

### Ministry Centre Holiday Hours

Saturday, December 28	2:30 pm – 6:30 pm
Sunday, December 29	9:30 am – 1:30 pm
Monday, December 30	9:00 am – 4:30 pm
Tuesday, December 31	9:00 am – 1:00 pm
Wednesday, January 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2020	<b>Closed</b>
Thursday, January 2 <sup>nd</sup>	9:00 am – 4:30 pm
Friday, January 3 <sup>rd</sup>	9:00 am – 3:00 pm
Saturday, January 4 <sup>th</sup>	2:30 pm – 6:30 pm

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### Regular Ministry Centre Hours:

Monday to Thursday: 9 am to 4:30 pm  
Friday: 9 am to 3 pm  
Closed for lunch: 12:30 to 1:30 pm  
Saturday: 2:00 pm to 6:30 pm  
Sunday: 9:30 am to 1:30 pm

Join our Parish: Pick-up a registration form at the back of 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 Dennis** or **Friar Peter** at least one year before the desired date. Couples need to participate in a Marriage Preparation Course.

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

Religious Life: Discerning a call to the consecrated religious life please see one of the friars.

Spiritual Direction: Contact Friar Mark at [friarmsted2015@gmail.com](mailto:friarmsted2015@gmail.com)

Prayer Network: Members pray daily for intentions held in confidence. For prayer request contact **Ellen Brock** at **647-622-5689**

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

## THE FRANCISCAN CHURCH OF ST. BONAVENTURE

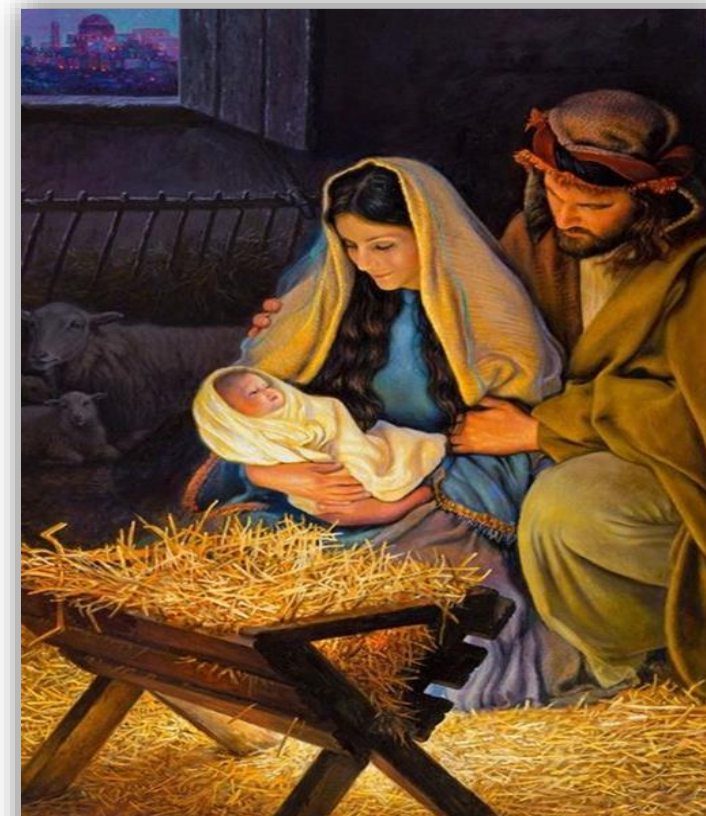
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YOU ARE ALWAYS WELCOME AT ST. BONAVENTURE

**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 29, 2019  
The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph



Pope Francis' homily for the Feast of the Holy Family points out that Jesus, Mary and Joseph were refugees. Why would a saviour arrive as a baby, when he could have come as a king? As a refugee? As homeless?  
... Therefore, as we fix our gaze on the Holy Family of Nazareth as they were forced to become refugees, let us think of the tragedy of those migrants and refugees who are victims of rejection and exploitation, who are victims of human trafficking and of slave labour.  
... Jesus wanted to belong to a family who experienced these hardships, so that no one would feel excluded from the loving closeness of God.

Pope Francis, Feast of the Holy Family of Nazareth,  
December 29, 2013

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*And Now, A Word from Our Patron Saint*

*Any person who has seen many days of life can love God better than a scholar of theology.*

*St. Bonaventure*

### New Year Mass Schedule

Feast of the Holy family  
Saturday, December 28<sup>th</sup>

Vigil Mass, 5:00 pm

Sunday, December 29<sup>th</sup>

Regular Sunday Masses  
8:30 am; 10:00 am and 12:00 noon

Mary, the Holy Mother of God  
Tuesday, December 31<sup>st</sup>

Regular 9:00 am Mass  
New Year's Eve Mass – 5:00 pm

New Year's Day

Wednesday, January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020

10:00 am only

Regular Week Day Liturgy:  
Monday to Friday, 9:00 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation:  
Saturday, 4:00 pm

Sunday Liturgy:  
Saturday Vigil, 5:00 pm  
Sunday, 8:30 am, 10:00 am  
and 12 noon

*Psalm 128~ Happy are those who fear the Lord, and walk in His ways.*

**This Week in Our Parish Hall**

**Community Life**

**Mass Intentions**

Dec. 30 Monday 9:00 am †Balbino Borac  
 Dec. 31 Tuesday 9:00 am Intentions of the Parishioners  
 5:00 pm Intentions of the Parishioners  
 Jan. 1, 2020 Wed. 10:00 am †Peter Glowczewski  
 Jan. 2 Thursday 9:00 am †James Michael Dean  
 Jan. 3 Friday 9:00 am Vocations  
 † Kathleen Kilgalon  
 † Ronald Thomas Donnelly  
 † Rosalita Prospero  
 † Rina and † John  
 † Patrick Rooney  
 † Marie Mendes  
 Jan. 04 Saturday 5:00 pm †Rosina Caringi  
 Dec. 29 Sunday 8:30 am Intentions of the Parishioners  
 10:00 am †Cathy Valenti  
 12:00 pm †Jimmie Hayes

**Prayer Intentions:**

Sanctuary Lamp: †Pablo and †Rose Sare  
 Vigil Lamp: †Clemente and †Jimmy Chua  
**For the Sick:** Fr. Boniface Reinhart, Anita Baker, Sam Agu, Nirmalee De Silva, Yuk Ling, Michael Morra, Ebberhardt Leithner, Sean Morra, Michelen Oakes, Margaret Fernando, Margaret Wood, Alfonz Pavli, Raymund Fung, Dorothy Lord, Neil McDonald, Jurie Cuapero Marcos, Denise Baranecki, Estela Gabriel, Nathan Aramburu and Mary Jane Coronado  
**For the Deceased:** Henry Tuero and Maria La Peña

**Monday, December 30**  
 6:30 pm Sparks & Brownies/Francis Room  
**Tuesday, December 31 – New Year’s Eve**  
 Ministry Centre – 9:00 am to 1:00 pm  
**Wednesday, January 1st, 2020 – New Year’s Day**  
**Ministry Centre is Closed**  
**Saturday, January 4th**  
 9:30 am Al Anon/Bonaventure Room  
 9:30 am Christian Meditation Group/Oak Room  
**Sunday, January 5th**  
 11:00 am RCIA /Bonaventure Room

**News from the Society of St. Vincent de Paul**  
*Today is the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. During our New Year may our families “grow in wisdom and have the favour of God upon them.”*

This month, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to bring Christmas into the lives of the less fortunate by assisting 54 persons, providing \$2,675 in gift cards for food and essentials and 19 gift baskets with a value of \$47 per basket. We also did grocery shopping for two disabled women, rounded up toys for a family with four children and donated three blankets to a grandmother and her grandson. Thank you to all, including the CWL and Knights of Columbus, for your generous donations and support.

**Theology and Tea**

The next T&T will be **Thursday, January 23rd, 2020** after the 9:00 am Mass in the Francis Room. All are welcome, bring a friend and spirit of holy adventure to explore and appreciate God’s presence in our world and in one another.

**Knights of Columbus Sock Drive**

The Knights of Columbus will be collecting new unused warm socks up to January 31st, 2020. These items will be donated to the needy. Please place all your donated items in the supplied boxes located at the rear of the Church. Your kind generosity is greatly appreciated.

The **Knights of Columbus** will be distributing Parish Prayer Cards on December 28th and 29th for the Feast Day of the Holy Family. Furthermore, the Knights will be serving coffee with light refreshments and donuts in the Parish Hall after the 10:00 Mass.

**Casseroles for the Good Shepherd Centre**

Next month’s deadline is January 26, 2020. 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**.

**Canadian Food for Children**

On **January 4th and 5th, 2020 weekend** we will be accepting donations of **rice** to support the work of Dr. Simone.

**Nurturing our Spirituality in the Second Half of Life**  
**Seeking a More Contemplative Way of Life**



**2020 Winter Programme**

**Tuesday Mornings; Coffee & Treats 9:30 to 11:45 am**  
**Dates and Programme Topics:**

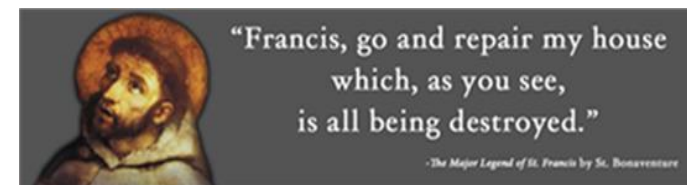
- January 14** ~ The Art of Christian Meditation-Why is contemplative living in the second half of life so important?  
By Maureen McDonnell
- January 28** ~ What are some Meditation/Contemplative practices for deepening our relationship with the Divine? By Maureen McDonnell
- February 11** ~ An Artistic and Spiritual Pilgrimage with Henri Nouwen – By Katharine Lochnan
- March 03** ~ Contemplating the wisdom of Sr. Nuala Kenny – By Maureen McDonnell
- March 10** ~ Exploring obstacles to and challenges in maintaining a contemplative practice in everyday life.  
By Odilie Gaudet and Maureen McDonnell (Spiritual Directors and Retreat Facilitators)
- March 31** ~ Understanding the Contemplative Dimension of Christianity. By Kathy Murta, interfaith facilitator at the Loretto Mary Ward Centre
- April 21** ~ Orfe Eco-Art: Join our Journey of Discovery. By Orfe Millan  
Orfe strives to teach children and adults love for our beautiful planet and create, through different artistic techniques and the use of recycled materials, magical and wonderful worlds, as they explore and discover the potential of their creativity.
- May 12** ~ Franciscan Contemplative Tradition – Br. Ignatius Feaver, O.F.C., Cap.  
And luncheon – A Celebration of Community

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

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

**“You are members of the Family of God.”**  
 (St. Paul’s Letter to the Ephesians, Chapter 2, verse 19)

**We have been drawn into the remarkable “family” of God: Father, Son and Spirit. We are caught up in the current of love they share with One Another. The blessings in the lives of our families are magnified by the love that is ours as members of God’s “family.” Our Family challenges and hurts are cradled in the love that is ours as members of God’s “family.”**  
**In our gratitude, we accept God’s love**  
**In our need, we rely on God’s love**  
**And in our relationships with each other, we try as best we are able to share God’s love**  
**Because we are – all of us – members of God’s “family.”**



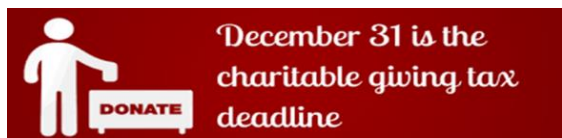
**‘Vocation Seeds’**  
**Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**  
 ~ December 29, 2019

By Baptism we are God’s holy family today. Pray for the grace to live faithfully your vocation as a single, married, ordained or consecrated person. If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, visit [www.franciscans.org](http://www.franciscans.org); [www.vocationtoronto.ca](http://www.vocationtoronto.ca) or speak with one of the friars.

**City Street Outreach**

The early winter weather has placed great need on the homeless in the city. They need blankets, sleeping bags and coats. If you can help, please drop off any items you can spare at the Ministry Centre. For more information visit [citystreetoutreach.com](http://citystreetoutreach.com).

**Passageways** ~ original art by Mary Edwards (our parishioner) displayed at Don Mills Public Library, 888 Lawrence Avenue East, Toronto. December 2 – 31, 2019. Contact [Edwards\\_mt@hotmail.com](mailto:Edwards_mt@hotmail.com) for purchasing information.



**Reminder!**

December 31st is the deadline for donations to be included in your 2019 tax receipt. Thank you for your on-going support!







