

Ministry Centre Holiday Hours

Saturday, December 30 2:00 pm – 6:30 pm
Sunday, December 31 9:30 am – 1:30 pm
Monday, January 1st, 2018 Closed
Tuesday, January 2nd, 2018 9:00 am – 4:30 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 31, 2017
The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph



According to Pope Francis, how can it be a missionary activity for our family to 'race' around?
We can ask: how do we keep our faith as a family? Do we keep it for ourselves, in our families, as a personal treasure like a bank account, or are we able to share it by our witness, by our acceptance of others, by our openness? We all know that families especially young families, are often 'racing' from one place to another, with lots to do. But did you ever think that this 'racing' could also be the race of faith? Christian families are missionary families.... They are missionary also in everyday life, in their doing everyday things, as they bring to everything the salt and the leaven of faith!

Holy Mass for the Family Day Year of Faith, Saint Peter's Square
Sunday, 27 October 2013
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Reflect today on what helps you and your loved ones grow strong in character, rich in wisdom and eager for God's favour. Know that whatever role or task God doles out, because of him we are more than prepared. ~Caroline Pignat, Kanata, ON

Peace and Best Wishes for the New Year
from the Friars and Ministry Centre Staff

New Year Mass Schedule

Feast of the Holy Family
New Year's Eve
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 only

Epiphany of the Lord
Saturday, January 6th - 5:00 pm
Sunday, January 7th
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

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

Join our Parish: Pick-up a registration form at the church, Ministry Centre or download online.

Private Prayer: Contact Friar Boniface at 416-447-5571 ext. 500

Prayer Network: Members pray daily for intentions held in confidence. Contact Joan Pape at 416-444-6981

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

Psalm 105: The Lord is our God, mindful of his covenant forever.

Psalm 125: Blessed is everyone who fears the Lord, who walks in his ways.

Psalm 67: May God be gracious to us and bless us.

Mass Intentions

Dec. 31 st Sunday		
New Year's Eve :	5:00 pm	Int. of Parishioners
Jan. 1 st Monday	9:00 am	†Peter Glowczewski
Jan. 2 nd Tuesday	9:00 am	†June & Minoru Kodama
Jan. 3 Wednesday	9:00 am	†Laurie & Nancy Sidle
Jan. 4 Thursday	9:00 am	†Baby Camden Lee Hopkins
Jan. 5 Friday	9:00 am	†Sharon, †Jim & †Don Reeves
Jan. 6 Saturday	5:00 pm	†Kenneth Bayne
Jan. 7 Sunday	8:30 am	†Int. of Parishioners
	10:00 am	†Elizabeth Stracey
	12:00 pm	†Hugh Canning (father & son)

Prayer Intentions

Sanctuary Lamp: Mike and Mary Koska
Vigil Lamp: †Peter Glowczewski
For the Sick: Lucy DiBona, Emily Chan, Keith David, Cathy Valenti, Clement Leung, Roger Payette, Teresita Peiris, Michael Morra, Randy Fung, Fr. George D'Souza, Carlos Goncalves, Lili Draws, Dorothy Lord, Vivienne Brown, Mary Digregorio

Stewardship: A Way of Living December 24 Offertory Collection

Thank you for your generous donations.

Regular Collection: \$ **10,349.65**

Christmas Offering: \$ **16,814.70**

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

The Holy Family

Respect for Elders

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

Sirach 3:2-6, 12 - 14 – Duties toward parents

Colossians 3:12 - 21 – The practice of virtues

Matthew 2:13 - 15, 19 - 23 – The flight to Egypt

Adults: What does your family do to honor and respect its Older members?

Kids: Why did Joseph leave Israel? How can he be an Example for you?

Greetings,

Christmas brings so many people to our Church. It is always wonderful to see so many people come to celebrate this great feast and to hear once again the Gospel account of our Saviour's humble birth in Bethlehem. This bulletin is our humble way of sharing with you some of the things that occur in our Parish. We hope you take the time to read it and hopefully participate in some of our faith development or outreach programs. Please remember "you are always welcome" here at St. Bonaventure.

This Week in Our Parish

Monday, January 1st

Ministry Centre is closed

Tuesday, January 2nd

7:00 pm Bible Study/ Bonaventure Room

Wednesday, January 3

7:00 pm Alcoholic Anonymous/Francis Room

7:00 pm Grasp/Oak Room

Thursday, January 4

7:00 pm Knights of Columbus/Oak Room

Saturday, January 6

9:30 am Christian Meditation Group/Oak Room

9:30 am Al-Anon Group/Bonaventure Room

2017 Tax Receipts

2017 donation tax receipts will include all donations received by December 31st, 2017. Please ensure that any cheques dated Dec. 31 are put into the Sunday & New Year's Eve Masses. Please remember to update your address and telephone number for our records.

Any Family of Faith donation must be dated and received by **Dec. 31** to be included for 2017 tax receipts. They are processed by the Archdiocese.

Thank you for your continued support and generosity to the Parish. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

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.

Canadian Food for Children

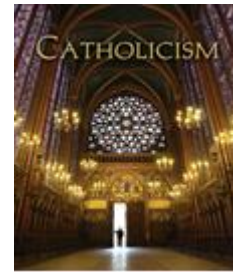
On **January 6th and 7th weekend** we will be accepting donations of **rice** to support the work of Dr. Simone.

Secular Franciscan Meeting

There will be a Secular Franciscan meeting Monday, January 15 at 7:00 pm, Francis Room.

Casseroles for the Good Shepherd Centre

The deadline for next month's casseroles is **Sunday, January 21st**. If you can spare some time to make a casserole each month, **contact Eva Trace** at 416-447-3040



Catholicism is a groundbreaking Documentary Film Series created and hosted by **Bishop Robert Barron**. In breathtaking and high-definition cinematography, the truth, goodness, and beauty of Catholicism are illustrated in an epic multimedia experience. We will be viewing the last five of Bishop Barron's topics in the new Year. Each topic is about 45 – 55 minutes long. **The series is at 7:00 pm in the St. Bonaventure Church Main Hall on the following evenings.**

February 7 – A Body Both Suffering and Glorious – The Mystical union of Christ and the Church What is the Church? Bishop Barron presents the reality of the Church as "one, holy, catholic and apostolic".

February 14 – Word Made Flesh, True Bread of Heaven – The mystery of the liturgy and the Eucharist Bishop Barron explores the ancient practices of the Church's worship that endure to this very day, and the supreme act by which we commune with God. Considered by the Catholic faith to be "the source and summit" of its identity and mission, the Eucharist is the central practice of the Church's culture.

February 28 – A Vast Company of Witness – The Communion of Saints Bishop Barron gives consideration to some of the Church's greatest heroes, and demonstrates how their extraordinary examples display both the passion and creative potential of the Catholic Church. Highlighting Katharine Drexel, Therese of Lisieux, Edith Stein, and Mother Teresa of Calcutta, Bishop Barron tells the story of the Church as a vast company of witness who are called by Christ to be a Communion of Saints.

March 7 – The Fire of His Love – Prayer and the Life of the Spirit "Prayer is the lifting up of the mind and the heart to God." On pilgrimage to the places where the great saints and spiritual masters lived, Bishop Barron explores the different types of prayers: contemplation; adoration; petition; and intercession.

March 14 – World Without End – The Last Things Explore the Church's conviction that life here and now is preparation for an extraordinary world that is yet to come – a supernatural destiny. Bishop Barron presents the Catholic vision of death, judgment, heaven, hell and purgatory.

Ministry with maturing Adults

This ministry supports the wholistic faith life and spiritual journey of persons in the second half of life. This includes those transitioning into retirement, those experiencing a new summons of these vibrant years and the elders in our community.

The goals for this ministry include creating opportunities for developing caring and supportive relationships; participating in the ministries of the parish and outreach on behalf of the wider community. Programmes are offered on faith and spirituality; on topics related to health challenges of the aging years and specific courses that encourage healing, spiritual growth and insight into the 'vocation' of the second half of life.

As Christians, we are called forth into the fullness of the spiritual journey not just for our personal growth; it is ultimately to be in service of Love – for the sake of the whole human community and of all creation.

Good News from 2017

~ The winter and fall series of 12 presentations included topics on contemplative prayer; inter-generational connections with the Cyber-Seniors program at Senator O'Connor High School; the spirituality of de-cluttering and awareness of tending our legacy for future generations. The primary emphasis is on the journey of aging with grace and wisdom.

~ We had two popular courses offered by St. Bonaventure parishioners: Ginny Doty gave a 7-week program on Forgiveness; and Gisela Cote facilitated a 10 week course on "Life Story/Life Review"

~ We presented a wonderful evening with guest speaker Katharine Lochman, curator of the successful Mystical Landscapes at the Art Gallery of Ontario.

~ The Summer Book and Movie Club, offering two events each month for June, July and August. This relaxed, informative, friendly environment was full of creative energy. We will offer this club again in 2018.

New Events for 2018 - Our new winter program from January to May is available; please take the flyers home and let your friends in St. Bonaventure's and other parishes know they are most welcome to attend any or all the presentations that appeal to them.

- The first 3 topics concern health related matters, which touch each of our lives. "Dementia and Alzheimer's Fostering Compassionate Presence" a very informative and supportive session.
- "Creating Circles of care" offers an approach and explores how to be supportive of the care needs of the ill and the dying and their caregivers.
- The third topic introduces us to the practical how-to of "Advanced Care Planning"

Our Hope – That we preserve in deepening our spiritual life, that we reach out with loving kindness to one another, to all creatures and to all creation.

When the CSFB started 14 years ago St. Bonaventure Church was there to help and it remains so to this day. Located in the Church of the Ascension, 33 Overland Drive. It serves about 500 persons each week. Many parishioners have volunteered in different areas of this service to the community. No person in need of food is ever turned away. All are welcome as we endeavor to treat participants and volunteers with respect and dignity. We have no government assistance and no paid staff. We operate solely on donations from the community. Churches in the area supply food as St. Bonaventure parishioners do each week. For this we are truly thankful. During advent parishioners have been amazingly generous in their response to the "giving Tree". All this goes directly to the clients who come to our door seeking help. During the past few years the need at CSFB has grown so we are looking for volunteers to help in various areas of this ministry.

To learn more please visit our website:
www.communitysharefoodbank.ca

Christian Meditation Group at St. Bonaventure Parish

The Christian Meditation Group of St. Bonaventure's Parish meets on Saturday morning at 9:30 am in the Oak Room of the Parish Hall. The Group was established in 1984 by Josef Erdle, a parishioner. Christian meditation is coming to the silent awareness of the indwelling Christ. We offer our hearts and minds to God, using a mantra or prayer word to help us overcome distractions which draw us away from the present moment, with which we discern the presence of God within us. We practice this form of contemplative prayer in stillness and silence, using talks and music to help us prepare. We meditate for 20 minutes at our sessions and follow this with discussions as appropriate. Meditation can also reduce stress, improve concentration, increase happiness, slow the aging process, improve cardiovascular health, and many more. You need not have any experience in meditation to attend the group.

Theology and Tea

T & T will resume again in the new year on Thursday, January 18th after the 9:00 am Mass, and alternating Thursdays thereafter. Come and join Friar Mark for some time to ponder and enjoy our relationship with God. The sessions are open to all parishioners and their friends... The tea and coffee will not be offered in the new year, but the Theology will energize your spirit.... Much peace for a good new year.

News from the St. Vincent de Paul Society

We all possess God-given talents. No one can claim to be so that they have nothing to offer others. No child of God can be discarded in His eyes. He entrusts a mission to each one of us.

~ Pope Francis

Our Society welcomes your generous contributions to our poor boxes as well as any time, talents or creative ideas God may be calling you to share with those in need. May you and your families be blessed by the hope, peace and joy of the Christmas season.

Walk-in Counselling Services

Catholic Family Services of Toronto offers a Walk-In counselling services at two locations. The single-session consultation is aimed at helping individuals, couples, or family clients address their concerns. No appointment required. **Central office address:** 1155 Yonge St. Suite 100, Toronto. Tuesday 9 am to 7 pm. Phone: 416-921-1163. **North office address:** 5799 Yonge Street, Suite 300, North York. Every Thursday 9 am to 7 pm. Phone: 416-222-0048. Email: info@cfstoronto.com

Living with Separation and Divorce

Catholic Family Services of Toronto is offering a psycho-educational program for those dealing with the stress of the ending of a relationship. The sessions facilitated by a clinical social worker will be held February 13 to April 3, 2018 from 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm at 1155 Yonge Street. There is a \$30 fee per session. Please contact Alpana Das at 416-921-1163 X2232 or email adas@cfstoronto.com for more information.

Mary, Mother of God – January 1st, 2018 'Vocation Seeds'

Mary treasured all that God had done for her, and pondered these things in her heart. Do you treasure God's gifts and ponder what He wants from you? You may have a vocation to a life in the Church serving Christ. If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious, or permanent deacon. Call Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997 or email vocation@archtoronto.org, website: www.vocationstoronto.ca, www.franciscans.org, or speak with one of the friars.

January 1st, 2018

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD



The Shepherds went with haste to Bethlehem and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them.

But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart.

~ Luke 2. 16-19

The Lord spoke to Moses: Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying, thus you shall bless the children of Israel: You shall say to them,

The Lord bless you and keep you;

The Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you;

The Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace.

So, they shall put My name on the children of Israel, and I will bless them.

~ Numbers 6.22-27



The Catholic Women's League of Canada is a national organization rooted in gospel values calling its members to holiness through service to the people of God. The St. Bonaventure Council signed its charter in 1956 and has just celebrated its 60th anniversary as a member council.

The objects of the League include spiritual development (individual and collective), promoting the teachings of the Catholic church, enhancing the role of women in church and society, recognizing the human dignity of all people everywhere and contributing to the understanding and growth of religious freedom, social justice, peace and harmony.

The St. Bonaventure Council endeavors to apply the objectives of the League in all their projects and events. Annual membership dues are \$25 and in 2017 we had 125 paid members. St. Bonaventure's CWL meet monthly on the 4th Tuesday at 7 pm during the Fall and Spring, and on the 4th Sunday at 1:15pm during the Winter. For more information about the League and to explore the joys of membership, please visit www.cwl.ca



The Knights of Columbus – St. Francis Council 5080 was first established in 1961 to assist the local communities and the Parish by collectively donating volunteer hours,

financial assistance by way of organizing programs in promoting faith, charity and assistance. We volunteer over 5,000 hours and donate anywhere from \$3,000 to \$5,000 on an annual basis supporting various charities. We serve the parishes and communities of St. Bonaventure in North York and Our Lady of Fatima in Scarborough. In addition to family, community and youth, we organize activities such as serving breakfasts, cooking hamburgers/hotdogs and serving the hungry through community organizations.

We assist the State Board in the Annual Charities Lottery, assist Special Olympics, conduct basketball free throw within several schools to foster friendly competition among youth, collect clothing for the needy and volunteer at the Good Shepherd Ministry. If you or any men you know who wish to be a part of the Knights of Columbus please contact the Parish Office, email kofccouncil5080@outlook.com or call at 647-243-4588.

The Prayer Network is a group of parishioners who pray daily for all the prayer requests received by the Network. Nearly 30 parishioners are members of this group which began in 1994. All prayer requests are kept in confidence and no names are included when requests are passed onto the Network. We gratefully receive requests for prayer in thanksgiving when our prayers are answered. Be sure to contact the Network when you seek prayer support for yourself or for someone else. If you would like to become a member of the Prayer Network, please contact Julie Flood at 416-391-0238.



St. Bonaventure Baseball League is a spring baseball league and has been around for 60 years. Players range in age from JK to Grade 8. Last

year, we had over 160 players registered, with waiting lists for all divisions. While the majority of the players are from the parish, it is open to all children in the local community. Our motto is community, fair play, respect, learning and fun.

Our youngest players (JK to Grade 2) participate in the T-Ball division. The next division is our Rookie Ball division (Grades 3 to 5), where players hit balls pitched by their coaches. The eldest division is our Softball division (Grades 6 to 8). At this level, players play games that are closest to the regular game with players pitching to opponents and umpires calling balls and strikes.

SBBL also has umpires who are generally former players now in high school. They are paid a stipend for each game and are provided with training. High School youth are also provided with the opportunity to earn volunteer hours by becoming youth coaches. They help the adult coaches with running the practices and with the games.

Each team needs two adult coaches. In past few years, it has been a struggle to get enough coaches to help. The weekly commitment time is one 75-minute practice, one 2-3-hour game (depending on the division), and 30 minutes for emailing and co-ordination. The season runs from mid-April to the end of June. It is a wonderful league and a great way to meet your fellow parishioners. Experience is not necessary, nor do you have to have children playing in the league.

Our end of season Finals Day is a picnic and fair open to the whole parish. The championship games for each division are played and trophies awarded.

Liturgy of the Word with children:

At the Franciscan Church of St. Bonaventure, we offer this simplified Liturgy of the Word for children between the ages of 3 and 9 years during the 10 am Sunday Mass. **Children age 3 must be accompanied by a parent.** Liturgy of the Word with Children is simply what it claims to be: a ritual for the proclamation of God's Word with children. Proclaiming the Gospel, we allow Christ to touch the hearts of children. Prayer leaders help the children to consider what this Good News means, and encourage the children to respond to this life-giving message in their daily life. Liturgy of the Word with Children is worship, not catechesis, Sunday School nor child-minding. It is a time to hear God's Word at an appropriate level and to respond the way we do in Catholic liturgy. Our children are formed into the beauty of our communal prayer with the Word, then rejoin the larger assembly for the liturgy of the Eucharist.

ST. CLARE INN



Each day countless homeless women living on the street struggle with mental health issues. St. Clare Inn offers them hope.

Opened in 2007 by a group of volunteers from our community and a handful of Franciscan Friars from St. Bonaventure, St. Clare Inn is a unique program dedicated to helping homeless women with diagnosed mental health issues. It is a 5-bedroom house where women are given a safe and comfortable space in a home-like setting with

professional support and guidance to manage their own mental health. The ability to register for government support, to manage their health care needs, to re-learn some basic life skills, to explore courses for future employment and to give back to the community through weekly volunteering are all part of the individualized one-on-one programming at St. Clare Inn. Please consider being part of this mission and support St. Clare Inn and your community at large. Visit us at www.stclare.org



The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul is an international lay Catholic organization whose mission is: **To live the Gospel message by serving Christ in the poor with love, respect, justice and joy.** The Society's mission implies that as Vincentians, we see Christ in anyone who suffers and help in all possible ways.

Our Conference of St. Bonaventure welcomes volunteers who assist in holding poor boxes after weekend Masses and those who enjoy friendly visiting in pairs to distribute grocery gift cards. We hold clothing drives (Bundle Weekends) in April, July and September. Our Conference averages about 15 visits per month and meets 6-7 times a year for prayer, reflection and discussion. There is also room for volunteers who have artistic and creative skills as well as a preference for administrative duties. For more information please contact the Church Office.

Casseroles for Good Shepherd Centre: As part of St. Bonaventure's "Community Outreach" we participate in the "Provide-a-Meal" program which helps feed the hungry men and women who rely on the Good Shepherd Ministries in downtown Toronto for their daily food. The Good Shepherd kitchen serves 1200 or more meals and snacks every day. The casseroles we provide are a needed and appreciated supplement to the meals prepared 'in-house'.

Currently about 50-60 parishioners make an average of 60 casseroles a month, using a recipe and pans supplied by Good Shepherd Ministry. The recipe 'Spanish Rice' is quick and easy to cook. It must be frozen at home, then delivered to St. Bonaventure Ministry Centre for monthly pick-up. More cooks are always needed – participation can be on monthly, Bi-monthly, or occasional basis. If you are interested in this worthwhile and satisfying project please contact Eva Trace at 416-447-3040.



Dr. Simone's Canadian Food For Children

St. Bonaventure's collects bulk food staples (rice, pasta, soap, sugar, cooking oil, canned fish, etc.) on a once monthly basis solicited in the church bulletin and/or announced at mass. Also, shoes, clothing, medicines, medical devices, and school supplies are contributed and stored in a storage room in the Parish Centre. These items are then driven to Dr. Simone's CFFC warehouse by St. Bonaventure volunteers where CFFC volunteers pack them for shipping to approved, vetted destinations (schools, missions, etc.) in more than 20 developing countries. Already in 2017 more than 300 containers of goods have been shipped. Dr. Simone and his wife were challenged to start this ministry by Mother Theresa, and they have been awarded the order of Canada for their service to the world's less fortunate. Dr. Simone's warehouse is at Dixie Road and Lakeshore Blvd. There are only one or two trips a month and the trips are made in the morning since the warehouse closes at noon. Volunteers drivers are always welcome and needed for this ministry for possibly only 4 or 5 trips a year.

