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WEEKDAY LITURGY: Monday to Friday, 9 am  
SATURDAY: 9 am  
PUBLIC HOLIDAYS: 9 am  
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 12:30 pm to 1:30 pm  
Saturday: 2 pm - 6:30 pm  
Sunday: 9 am - 1:30 pm

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DECEMBER 4, 2016

**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**



*John the Baptist is preparing the way for God's definitive Word who will come into our midst. His call to repentance is a call to stand before Almighty God, the All-Good, the All-Holy, and to recognize ourselves as sinners.*

*Seeing ourselves as sinners before God and confessing during this Advent/Preparation season, is not meant to make us feel bad. Rather, we acknowledge who we are in order to open ourselves to what God wants to do for us. Through gentle mercy and graciousness, God frees us from sin and its consequences, inviting us into the kingdom of heaven announced by John and Jesus.*

~ Fr. Mark Miller, CSsR, Toronto, ON

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Mon. Dec. 05 9:00 am †Maria Sosa  
Tues. Dec. 06 9:00 am †Natalio Manangcil  
Wed. Dec. 07 9:00 am †Fred Ellis  
Thurs. Dec.08 9:00 am Mother Dolores Heart  
Fri. Dec.09 9:00 am †Mr. & Mrs. E. Haigh  
Sat. Dec.10 9:00 am Brothers, Sisters and Benefactors of OFM  
†Mr. & Mrs. John Soans  
†Eugenio Altomare  
†Una Boland  
†Norma Dancy  
†Ligaya Canicula  
†Teodora Castillo  
†Mrs. K. Marino  
†John Waldron  
†Seamus Naughton  
†Louis Carbone  
†Wanda Coady  
Sat. Dec. 10 5:00 pm †Aleksander Rokitnicki  
Sun. Dec. 11 8:30 am Parishioners  
10:00 am †Delkar Maia  
12:00 pm †Ladislav and Michael Mocak (father & son)

**PRAYER INTENTIONS**

Sanctuary Lamp: Wes Ong  
Vigil Lamp: Andrew Family  
For the Sick: Burke Seitz, Peter Holloway, Kay Corner, Linda Nasturzio, Elena Pappalardo, Eileen Velazquez, George Joel, Martin Young & Geraldine Daly

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

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

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



*Justice will flourish in his time, and fullness of peace forever. ~ psalm 72*

**THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH**

**Monday, December 5**

6:30 pm Sparks/Bonaventure Room  
6:30 pm Brownies/ Francis Room  
7:30 pm Adult Choir Practice/Church

**Tuesday, December 6**

9:30 am Spiritual Growth in the Second Half of Life/Francis Room  
7:00 pm Bible Study Group/Oak Room

**Wednesday, December 7**

6:30 pm GRASP Group/Oak Room  
7:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous/Francis Room  
7:30 pm Family Choir Practice/Church

**Friday, December 9**

7:30 pm Seraphim and Cherubim Chorus' Christmas Concert/Church

**Saturday, December 10**

9:30 am Christian Meditation/Oak Room  
9:30 am Al Anon Group/Bonaventure Room  
10:30 am First Reconciliation/Church  
Followed by a reception/Main Hall  
1:00 pm Baking for the Homeless/Francis Room and Kitchen

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

Fridays of Advent, following the 9:00 a.m. Mass concluding at 10:30 a.m. with Benediction.

**Diocesan-Wide Day of Confessions**

St. Bonaventure Church Day of Confessions, Wednesday, December 14, 9:30 - 10:30 a.m., 12:00 - 1:00 p.m., 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

All priests in the Archdiocese have been asked to hear confessions several times throughout the day. This is not meant to replace Parish Reconciliation Services but to deepen the experience of this Healing Sacrament.

**Christmas Liturgies**

**Christmas Eve**

4:00 p.m. Children's Mass with Pageant  
4:15 p.m. Mass in the Parish Centre. This Mass is to reduce overcrowding and to comply with the Fire Regulations concerning the number of people that can be safely housed in our Church. If you arrive after the Church is filled, you will be asked to go to the Parish Centre for the Mass. We encourage younger parishioners to park at the Botanical Gardens.

7:00 p.m. Mass  
9:30 p.m. Festival of Carols and Poems  
10:00 p.m. Evening Mass

**Christmas Day**

10:00 a.m. Mass

## STEWARDSHIP - A WAY OF LIVING

### November 27 Offertory Collection

Thank you for your generous donations.

Regular Collection: **\$8,742.60**

Shepherd's Trust: **\$175** Maintenance Fund: **\$45**

Donate Now: **\$328** Pre-Authorized Giving: **\$2,906**

### Second Collection: Flowers for Christmas

There will be a second collection **December 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>** weekend for the flowers for Christmas.

## COMMUNITY LIFE

### News from the St. Vincent de Paul Society

*"We don't have to go far or come up with grand projects to be charitable. Often the people closest to us could use our help."* -Pope Francis

Your continuing generosity, through our poor boxes and the 'Giving Tree', enables us to assist those in genuine need. Thank you.

### Casseroles for the Good Shepherd Centre

The deadline for this month casseroles is **Thursday, December 29, 2016**. If you can spare a few hours, contact Eva Trace, **416.447.3040**.

### Annual Christmas Concert

*"Christmas, Christmas time is near!"*

Come join the *Seraphim and Cherubim Chorus* singing the Christmas songs you love as part of their That's Christmas to Me! Concert series. A mix of old favourites and twists on classic! Please join us at **St. Bonaventure on December 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm**. Tickets are available at [www.seraphimandcherubim.ca](http://www.seraphimandcherubim.ca) and at the Parish office (Adult-\$20.00 & Child-\$5.00). Proceeds in support of Camp Winston, camp for children with complex neurological disorders.

### CWL Advent Luncheon and Celebration of 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

**Sunday, Dec. 11, 1- 4 pm, Parish Main Hall**

All CWL members who have renewed their membership are invited to our Advent Luncheon and Celebration of our 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. There will be raffles. Membership renewal envelopes, with instructions, are available at the front entrance of the church. These can be placed in the collection basket or left at the parish office.

### Knights of Columbus Sock Drive

The Knights of Columbus, St. Francis Council 5080 welcome donations of new, heavy duty, warm socks, mitts and underwear for the Good Shepherd Centre. Please place your donations in the box marked "Advent Sock Drive" at the back of the Church. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

### Spiritual Growth in the Second Half of Life

**Tuesdays, 10 am, December 6 & 13 at Francis Room**, hosted by Maureen McDonnell, D. Min., Maturing Adults Minister.

To register for 2017 programme, call 416-447-5571 Ext. 550 or email at [maureen@st-bonaventure.ca](mailto:maureen@st-bonaventure.ca)

### "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 as soon as possible so that we can ensure all requests for help are answered - **December 17/18** at the latest. Your gifts will support those who seek help through **St. Vincent de Paul Society, The Community Share Food Bank, residents at Thompson House Retirement Home and Greenview Lodge Nursing Home**.

### Baking for the Homeless - Youth Event

**Saturday, December 10, 2016, 1:00- 5:00 p.m.** at the Francis Room/kitchen

We will be baking and decorating Christmas themed baked goods for the homeless. Grade 6 and older. If you wish to attend, please RSVP to: [pdosman@st-bonaventure.ca](mailto:pdosman@st-bonaventure.ca). Snacks and drinks are provided for those who wish to attend and please let us know if you have any dietary restrictions. Parents are welcome as well. For information regarding upcoming Youth Ministry events and activities please check out the Youth Ministry Blog:

<http://stbonaventureyouth.blogspot.ca/>

### Administration

The **2017 Offering envelopes** are ready for pick up. Please contact the Parish Office with any address changes.

### Needed: Children for the Christmas Pageant

We are still looking for children in grade 1 and older. There will be one rehearsal at 1 pm the Sunday before Christmas. During the rehearsal the children will be given their costumes and go through the brief rehearsal. There are no spoken lines. We need to know the **total** number of children who will participate by **December 11<sup>th</sup>**. If we do not have enough children, we will have to cancel this tradition.

### Advent is...Preparation!

We only know about the promise of Christ's return because he has already dwelt among us. Though fully divine, he became fully human for our sake, being born over two thousand years ago in Bethlehem to the Virgin Mary. We remember this wonderful event, the Incarnation, with jubilant celebration each year at Christmas. Advent is not only a time to prepare for the Second Coming, but also a time to prepare our hearts to celebrate the mystery of the birth of Our Lord: His First Coming.

Why not trust the gentle unfolding that Advent gives us as preparation for the Christmas season? Take time to reflect prayerfully on the meaning of Advent by reading and pondering the scripture readings of the day.

### Second Sunday of Advent... Our need to change

**Reading I** Isaiah 11:1-10 (the rule of Emmanuel)

**Reading II** Romans 15:4-9 (prayer of encouragement)

**Gospel** Matthew 3:1-12(John the Baptist)

This is the one (John the Baptist) of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the Lord, make his path straight." (Matthew 3:3)

**Adult:** What do you need to change so that others can learn from watching you that Christ walks among us?

**Child:** What could you do so that others will see in you what it means to follow Jesus?



Lighting Prayers

### Second Week of Advent

*God of mercy, justice and peace, help us get ready. As we light these candles, we ask that you clear a straight path to our hearts and help us see how we can live with more love. Help us move beyond everything that gets in between us and Jesus. Help us to stay watchful for his coming. We pray this in Jesus' name.*

Amen.

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