

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 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

Spiritual Direction: Contact **Friar Mark** at friarmsteed2015@gmail.com

Prayer Network: Members pray daily for intentions held in confidence. Contact **Maureen Tally** at 416-423-3510

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

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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 30th, 2018
The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph



The Holy Family

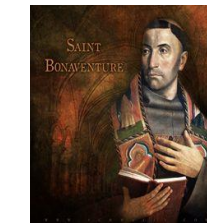
The Holy Family of Mary, Joseph and Jesus is a symbol of what every family should be like. It is in a special way a sign of the unity of the human family.

Today's liturgy tells of all the qualities which should characterize the human family: respect, care, kindness, forgiveness, love, peace, duty. It expresses, in terms of the culture of biblical times, the ideal of harmony and working together.

The boy Jesus disturbed his family's harmony momentarily, but with good reason, for the sake of something higher. The internal harmony of today's human family is also being disturbed, but for the sake of things baser: greed, the will to dominate, disregard for human dignity, pride, selfishness.

All of human life, whether individual or collective, shows itself to be a dramatic struggle between good and evil, between light and darkness. Indeed, man finds that by himself he is incapable of battling the assaults of evil successfully, so that everyone feels as though he is bound by chains. But the Lord himself came to free and strengthen man, renewing him inwardly and casting out that prince of this world who held him in the bondage of sin.

Vatican II, *Constitution on the Church in the Modern World*, 1965:13
Now published in book form, *To Love and Serve: Lectionary Based Meditations*, by Gerald Darring.



New Year Mass Schedule 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

Ministry Centre Holiday Hours

Monday, December 31st Closed
Tuesday, January 1st, 2019 Closed
Wednesday, January 2nd, 2019 -Regular Hours
9:00 am – 4:30 pm

Epiphany of the Lord

Saturday, January 5th - Vigil, 5:00 pm
Sunday, January 6th - Regular Masses
8:30 am, 10:00 am and 12:00 noon

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

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 pm to 6:30 pm
Sunday: 9:30 am to 1:30 pm

Psalm 84~ Blessed are those who live in your house O Lord.

Psalm 67 ~ May God be gracious to us and bless us

Mass Intentions

Dec. 31 Monday 5:00 pm Intentions of the Parishioners
Jan. 1st, 2019 Tuesday 10:00 am Int. of the Parishioners
†Peter Glowczewski
Jan. 2 Wednesday 9:00 am †Peerpoint Shackleton Waithe
Jan. 3 Thursday 9:00 am Zofia Mikucka and Marzena Krueger
Jan. 4 Friday 9:00 am Vocations
Tania Daran
Deceased Members of the Lobo Family
†Jennifer Fay Carter
Jan. 5 Saturday 5:00 pm †Sol Lareca
Jan. 6 Sunday 8:30 am Intentions of the Parishioners
10:00 am †Pauline & †Norman Morton
12:00 pm †Jimmy Hayes

Prayer Intentions

Sanctuary Lamp 1: †Peter Glowczewski
Vigil Lamp: Personal Intentions

For the Sick:

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

Stewardship: A Way of Living

December 23rd Offertory Collections

Thank you for your generous donations.

Regular Collection	\$ 10,716.45
Christmas Day Offering	\$ 20,576.93
Maintenance Fund	\$ 360.00
Mission Co-Op Donation	\$ 500.00
Pre-Authorized Giving	\$ 2,926.00
Donate Now	\$ 328.00

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 31st. 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.

This Week in Our Parish Hall

Monday, December 31st – New Year’s Eve

Ministry Centre is closed

Tuesday, January 1st – New Year’s Day

Ministry Centre is Closed

Wednesday, January 2nd

7:00 pm Alcoholic Anonymous/Francis Room

Thursday, January 3rd

7:00 pm Knights of Columbus Executive Meeting/
Bonaventure Room

Saturday, January 5th

9:30 am Christian Meditation/Oak Room

9:30 am Al Anon Group/Bonaventure Room

Casseroles for the Good Shepherd Centre

Next month’s deadline is **January 27, 2019**. 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 5th and 6th** weekend we will be accepting donations of **rice** to support the work of **Dr. Simone**.

Secular Franciscan Meeting

The Secular Franciscan meeting will be Monday, January 21st, 2019 at 7:00 pm, Francis Room.

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!

**‘Vocation Seeds’
Feast of the Holy Family
December 30, 2018**

By Baptism we are God’s holy family. Pray today 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 the website: www.vocationtoronto.ca; www.franciscans.org or speak with one of the friars.

Community Life



**January 1st
Mary, the Holy Mother of God
(World Day of Peace)**

Mothers do ponder! Pregnancy itself begs consideration of new life within – even without angelic visits. For generations, Aaron’s blessing had been spoken daily into the families of Mary and Joseph. Our Holy Mother was accustomed to considering the blessing and the keeping, the shining and the peace of God being woven into her life.

Let us with our Holy Mother ponder and celebrate the blessing, the keeping, the shining and the peace of our Lord’s presence among us and within us today and throughout this coming year.

~ Beverley Illauq, Kemptville, ON.

**Retreat: The Wisdom of Teresa of Avila:
Responding to the Summons of the Second Half of Life**
Saturday, January 26, 2019; 9:30- 4:00 pm
233 Cummer Avenue, Toronto

Teresa of Avila (1515-1585) a Spanish Carmelite, wrote at the age of 62 years her classic *Interior Castle*. This brilliant text is a summary of her experience of God – a map of a spiritual journey – about her relationship with God inclusive of the blessings and distractions encountered in the second half of life.

We will reflect on and explore how the seven dwelling places of the *Interior Castle* can guide us in understanding and navigating our spiritual journey.

Led by **Maureen McDonnell, D.Min.**, who currently leads a program in Spirituality and Aging at St. Bonaventure Parish.

Fee: \$30 if you bring a bag lunch; hot meal - additional \$15

Registration deadline: January 19, 2019

Contact: St. John’s Convent, Toronto, Ontario;

phone: 416-226-2201; Fax: 416-226-2131; convent@ssjd.ca

And Now, A Word from Our Pastor

O Holy Night. O Holy Family. O Holy Smokes! What’s holy about a stable? What’s holy about the authorities being after you? What’s holy about needing to run to Egypt for your life? What’s holy about family struggles? Nothing. Unless the Lord is with us in it all. And He is. That’s the Good News of Christmas. God is with us; His name is Emmanuel. There are times when we have to consciously call that to mind with prayer: “Lord, where are You?” When we need to force ourselves to express our faith: “Lord, I can’t wait to see how You work this out.” When the shadows of doubt creep around us: “Lord, I believe. Please help my unbelief.” God is with us.

As we mark the Feast of the Holy Family, we bring to prayer the many holy families who have been driven from homeland and home. May they experience the presence of God with them through the presence of compassionate believers.

Prayer to the Holy Family

Jesus, you made your own family the model of prayer, of love, and of obedience to your Father’s will; by your grace make [my] family holy and make it rich with your gifts. Amen.

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**The Holy Family – December 30, 2018
Respect for Elders**

Jesus went down with them and came to Nazareth and was obedient to them. (Luke 2:51a)

1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28 –Samuel’s birth

1 John 3:1-2, 21-24 – We are children of God

Luke 2:41-52 – The boy Jesus in the Temple

Adults: How would you have reacted if you were Mary and Joseph finding Jesus in the Temple?

Kids: What do you think it was like for Jesus to be in the Temple for three days without His parents?

News from the Society of St. Vincent de Paul

