" This time it appears alongside Paul's ringing exhortation: Rejoice always, never cease praying, render constant thanks."

The **First Reading** has Isaiah tell of being sent "to bring glad tidings to the lowly, to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and release to the prisoners."

The Responsorial Psalm is Mary's song from the first chapter of Luke: The hungry he has given every good thing, while the rich he has sent empty away."

The Alleluia follows this with a rewording of Isaiah: "The Spirit of the Lord ... sent me to bring Good news to the poor."

The message of today's liturgy is clear. The salvation we await with joy will liberate both the individual and the community, and its special focus will be the poor and lowly, not the rich and powerful.

"As the earth brings forth its plants ... so will the Lord God make justice."

Jesus comes so that our community might no longer be scarred with poverty and oppression but might instead "be preserved whole and entire, spirit, soul, and body."

The church is called to participate in human affairs and to recognize in the poor, the afflicted, and the oppressed the presence of the Lord summoning the Christian community to action.

U.S. Bishops, Resolution of the Pastoral Concern of the Church for People on the Move, 1976:5

Now published in book form, To Love and Serve: Lectionary Based Meditations, By Gerald Darring.

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 other 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 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

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

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

Responsorial Canticle: Lk.1 'My soul rejoices in my God'

Mass Intentions

Dec. 18 Monday 9:00 am †Stanley Zupan
 Dec. 19 Tuesday 9:00 am †Manuel Sanchez and
 †Cruz Fuentes
 Dec. 20 Wednesday 9:00 am †Mary Kathryn
 Chamberlain
 Dec. 21 Thursday 9:00 am Sophia, Luca and Sienna
 Ballin
 Dec. 22 Friday 9:00 am †Gloria Chan
 †Felicitas Gorospe
 †Gretta Gomes
 †Helen Bourke
 Dec. 23 Saturday 5:00 pm †Mark Vanstein
 Dec. 24 Sunday 8:30 am †Julieta Marbello
 10:00 am Mary Digregorio
 12:00 pm **No Mass**
 Christmas Eve : 4:00 pm Int. of Parishioners
 7:00 pm Int. of Parishioners
 Midnight Mass: 10:00 pm Int. of Parishioners
 Dec. 25 Monday 10:00 am Int. of Parishioners
 Dec. 26 Tuesday **No Morning Mass**

Prayer Intentions

Sanctuary Lamp: Wes Ong
 Vigil Lamp: †Alicja Karwowska
 For the Sick: Roger Payette, Lucy DiBona, Emily Chan
 Keith David, Cathy Valenti, Clement
 Leung, Teresita Peiris, Michael Morra,
 Patricia O'Connor, Fr. George D'Souza,
 Theresa Sarabura, Dorothy Lord,
 Vivienne Brown and Michael McCallister

Stewardship: A Way of Living

December 10 Offertory Collection

Thank you for your generous donations.

Regular Collection: \$ **8,217.40**

Flowers for Christmas: \$ **4,042.00**

Pre-Authorized Giving: \$ **2,926** Donate Now: \$ **328**

Second Collection: December 25th - Christmas Offering

Third Sunday of Advent

Bringing Joy through Justice

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation. (Isaiah 61:10)

Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11 – The mission to the afflicted

1 Thessalonians 5:16-24 – Christian conduct; blessing

John 1:6-8, 19-28 – John as witness to the light

Adults: What work of justice could you do this week to bring someone joy?

Kids: What could you do for someone this week to make them happy?

This Week in Our Parish

Monday, December 18

7:00 pm Secular Franciscan Meeting/Francis Room

Tuesday, December 19

7:00 pm Bible Study Group/Bonaventure Room

Wednesday, December 20

7:30 pm Society of St. Vincent de Paul Meeting/Bonaventure Room

7:00 pm Alcoholic Anonymous/Francis Room

7:00 pm Grasp/Oak Room

Thursday, December 21

9:30 am Theology & Tea/ Francis Room

Saturday, December 23

9:30 am Christian Meditation Group/Oak Room

9:30 am Al-Anon Group/Bonaventure Room

Sunday, December 24

No Sunday Coffee

Monday, December 25

Ministry Centre is closed

Tuesday, December 26

No Morning Mass

Ministry Centre is closed

Christmas and New Year Mass Schedule

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Saturday, December 23rd 5:00 pm

Sunday, December 24th 8:30 am and 10:00 am

No Noon Mass

The Nativity of the Lord

Christmas Eve

Sunday, December 24th 4:00 pm, 7:00 pm and 10:00 pm

Christmas Day

Monday, December 25th 10:00 am only

Feast of the Holy Family

Saturday, December 30th 5:00 pm

Sunday, December 31st 8:30 am, 10:00 am and 12:00 noon

Mary, the Holy Mother of God

New Year's Eve

Sunday, December 31st 5:00 pm

New Year's Day

Monday, January 1st 12:00 noon

Epiphany of the Lord

Saturday, January 6 5:00 pm

Sunday, January 7 8:30 am, 10:00 am and 12:00 noon

Theology and Tea

The last session of 'Theology and Tea' for 2017 is **Thursday, December 21st, 9:30 to 11:00 am**, in the **Francis Room**. All are welcome!

Secular Franciscan Meeting

There will be a Secular Franciscan meeting **Monday, December 18, 2017 at 7:00 pm, Francis room**.

Community Life

St. Bonaventure's Ministry with Maturing Adults "Living our Spirituality in the Second Half of Life"

2018 Dates and Program Topics

Tuesdays, 9:30-11:30 am, in the Francis Room

January 23 Dementia and Alzheimer's – Fostering Compassionate Presence

January 30 Creating Circles of Care – What happens when I or a loved one needs support and care at home?

February 20 Advanced Care Planning – This spiritual practice of reflection and dialogue is for all adults. How to let people in your life know what kind of health and personal care you would want in the future if you were unable to speak for yourself.

February 27 Understanding Islam – Being in dialogue with neighbours

March 13 Homeless in Toronto

March 20 The Wisdom of Teresa of Avila – Responding to the summons of our elder years

April 24 Special Event with luncheon

All are welcome. There is no monetary cost for this program. **Contact Maureen McDonnell for more information at maureen@st-bonaventure.ca or call 416-447-5571 ext. 550**

News from the St. Vincent de Paul Society

Faith becomes tangible when it finds its expression in love and, especially, in the service of our brothers and sisters in difficulty. ~ Pope Francis

Your donations to our poor boxes allow us to make the Christmas season a little brighter for the less fortunate. Tax receipts will be available for those who clearly print their name and address on our Christmas envelopes located at each poor box. Thank you for your continuing generosity.

Casseroles for the Good Shepherd Centre

The deadline for next month's casseroles is **Wednesday, December 27th**. If you can spare some time to make a casserole each month, contact Eva Trace at 416-447-3040.

2018 Offertory Envelopes

The 2018 offertory envelopes are available for pick up. Please notify the Ministry Centre of any changes to your address and telephone number.

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.



"Giving Tree"

Bring the spirit of Christmas to someone in need. We invite you to take a gift tag from our 'Giving Tree' located at the back of the church. The back of the gift tag will indicate the type of gift needed. We appreciate you returning your gift by **December 20** at the latest. Your gifts will support those who seek help through The Community Share Food Bank, residents at Thompson House Retirement Home and Greenview Lodge Nursing Home.

Knights of Columbus Sock Drive

"During this season of Advent, the Knights of Columbus will be collecting new unused warm socks, mitts and scarfs. All items will be donated to the Good Shepherd Centre around Christmas. Please place all your donated items in the box located at the back of the Church. Your kind generosity is greatly appreciated."

Knights of Columbus – Christmas Crèche Winner

Congratulations to Maria Foran winner of the Christmas Crèche Raffle Draw Ticket #003. Maria and Roger have decided to donate it back to the Knights of Columbus – St. Francis Council and the Council will donate it to a Family in need.

'Vocation Seeds'

There was a man named John, sent by God, who came as a witness to testify to the Light, so that through this person all people might believe. Is it possible God could be calling your name to witness to the Light of Christ in our day? If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, call **Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto** 416-968-0997 or email vocation@arctoronto.org, website: www.vocationtoronto.ca, www.franciscans.org, or speak with one of the friars.

St. Clare Inn Christmas cards, Keep Christ in Christmas Car Magnets, Christmas cakes, and the Knights of Columbus Christmas cards are still available for purchase at the **Ministry Centre**, for more details please call 416-447-5571.

