

Ministry Centre Hours

Monday to Thursday: 9 am to 4:30 pm
Friday: 9 am to 3 pm
Closed 12:30 to 1:30 pm
Saturday: 2 pm to 6:30 pm
Sunday: 9:30 am to 1:30 pm

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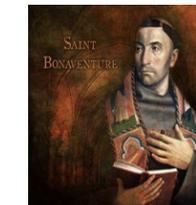
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YOU ARE ALWAYS WELCOME AT ST. BONAVENTURE

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.



November 18, 2018
The Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



In this week's Gospel, Jesus reminds his disciples to learn the lesson of the fig tree, that summer will follow new leaves. He asks us to also be attentive to the end of things. At the close of the church year, we practise being attentive to the ends of things: suffering, darkness and things falling apart.

Jesus promised that when we see darkness and destruction, suffering and pain, "He is near, at the very gates." Ironically, in the most difficult times of our lives, many of us are more likely to feel alone and distanced from God. It is easy to see summer coming after the spring, and harder to recognize the winter as the birthplace of spring. Jesus is inviting his disciples, and us, to remember that he draws near now, in the messiness of our world.

The central mystery of our faith is that death is followed by rising. God brings new life from ashes, sends a baby to save the world, dies to death when he walks out of the tomb. No matter how messy life has become, God invites us to be the people who pay attention, who wait for and expect new life.

May our hearts turn with gratitude toward God in the midst of struggle, hoping to see what gifts he will bring out of the difficulty.

Leah Perrault
Saskatoon, SK.

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

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 diaconate 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 friarmstead2015@gmail.com

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

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

*Psalm 16 ~ Keep me safe, O God;
you are my hope.*

Mass Intentions

Nov. 19 Monday 9:00 am Marzena Krueger
Nov. 20 Tuesday 9:00 am †Angelina Morrow
Nov. 21 Wednesday 9:00 am †Elmo and †Eugenie
Obeyesekere
Nov. 22 Thursday 9:00 am †Maria Lopez Artiaga
Nov. 23 Friday 9:00 am †Lyris Boucaud
†Mercia and †Philip
Ekanayaka
†Hutton Shillingford
†Tekla Solomon
†Jack MacDonald
Nov. 24 Saturday 5:00 pm †Mark VanSteen
Nov. 25 Sunday 8:30 am Intentions of the Parishioners
10:00 am †Aquilino Cueto
12:00 pm †Joseph Cusimano

Prayer Intentions

Sanctuary Lamp: Andrew Family
Vigil Lamp: Souls in Purgatory

For the Sick:

Bonnie Beverley, Randolph Fung, Cathy Valenti, Mabel Lim,
Tony Guiney, Alfonz Pavli, Joan Pape, Maggie Marquis,
Raymund Fung, Teresita Peiris, Kay Corner, Joe Pimenta,
Dorothy Lord, Patricia DiBona, Michael Morra, Mary
DiGregorio, Liliana De Las Mercedes Vazquez, and
Elisabetta Schiavone

For the Deceased: Cecile Flute & O'Neil Patrick Gazeley

Stewardship: A Way of Living

November 11th Offertory Collections

Thank you for your generous donations.

Regular Collection:..... \$ **8,025.60**
Maintenance Fund Offering \$ **255.00**
Pre-Authorized Giving:..... \$ **2,926.00**
Donate Now:..... \$ **328.00**

In preparation for the 2019 Offertory envelopes, please provide us with any changes to your mailing address. For those on Pre-Authorized Giving, please let us know if you wish to receive a full set of envelopes or special collections only. Please call 416-447-5571 or email admin@st-bonaventure.ca

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (November 18)

Ready for the Lord

Jesus said, "Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come." (Mark 13:33)

Daniel 12:1-3 – Daniel's conclusion to the apocalypse

Hebrew 10:11-14 – Christ's eternal sacrifice

Mark 13:24-32 – The Second Coming

Adults: What would you be doing differently in your life if you truly believed you would meet Christ soon?

Kids: What would you do for others today if you thought you would not have another chance to do it?

This Week in Our Parish Hall

Monday, November 19

6:30 pm Brownies/Main Hall
6:30 pm Sparks/Bonaventure Room
7:00 pm Secular Franciscan Meeting/Francis Room

Tuesday, November 20

7:00 pm Sacramental Prep.-First Reconciliation Session A/
Main Hall

7:00 pm Bible Study/Oak Room

Wednesday, November 21

12:45 pm Ministry with Maturing Adults- Life Story
Writing/Bonaventure Room

7:00 pm Sacramental Prep.-First Reconciliation Session B/
Main Hall

7:00 pm Society of St. Vincent de Paul Meeting/
Bonaventure Room

7:30 pm Alcoholic Anonymous/Francis Room

Thursday, November 22

9:30 am Theology and Tea/Francis Room

Saturday, November 24

9:30 am Christian Meditation/Oak Room

9:30 am Al Anon Group/Bonaventure Room

2:00 pm Sacramental Prep.-First Reconciliation Session C/
Main Hall

Theology and Tea

Next T & T will be on Thursday, November 22nd after the 9:00 am Mass in the **Francis Room**. The sessions are open to all parishioners and their friends.

Casseroles for the Good Shepherd Centre

This month's deadline is November 25th. If you can spare some time to make a casserole each month, contact Eva Trace at 416-447-3040.

CWL's Invitation to a talk on Homelessness

Thursday, November 29 at 7:00 pm in the Francis Room

The CWL invites all parishioners to a talk on 'Homelessness' by Deacon Robert Kinghorn, who for over 12 years has ministered on the streets of downtown Toronto to homeless people. Come and learn about this growing plight of the unfortunate, and how we may play a part in relieving some of their burdens in life

Christmas Gift Bags for the Ladies at the Good Shepherd Centre

Every year the CWL has the tradition of collecting items for Christmas gift bags for the ladies at the Good Shepherd Centre. *Deadline to hand in the bags is the weekend of December 1st and 2nd. Thank you in advance for your generosity.*

"Warmth and Comfort"

The CWL is embarking on a CWL Toronto Archdiocesan project called 'Warmth and Comfort' asking parishioners to donate jars of peanut butter and boxes of crackers to be given to homeless shelters in our city.

CWL will continue collecting these items through December 31st. 'Peanut Butter and Crackers' collection boxes are placed at the back of the church for your donations. Thank you for helping to feed the homeless with these nutritious snacks.

Community Life

And Now, A Word from Our Pastor

Last weekend I had the privilege of standing with you for Remembrance Day and singing the Anthem, O Canada. Your reverence and strength in song moved me. The powerful melody of the anthem matched the poetic beauty of its words. The invocation of God was a reminder that we are a people of faith. Thank you for sharing your love of Canada with me and thank you for welcoming this Connecticut Yankee to your nation.

God, keep our land glorious and free.

Congratulations to Teagin Felthman and Wesley Conron who were given new birth by water and the Holy Spirit and welcomed into God's Holy People through Baptism.

We commend † O'Neil Patrick Gazeley (father of Marie Ferguson) into the hands of our God and pray for the gift of peace to his family as they mourn his passing.

Help the Homeless – City Street Outreach

City Street Outreach, a Canadian registered, non-profit charity, run completely by volunteers and serving the city since 2010 needs blankets, sleeping bags, pop-up tents, coats, scarves, mittens and socks to be distributed to the homeless and to families living in poverty. Please drop off new or gently used items at the Ministry Centre.

"Guidance Matters"

*Wednesday, November 21, 2018, 7:00 pm
St. Timothy Catholic Church (Parish Hall)*

Experienced St. Michael's College School guidance counsellors and members of the Student Affairs team will be present to share information and answer your questions about academics, course selection, high school preparation, student mental health and wellness and more. Seating is limited. You can email your questions in advance and reserve your spot at: guidancematters@smcsmail.com

Christmas Market

St. Bonaventure's **Christmas Market will be on Sunday, November 25th only**, in the Main Hall, before and after Mass. Christmas cards, Christmas car magnets, knitted toys/dolls, Ethiopian scarves, shawls, throws & Ethiopian Fair-Trade coffee beans, chocolate bars & jewelry from Ghana and Meddy Teddy children's picture book on yoga & mindfulness are available for purchase. Concert tickets and raffle tickets for the Christmas Crèche are also available. Hope to see you there!

**St. Bonaventure's Ministry with Maturing Adults
A Spirituality for the Second Half of Life
Embracing Wholeness and Challenge**

Tuesday, November 27, 9:30 am, Francis Room
Compassionate Care for All – Guest Speaker is **Sr. Rosemary MacDonald, CSM, D.Min.** As a Clinical Health Care Ethicist Sr. Rosemary will present the foundations of Catholic ethics, which guide us in discerning compassion action and in making loving decisions. Many of us wonder what is available to guide us as we face health and life issues especially during the second half of life. **All are welcome to attend!** Please bring some jars of peanut butter and packages of crackers as a donation for our brothers and sisters who find themselves homeless.

News from the Society of St. Vincent de Paul

World Day of the Poor

Far be it from Christ's disciples to nurture feelings of disdain or pity towards the poor. Instead, we are called to honour the poor and to give them precedence, out of the conviction that they are a true presence of Jesus in our midst. 'As you did it to one of the least of my brethren, you did it to me' (Mt. 25:40). ~ Pope Francis

Help us assist the less fortunate in our parish and community. Please remember them as you leave the church. Fill out an envelope from one of our SSVF boxes and receive a tax receipt for income tax purposes. Thank you for your continuing generosity.

'Vocation Seeds'

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (November 18)

If we dare to trust God with our lives, great things happen. Give God your total self for, when the end of times comes, the wise and those who work for justice will shine forever. Dedicate your life to furthering the reign of God. If you feel God may be 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.

Development and Peace education campaign for this year is SHARE THE JOURNEY:

no one should be forced to flee their home. The campaign focuses on the root causes of forced migration. Every minute 31 people are forced to flee their homes because they fear for their lives and their safety. Armed conflicts, climate change, development megaprojects, persecution... The causes of forced migration are multiple, complex and interwoven. With this bulletin is a pamphlet that briefly explains the roots causes of forced migration. Next week at the front doors of the church we will ask you to sign an Action card that will be sent to the Prime Minister of Canada asking our Country to do more on this important issue.

