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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: 9:30 am - 1:30 pm

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JANUARY 15, 2017

**SECOND SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**



*JOHN THE BAPTIST SAW JESUS COMING
TOWARDS HIM AND DECLARED, "HERE IS THE
LAMB OF GOD WHO TAKES AWAY THE SIN OF THE
WORLD! THIS IS HE OF WHOM I SAID, 'AFTER ME
COMES A MAN WHO RANKS AHEAD OF ME
BECAUSE HE WAS BEFORE ME.' I MYSELF DID NOT
KNOW HIM; BUT I CAME BAPTIZING WITH WATER
FOR THIS REASON, THAT HE MIGHT BE REVEALED
TO ISRAEL."*

~ JOHN 1. 29-31

THE PURPOSE OF OUR LIVES MAY NOT ALWAYS BE
AS DRAMATICALLY REVEALED TO US AS JOHN'S
WAS BY GOD. SOME OF US MAY FEEL LOST,
WANDERING IN OUR OWN WILDERNESS. BUT
RECOGNIZING THE NEED TO SEARCH IS THE FIRST
BRAVE STEP TOWARD FINDING THAT PURPOSE. IN
THAT SEARCH WE, LIKE JOHN, MAY MEET JESUS
BY OUR OWN RIVER BANK. IT IS AN ENCOUNTER
THAT WILL RADICALLY CHANGE OUR FUTURE.

~ SASKIA SIVANANTHAN, VANCOUVER, BC

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon. Jan. 16 9:00 am †Conception D'Costa
Tues. Jan. 17 9:00 am †Peggy Chamberlain
Wed. Jan. 18 9:00 am Jacinto 'Jogy' Mantaring
Thurs. Jan. 19 9:00 am †Marius D'Souza
Fri. Jan. 20 9:00 am †Richard Dias
Sat. Jan. 21 9:00 am Brothers, Sisters and
Benefactors of OFM
The Friars
†Mrs. L. D'Souza
†Mr. Wency D'Souza
†Mary Hamilton-Stepaniak
†Cita Santos
†Margaret Daniel
†Cindy Leslie
†Gwen Cockburn
†Vinoward Jeyarajan
Sat. Jan. 21 5:00 pm †Olga Higgins and
†Craig Cope
Sun. Jan. 22 8:30 am Parishioners
10:00 am †Colette Payette
12:00 pm †Gloria Odette

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Sanctuary Lamp: Wes Ong

Vigil Lamp: Jacinto 'Jogy' Mantaring

For the Sick: Gord Roberts, Peter Holloway,
Kay Corner, Linda Nasturzio,
Eileen Velazquez, Martin
Young, Geraldine Daly, Dorothy
Lord and George Joel

For the Deceased: Patrice Flanagan and
Tony Horner



Psalm 40

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

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 Joan Pape at 416-444-6981

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

This Week in Our Parish

Monday, January 16

6:30 pm Sparks/Bonaventure Room
6:30 pm Brownies/Main Hall
6:30 pm Secular Franciscan Meeting/Francis Room

7:30 pm Adult Choir Practice/ Church

Tuesday, January 17

9:30 am Spiritual Growth in the Second Half of Life/Francis Room
7:00 pm Bible Study Group/Bonaventure Room
7:00 pm Sacramental Preparation-Sacrament of Confirmation-Session 1-Group A/ Main Hall

Wednesday, January 18

6:30 pm GRASP Group/Oak Room
7:00 am Sacramental Preparation- Sacrament of Confirmation-Session 1-Group B/ Main Hall

7:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous/Francis Room
7:30 pm St. Vincent de Paul Society Meeting/ Bonaventure Room

7:30 pm Family Choir Practice/in the Church

Saturday, January 21

9:30 am Christian Meditation/Oak Room
9:30 am Al Anon Group/Bonaventure Room
1:00 pm Sacramental Preparation/Sacrament of Confirmation-Session 1-Group C/ Main Hall

Baptism of the Lord Faithful service
Reading I Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7 (the servant of The Lord)
Reading II Acts 10:34-38 (Peter's discourse)
Gospel Matthew 3:13-17 (the baptism of Jesus)

Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. (Isaiah 42:1)

Questions of the Week:

Adult: How does your own baptism provide you with a "call to serve others?" In what ways do you serve?

Child: When has the Holy Spirit helped you treat someone fairly?

STEWARDSHIP - A WAY OF LIVING January 8 Offertory Collection

Thank you for your generous donations.
Initial Offering: \$285
Regular Collection: \$7,536.55
Solemnity of Mary Offering: \$190
Donate Now: \$328
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COMMUNITY LIFE

News from the St. Vincent de Paul Society
"By loving your neighbour, by having care for your neighbour, you are travelling on a journey. Where are you journeying, except to the Lord God, whom we must love with all our heart and all our soul and all our mind? We have not yet reached the Lord, but our neighbour is with us already. So support your neighbour, who is travelling with you, so that you may reach Him with whom you long to dwell." ~St. Augustine

Looking to serve your neighbor while journeying with others? *Come and see at our next conference meeting, Wednesday, January 18, 7:30 pm, Bonaventure Room or contact Jack at 416-390-9495.*

Casseroles for the Good Shepherd Centre

The deadline for this month casseroles is **Sunday, January 22, 2017**. If you can spare a few hours, contact **Eva Trace at 416.447.3040**.

Thank you from The Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus of this parish wish to thank all parishioners for their generous contributions to our Annual Sock Drive. We collected over 300 items of socks, mitts, gloves, hats, etc. which was donated to the Good Shepherd Ministry Toronto.

Knights of Columbus 2017 Charities Lottery

The Knights of Columbus will be selling the 2017 Charities Lottery Tickets in support of the Special Olympics and the Arthritis Society. 500 prizes valued at over \$500,000 including a Grand Prize of \$200,000 and St Francis Council sold some of the winning tickets as recently as 2015 and 2016. Tickets are available for sale at the Ministry Centre.

Canadian Food for Children

On **February 4th and 5th** weekend we will be accepting donations of **salt** to support the work of Dr. Simone.

Spiritual Growth in the Second Half of Life

2017 Dates and Programme Topics

- January 17:** The Path to Spiritual Awakening- Opening ourselves to the practice of Contemplative Dialogue
- January 24:** Communal Discernment: How do we nurture our community spiritual identity in our second half of life?
- February 14:** Images of God and images of Aging- How are these connected in me?
- February 21:** Aging and Wisdom: What qualities do you look for in a wise person?
- March 7:** Aging Well: Generativity
An essential dimension to successful aging; What is my legacy?
- April 4:** Be well, Be Wise and Be Holy;
Spirituality of Aging Savouring the Fruits of Awareness, Reflection and Action

To register call **416-447-5571 Ext. 550** or email at maureen@st-bonaventure.ca

Walking with the Artist: A Spiritual Journey sponsored by Ministry with Maturing Adults Thursday, January 26, 2017, 7:30 pm, Main Hall

Katharine Lochnan, Senior Curator, Emeritus, of the Art Gallery of Ontario will discuss her current exhibition "Mystical Landscapes," which grew out of the course "Integration for Ministry," at Regis College. It will travel to Paris following its closing in Toronto at the end of January. All are welcome. Admission is free. Donations are welcome.

2017 Offertory Envelopes

Envelopes are now located at the back of the Church - South side shelves. Please notify the Ministry Centre of any changes to your address and telephone number.

Senior Men's High School Retreat

Saturday, February 11, 2017; 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
At Blessed Sacrament Parish, 24 Cheritan Ave. Toronto (Yonge & Lawrence)

This retreat is an invitation for young men, grades 11 and 12, to cultivate a deeper prayer life and relationship with Christ in order to better discern God's call for their lives. For more information and to register call Office of Vocations at 416-968-0997 or visit their website at www.vocationstoronto.ca. See the bulletin board and registration forms at the back of the church.

"Together, Opening Paths of Hope"

Continuing from last Sunday, we offer the second installment of four proposals from Brother Alois of the Taizé Community, an ecumenical monastic order in Taizé, Saône-et-Loire, Burgundy, France. Entitled "Together, Opening Paths of Hope" these four proposals give us pause to reflect on the ways we can be instruments of God's joy and mercy in our world by being a people of hope.

Second Proposal: *Simplify our lives in order to share*
Jesus said: I am gentle and humble in heart.
(Matthew 11:29)

You have received freely; give freely. (Matthew 10:8)

Jesus said to a rich young man: Go, sell your possessions and give to the poor... Then come, follow me. (Matthew 19:21)

Acquisitiveness—the race for money and success—leads to injustice and frustrations. A spirit of sharing, which the Gospel invites us to develop, is one of the paths of hope that we need to open today.

Choosing a simple life is a source of freedom and joy. Then life becomes less burdensome. Simplicity implies transparency of heart. Although it is not gullible, it refuses to mistrust. It is the opposite of duplicity. It enables us to enter into dialogue, without fear, with everyone we meet. Jesus' life is an example of this.

- As far as material things are concerned, let us strive continually to lead a simpler life. This will inspire in us acts of sharing in the face of human suffering, humiliating poverty, the trials of migrants, or conflicts across the world.
- Let us find ways to support one another in realizing courageous signs of hope in our neighbourhoods, in the places where we work or study, by means of social or environmental commitments.
- How can we live in greater harmony with creation through a simple and uncluttered lifestyle, contributing in this way to the struggle against ecological disasters and global warming? This fight is not only for the leaders of nations; everyone can, for example, consume more local products, use public transport more...
- Can this question remain alive in our hearts: am I ready to follow Christ, the One who is gentle and humble of heart, choosing to belong to him forever in the simplicity of a yes, in a spirit of generosity?

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