

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
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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 19, 2017
The Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time



True Humility and Talents

Some people think that humility is a matter of taking yourself to be small, unworthy, not up for much. But, in the Gospel parable, the servant who thinks he is too little to do much with his talent is dismissed as wicked and useless, and his talent is taken away from him. The Lord doesn't praise him for humility.

What is humility? It is the opposite of pride – but what is pride? Pride isn't thinking that there is some excellence, some talent, in yourself when there really is. Rather, pride is a failure to recognize that talent as given by the Lord.

Our talents are not a function of what we are and can do. Every excellence in us is a gift of the Lord's. We can acknowledge the excellence that is truly in us without danger of pride, provided we remember that such excellence comes from the Lord.

In the Gospel Reading our Lord announces a funny distribution principle: to him who has, more will be given. So here is the idea. A person who does not refuse a gift of the Lord's receives it and consequently has more. Then, because he has more, the Lord will offer him another gift. If he does not refuse that new gift, it will be given – so he will have more. And then more will be given to him, till a person blazes in glory for the Lord.

Everything is gift and everything is meant to be given back in service of love for the Lord.

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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 other 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 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

Prayer Network: Members pray daily for intentions held in confidence. Contact Lois Theriault at 416-447-7466

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

Psalm 128: O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.

Mass Intentions

Nov. 20	Monday	9:00 am	†Paz Ungab
Nov. 21	Tuesday	9:00 am	Angela and Alex Chan
Nov. 22	Wednesday	9:00 am	†Johnny and Mollie Johnston
Nov. 23	Thursday	9:00 am	†Sheila Harvey
Nov. 24	Friday	9:00 am	†Agnes Quy †Mona Wong †Arthur Chung †Guy De Labastide †Alec MacDonald
Nov. 25	Saturday	5:00 pm	†Leoncio and Marie Gique
Nov. 26	Sunday	8:30 am	†Hugh Canning (father and son)
		10:00 am	†Cecil D'Silva
		12:00 pm	Int. of Parishioners

Prayer Intentions

Sanctuary Lamp: Wes Ong

Vigil Lamp: †Chuk Wang Chan

For the Sick: Roger Payette, Fr. Gerald Creedon, Jim Shortt, Cathy Valenti, Lucy DiBona, Clement Leung, Teresita Peiris, Michael Morra, Weston Druery, Patricia O'Connor, Fr. George D'Souza, Bernie Hanrahan & Dorothy Lord

For the Deceased: Doreen Morra
Maria Ciancio

Stewardship: A Way of Living November 12th Offertory Collection

Thank you for your generous donations.

Regular Collection: \$ **8,003.40**

Maintenance Fund: \$ **275.00**

World Mission: \$ **110.00**

Pre-Authorized Giving: \$ **2,926**

Donate Now: \$ **328**

Second Collection:

November 19 – The Shepherds' Trust

There will be a second collection this weekend for The Shepherds' Trust. The mission of The Shepherds' Trust is to help ensure that elderly and disabled priests are provided with sufficient financial resources to lead a dignified life after many years of ministry. Your generous gift will help our priests to maintain a modest but active and independent lifestyle in their retirement years. Thank you for your support of this important work.

This Week in Our Parish

Monday, November 20

6:30 pm Sparks/Bonaventure Room
7:00 pm Secular Franciscans Meeting/Francis Room
7:00 pm First Reconciliation Session-Group A/Main Hall

Tuesday, November 21

9:30 am Ministry with Maturing Adults, Spirituality and Healthy Living in the 2nd Half of Life/Francis Room
7:00 pm Bible Study Group/Bonaventure Room
7:00 pm First Reconciliation Session-Group B/Main Hall

Wednesday, November 22

1:00 pm Ministry with Maturing Adults, Life Story Writing/Bonaventure Room
7:00 pm Alcoholic Anonymous/Francis Room
7:00 pm Grasp/Oak Room
7:00 pm Catholicism Film Series/Main Hall

Thursday, November 23

9:30 am Theology and Tea/Francis Room
5:00 pm High School Drop-In Program/Main Hall

Saturday, November 25

9:30 am Christian Meditation Group/Oak Room
9:30 am Al-Anon Group/Bonaventure Room
1:00 pm Christmas Crafts (youth event)/Francis Room
2:00 pm First Reconciliation Session-Group C/Main Hall

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Using your gifts

Reading I Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31 (the ideal wife)

Reading II 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6 (the need for preparation)

Gospel Matthew 25:14-30 (parable of the silver pieces)

“Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.” His master said to him, “Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.” (Matthew 25:20b-21)

Adult: What gift have you not developed as you had hoped? What could you still do?

Child: What gift has God given you? What do you want to do with it?

Casseroles for the Good Shepherd Centre

The deadline for this month's casseroles is **Sunday, November 26th**. If you can spare some time to **make a** casserole each month, **contact Eva Trace at 416-447-3040**.

CWL General Meeting

Tuesday, November 28th, 7:00 pm, Francis Room

CWL members are invited to a General Meeting to focus on the Flea Market Update, Membership Renewals and the Red Sand Project. The Toronto Diocesan Council is asking members to participate in the Red Sand Project to draw attention to help end Human Trafficking. Please join us in this project.

Greenview Lodge, 880 Lawrence Ave. East, is seeking caring volunteers for friendly visiting. Please contact Josie Dunn at 416-445-2255 for more information and to get started in this rewarding opportunity.

Community Life

Ministry with Maturing Adults “Spirituality and Healthy Vibrant Living in the Second Half of Life”

November 21st, “Discerning the Fruits of the Spirit in the Midst of the Challenges and Joys of Everyday Life” – M. McDonnell

November 28th, “Prayer in the 21st Century – Transformation Through Cosmic, Lectio & Visio Divina Forms of Prayer” – M. McDonnell

All are welcome!

Contact Maureen McDonnell for more information at maureen@st-bonaventure.ca or call 416-447-5571 ext. 550

News from the St. Vincent de Paul Society

We cannot change the world alone, but together we can spread the joy of the Gospel by staying close to those most in need. ~ Pope Francis

Help spread the joy of the Gospel and the spirit of Christmas by enabling our Society to assist 47 neighbours-in-need, including 15 children, this year. Your donations to our poor boxes allow us to ensure food security for those less fortunate. Printing your name and address neatly on an envelope, located at one of our poor boxes, allows us to issue you a tax receipt.

CWL request for items for Christmas Gift bags for the Ladies of the Good Shepherd Centre

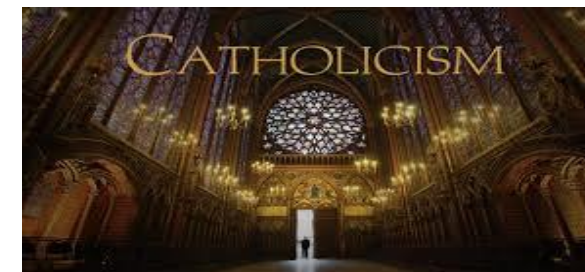
Your donations to this worthy cause, which are much appreciated, can be placed in plastic shopping bags in boxes at the back of the church. The deadline to hand in bags is the weekend of November 25/26.

Christmas, Christmas time is near!

Come join the *Seraphim and Cherubim Chorus* singing the Christmas songs you love as part of their *Somewhere in My Memory* concert series. A mix of old favourites and twists on classics! Please join us at **St. Bonaventure on December 8th at 7:30 pm**. Advanced tickets available online at www.seraphimandcherubim.ca Proceeds in support of camp Winston – camp for children with complex neurological disorders.

Keeping Christ in Christmas

The Knights of Columbus – St. Francis Council will be raffling a \$100.00 Christmas Crèche in support of *Keeping Christ in Christmas*. Tickets are 1 for \$5.00/3 for \$10.00 and will be available after weekend Masses and at the Parish Office until early December. Your support is greatly appreciated.



Catholicism the Documentary Film Series created and hosted by Bishop Robert Barron **continues this Wednesday, November 22nd at 7 pm at St. Bonaventure Church in the main hall.**

Theme: *The Indispensable Men: Peter, Paul, and The Missionary Adventure*

Bishop Barron calls Peter and Paul “two indispensable men, the ones without whom the church never would have emerged and survived.” In telling each man's story, Bishop Barron shows how the Holy Spirit worked through all the apostles and disciples to build the Church.

Theology and Tea

Thursday, November 23rd, 9:30 to 11:00 am, Francis Room.

It will be every other Thursday thereafter: December 7th and December 21st. Mark your calendars. All are welcome!

Background to Liturgy of the Word with Children:

This week's insert explores ways to help young children feel welcome and participate in the Mass. This will be good reading for parents and grandparents, especially of little children. Next week, we'll explore the Liturgy of the Word with Children as one further way we can help children participate during this important part of our worship. Please read about the ‘Gathering and Listening with Children’ by Barbara Budde which is inserted in this bulletin.

The Joy of the Gospel: Pope Francis' Vision of Church

Saturday, December 2nd, 12:30 to 4 pm, St. Gabriel's Passionist Parish, 670 Sheppard Ave. E., Toronto

To prepare our minds and hearts for Christmas, please join us for the Advent Mission, directed by Father Robin Ryan, CP. Father Ryan is a Passionist priest and theologian, currently serving as Associate Professor of Systematic Theology at Catholic Theological Union (Chicago). He is author of numerous books, articles and recordings on theological topics, and a much sought-after retreat director. There is ample parking and the closest subway is Bessarion Station.

