

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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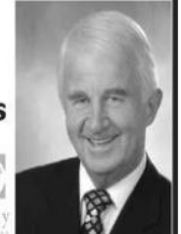
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YOU ARE ALWAYS WELCOME AT ST. BONAVENTURE

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 3rd, 2017
The First Sunday of Advent



Neglecting the Present

Advent is a time to recognize that we are “sinful; all of us have become like unclean men, all our good deeds are like polluted rags.” Our personal and social sins are many: hatred, violence, oppression, indifference, selfishness, etc.

Advent is also a time of “longing for Christ our Savior,” a time in which we “wait for the revelation of our Lord Jesus.” We look forward to the celebration of Christmas, the commemoration of Jesus’ birth, but we also look forward to the “promise and hope” of heaven, which we want God to “teach us to love.”

Advent, is an expression of our faith in the possibility of a better world. We don’t have to be at each other’s throats. We can ‘do right’ in the areas of race relations, family obligations, and personal responsibilities. We can ‘do good’ to the poor, the elderly, the homeless, and to all our brothers and sisters at home and abroad. We can become blameless, beacons of social justice, examples of faith, love and peacemakers.

The message of Advent is to “be constantly on the watch!” We base this constant watch not on fear but on hope in God’s “promise of eternal life.” The promise of Christmas is a joyful anticipation that “The Lord will shower his gifts, and our land yield its fruit.”

U.S. Bishops, Pastoral Letter, 1980:42, Gerald Darring
Now published in book form, To Love and Serve: Lectionary Based Meditation 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 deaconate 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.

Psalm 80: Lord, make us turn to you; show us your face, and we shall be saved.

Mass Intentions

Dec. 4 Monday 9:00 am †Laurie & Nancy Sidle
 Dec. 5 Tuesday 9:00 am †Maria Prieto
 Dec. 6 Wednesday 9:00 am †Angelina Morrow
 Dec. 7 Thursday 9:00 am †Ima Adamo
 Dec. 8 Friday 9:00 am Brothers, Sisters and Benefactors of OFM Vocations
 The Friars
 Irene Devlin
 Eileen Godfrey
 Dec. 9 Saturday 5:00 pm †Alicja Karwowska
 Dec. 10 Sunday 8:30 am †Hugh Canning (father & son)
 10:00 am Int. of Parishioners
 12:00 pm †Iris O. Somasundaram

Prayer Intentions

Sanctuary Lamp: †Teresa Gauci
 Vigil Lamp: Andrew Family
 For the Sick: Roger Payette, Lucy DiBona, James Shortt, Cathy Valenti, Clement Leung, Teresita Peiris, Michael Morra, Weston Druery, Pat O'Connor, Fr. George D'Souza, Theresa Sarabura & Dorothy Lord

Stewardship: A Way of Living

November 26th Offertory Collection

Thank you for your generous donations.

Regular Collection: \$ 7,513.15

Shepherds' Trust: \$ 520.00

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

Second Collections:

December 10th – Flowers for Christmas

First Sunday of Advent

God's Faithfulness

God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. (1 Corinthians 1:9)

Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7 – Prayer for the return of God's favor

1 Corinthians 1:3 – 9 – Thanksgiving

Mark 13:33-37 – Need for watchfulness

Adults: How do you know when you're following Christ and living his teachings faithfully?

Kids: What good thing might God be asking you to do right now?

This Week in Our Parish

Monday, December 4

6:30 pm Sparks/Bonaventure Room

6:30 pm Brownies/Francis Room

Tuesday, December 5

7:00 pm Bible Study Group/Oak Room

7:00 pm CWL Executive Meeting/Bonaventure Room

Wednesday, December 6

7:00 pm Alcoholic Anonymous/Francis Room

7:00 pm Grasp/Oak Room

Thursday, December 7

9:30 am Theology and Tea/Francis Room

Friday, December 8

7:30 pm Seraphim and Cherubim Christmas Concert/Church

Saturday, December 9

9:30 am Christian Meditation Group/Oak Room

9:30 am Al-Anon Group/Bonaventure Room

10:30am First Reconciliation/in the Church

Sunday, December 10

1:15 pm CWL Advent Luncheon/Main Hall

Christmas and New Year Mass Schedule

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Saturday, December 23rd 5:00 pm

Sunday, December 24th 8:30 am, 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

Advent Days of Confessions

Again, this year each parish will have confessions times during the week of December 10 – 16. Confession here at *St. Bonaventure will be on Wednesday, December 13th from 9:30 to 10:30 am; 12:00 noon to 1:30 pm and 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm.*

Days and times of Confessions in other parishes near us:

- Our Lady of Perpetual Help, 78 Clifton Road
December 12, 11 am–12pm, 12:30–1:30pm & 7:30–8:30pm
- St. Louis-de-France, 1415 Don Mills Road
December 12, 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm
- Blessed Sacrament, 24 Cheritan Avenue
December 19, 9:00 am to 12:30 pm & 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm
- St. Timothy's Church, 21 Leith Hill Road
December 20, 9:45 am–12:00 pm and 7:45 to 9:00 pm

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

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

February 27 Understanding Islam

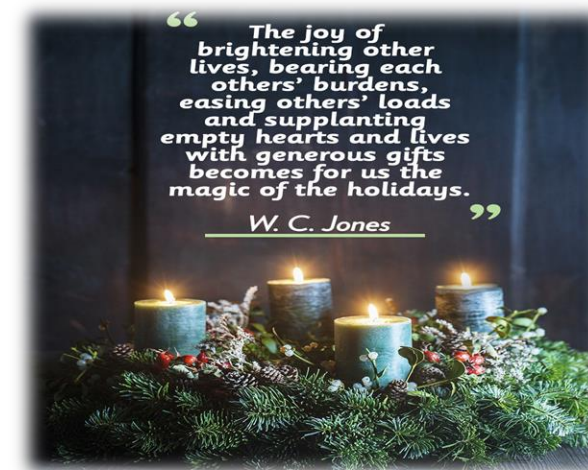
March 13 Homeless in Toronto

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



Your generosity to our poor boxes helps brighten Christmas for the less fortunate in our community. Thank you!

Theology and Tea

Thursday, December 7th, 9:30 to 11:00 am, in the Francis Room.

The last session of 'Theology and Tea' for 2017 will be December 21st. Mark your calendars. All are welcome!

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."

WELCOME TO FRIAR TOM REIST!

Fr. Tom is a native of Buffalo, New York, where he attended a high school that was staffed by the Conventual Franciscan Friars, and he joined the friars immediately afterwards. Following college-seminary and theological studies he ministered with the friars primarily in the field of education and formation (accompaniment of others in their vocation to religious life). For the past five years Fr. Tom has been living in Canterbury, England, at the now closed Franciscan International Study Centre. In addition to reading, Fr. Tom enjoys walking, classical music and some experimenting in the kitchen.

Raised in a large family and having lived in Franciscan communities thereafter, Fr. Tom values highly life in community and especially the shared experience of faith.

Fr. Tom thanks everyone for the warm welcome he has received thus far, and he looks forward to living in Canada and learning more about the ways of this nation. He especially wants to share the Catholic faith and Franciscan values with all the members of St. Bonaventure Parish

"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 on **December 17/18** 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.

Keeping Christ in Christmas

The Knights of Columbus – St. Francis Council are raffling a \$100.00 Christmas Crèche in support of Keeping Christ in Christmas. Tickets are 1 for \$5.00/3 for \$10.00 and available at the Parish Office and this weekend at the Christmas Market. Your support is greatly appreciated.

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.

CWL Advent Luncheon

Sunday, December 10, 1:15 pm in the Parish Hall. All members and guests are invited to enjoy the Advent Luncheon. There will be games, music, raffles and membership renewals. Cost: Members-\$5.00, Guests-\$10.00

"**The Promise**" will take place, Saturday, December 9th at 7:30 pm at Spring Garden Church. For more information visit Facebook page @ThePromiseOfAnAge.

