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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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EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



WHEN THEY HAD HEARD KING HEROD, THE WISE MEN SET OUT; AND THERE, AHEAD OF THEM, WENT THE STAR THAT THEY HAD SEEN AT ITS RISING, UNTIL IT STOPPED OVER THE PLACE WHERE THE CHILD WAS. WHEN THEY SAW THAT THE STAR HAD STOPPED, THEY WERE OVERWHELMED WITH JOY.

ON ENTERING THE HOUSE, THEY SAW THE CHILD WITH MARY HIS MOTHER; AND THEY KNELT DOWN AND PAID HOMAGE. THEN, OPENING THEIR TREASURE CHESTS, THEY OFFERED HIM GIFTS OF GOLD, FRANKINCENSE, AND MYRRH.

~MATTHEW 2.9-11

THE FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY, THE FEAST OF "OPENING" OUR DOORS TO OTHERS, SPEAKS TO OUR DAY. MARY OPENED THE DOOR OF HER HOUSE TO THE WISE MEN FROM THE EAST. POPE FRANCIS OPENS HIS ARMS TO ALL. THE PROMISE OF A MESSIAH FOR ALL IS FULFILLED.

THIS EPIPHANY, LET US ADVANCE THE FULFILLMENT OF THE PROMISE BY INVITING AND WELCOMING ALL WHO WANT TO PRAISE JESUS CHRIST, THE SON OF GOD.
~ FRIAR ED DEBONO, OFM CONV, KINGSTON, ON.

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon. Jan. 9 9:00 am †Lucien Beaulieu
Tues. Jan. 10 9:00 am †Cissy Yeung and †Ilko Beca
Wed. Jan. 11 9:00 am †David Tomcik
Thurs. Jan. 12 9:00 am Petra McLoughlin and Mary Clarke
Fri. Jan. 13 9:00 am Special Intentions of the Bratty Family
Sat. Jan. 14 9:00 am Vocations
†Doreen Rybachuk
†Joahan Potvin
†Sr. Catherine McDonough and †Sr. Marie Allen, CSJ
†Mr. McCord
†Rita Lennon
†Andrew 'Al' Roesch
†Thomas Akin
†Joseph Michael Boyle
†Jean Day
Sat. Jan. 14 5:00 pm †Elizabeth Elliot
Sun. Jan. 15 8:30 am Deceased Members of the Andrew Family
10:00 am Parishioners
12:00 pm †Shirley Ainsworth Felthman

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Sanctuary Lamp: Andrew Family
Vigil Lamp: James and Martha Shortt
For the Sick: Peter Holloway, Kay Corner, Linda Nasturzio, George Joel, Eileen Velazquez, Dr. Martin Young, Geraldine Daly, Dorothy Lord, and Patrice Flanagan

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

Baptism: One Sunday every other month. Request forms are on the website and at the Ministry Centre.

Marriage: The bride or groom must be a registered member of our parish. Contact the Ministry Centre at least one year before the date you would like to be married.

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 9

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

Tuesday, January 10

7:00 pm Bible Study Group/Bonaventure Room
7:00 pm Sacramental Preparation-First Holy Communion-Parent Meeting/Main Hall

Wednesday, January 11

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

Saturday, January 14

9:30 am Christian Meditation/Oak Room
9:30 am Al Anon Group/Bonaventure Room

Sunday, January 15

2:00 pm Sacramental Preparation-First Holy Communion-Parent Meeting/Main Hall

Epiphany A gift for all people
Reading I Isaiah 60:1-6 (glory of the new Zion)
Reading II Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6 (commission to preach God's plan)
Gospel Matthew 2:1-12 (the visit of the Magi)

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, "Where is the Child: who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." (Matthew 2:1-2)

Questions of the Week:

Adult: The magi were strangers from another land. How do you welcome immigrants and strangers in the name of Christ?

Child: What could you do to be like a star and lead someone to know about Jesus?

STEWARDSHIP - A WAY OF LIVING

January 1st Offertory Collection

Thank you for your generous donations.

Initial Offering: \$1,356

Regular Collection: \$6,730.70

Solemnity of Mary Offering: \$2,818

Donate Now: \$328

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COMMUNITY LIFE

News from the St. Vincent de Paul Society

"Now is the time to unleash the creativity of mercy, to bring about new undertakings, the fruit of grace." -Pope Francis

Our conference is in need of enthusiastic, dedicated volunteers interested in assuming leadership and administrative roles in the service of social justice. Training, guidance and support provided. For more information, 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**.

Canadian Food for Children

On **January 7th and 8th** weekend we will be accepting donations of **rice** to support the work of Dr. Simone.

Community Share Food Bank

The amazing contribution of St. Bonaventure Parishioners to the 'Giving Tree' helped us give a gift card to each family. It really made their day when they received that extra gift. It was not the amount, but the fact that someone they never met cared. Also the messages of good will and prayers were very much appreciated. Many thanks for your continued support. Together we serve our neighbours better.

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.

Secular Franciscan Meeting

There will be a Secular Franciscan meeting **Monday, January 16, 2017 at 6:30 pm, Francis room.**

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.

Franciscan Pilgrimage to Rome and Poland

Friar David Stachurski is part of the team that will be leading the pilgrimage from August 7-18, 2017. We will be walking the footsteps of St. Maximilian Kolbe as we celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the founding of the Militia of the Immaculata, a worldwide movement of Marian consecration he founded. Cost from Toronto is \$3,480. Brochures are available at the back of the church for detailed information.

"Together, Opening Paths of Hope"

A New Year has begun. It is a time when many of us make New Year's resolutions. Brother Alois of the Taizé Community, an ecumenical monastic order in Taizé, Saône-et-Loire, Burgundy, France, offers four proposals for 2017 entitled "Together, Opening Paths of Hope." We invite parishioners to reflect on each of these proposals throughout this first month of the New Year. May they inspire and, with the help of the Holy Spirit, lead us to open paths of hope in our lives and the lives of others.

First Proposal: Stand firm in hope: it is creativity Hoping against all hope, Abraham believed and so became the father of many nations. (Romans 4:18)

This hope is an anchor for our soul. It is firm and secure. (Hebrews 6:19)

Anyone who does not receive the Kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it. (Luke 18:17)

In the instability of today's world, we are disconcerted by violence, suffering and injustices. All creation is groaning, as if it were undergoing the pain of childbirth. The Holy Spirit is also groaning, yet this same Spirit is the support of our hope (see Romans 8:22,26). So what can we do?

Faith is a simple trust in God. It does not offer ready-made answers, but makes it possible for us not to be paralyzed by fear or discouragement. It leads us to get involved, and sets us on the road. Through it we realize that the Gospel opens a vast horizon of hope beyond all our hopes.

This hope is not a facile optimism that shuts its eyes to reality, but an anchor cast into God. It is creativity. Signs of it are already found in the most un hoped-for places on earth.

- Will we dare to believe in the presence of the Holy Spirit in our hearts and in the world? Can we rely on this presence, even if it is invisible?
- May our faith remain simple, like the trust of children! This does not mean watering down the content of the faith, but holding fast to what is at its centre-God's love for humanity and for all creation. The Bible tells the story of this, from the freshness of its beginnings through all obstacles, and even human unfaithfulness. God never tires of loving: may this message keep hope alive in us!
- To allow ourselves and those close to us to be permeated by this message, we need to come together more often to pray. The simple beauty of prayer reflects something of the mystery of God and can lead to a personal encounter with.

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