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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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NOVEMBER 20, 2016

**SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD
JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE
UNIVERSE**



**ONE OF THE CRIMINALS CRUCIFIED WITH JESUS
DERIDED HIM. BUT THE OTHER CRIMINAL GOT
THE LAST WORD. HE SPOKE FROM THE HEART,
IN FAITH AND HUMILITY. THEN HE SAID,
"JESUS, REMEMBER ME WHEN YOU COME INTO
YOUR KINGDOM." JESUS REPLIED, "TRULY I
TELL YOU, TODAY YOU WILL BE WITH ME IN
PARADISE."
~LUKE 23. 42-43**

**THIS REFRAIN IS OFTEN SUNG DURING THE
TRIDUUM, WHEN WE RECALL JESUS' PASSION,
DEATH AND RESURRECTION. AND TODAY, AS WE
CELEBRATE CHRIST THE KING, THESE WORDS OF
FAITH AND HOPE AND TRUST ECHO IN OUR
HEARTS ONCE AGAIN.**

**THIS KING IS NOT ABOUT POWER OR WEALTH.
THIS KING IS "THE IMAGE OF THE INVISIBLE
GOD, THE FIRSTBORN OF ALL CREATION." FOR
CHRISTIANS, WHAT COULD BE MORE RELEVANT?
ANNE LOUISE MAHONEY, OTTAWA, ON**

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon. Nov. 21 9:00 am Special Intentions of
Helen Noronha
Tues. Nov. 22 9:00 am †Phyllis Rokitnicki
Wed. Nov. 23 9:00 am †Lyris Boucaud
Thurs. Nov.24 9:00 am †Claude Thomson
Fri. Nov.25 9:00 am †Aileen Moore
Sat. Nov.26 9:00 am Maureen Shue Wa

Joe Conrath
Nicholas
Amelia Mazzoli
B. Woloshen
Ariella Pecile
Thanksgiving

Special Intention of Clare Dickie

Personal Intentions of Loredana Focheston

Sat. Nov. 26 5:00 pm Jim and Anna Meyer
Sun. Nov. 27 8:30 am Parishioners
10:00 am †Gerry & Oris McCann
12:00 pm †George MacNeill

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Sanctuary Lamp: Sebastian Tsang

For the Sick: Eileen Velazquez, Kay Corner,
Elena Pappalardo, Peter
Holloway, Martin Young,
George Joel Geraldine Daly &
Cathy Swenson

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
Lois Theriault at 416-447-7466

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



**I rejoiced when I heard them say: let us
go to the house of the Lord ~Psalm 122**

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Sunday, November 20

8:30 am Sacramental Preparation: Blessing of
10:00 am the Candidates for Confirmation
12:00 pm in the Church

Monday, November 21

6:30 pm Sparks/Bonaventure Room
6:30 pm Brownies/ Francis Room
7:00 pm Sacramental Prep: First Reconciliation
Group A- Session 3/Main Hall

7:30 pm Adult Choir Practice/Church

Tuesday, November 22

7:00 pm Sacramental Prep: First Reconciliation
Group B- Session 3/Main Hall

7:00 pm Bible Study Group/Bonaventure Room

Wednesday, November 23

1:00 pm Ministry with Maturing Adults-
'The Power of Forgiveness'/
Bonaventure Room

6:30 pm GRASP Group/Oak Room

7:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous/Francis Room

7:30 pm Family Choir Practice/Church

Friday, November 25

6:00 pm Youth Event: Movie & Pizza Night/
Francis Room

Saturday, November 26

9:30 am Christian Meditation/Oak Room

9:30 am Al Anon Group/Bonaventure Room

9:30 pm Advent Retreat sponsored by CWL/
Francis Room

1:00 pm Sacramental Prep: First Reconciliation
Group C- Session 3/Main Hall

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

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

Faith Formation

Please pray for our Confirmandi and their families
as they begin preparation to receive the sacrament.

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 9th 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.

STEWARDSHIP - A WAY OF LIVING

November 13 Offertory Collection

Thank you for your generous donations.

Regular Collection: \$8052.75

Shepherd's Trust: \$ 5,066

Donate Now: \$328

Pre-Authorized Giving: \$2,906

COMMUNITY LIFE

News from the St. Vincent de Paul Society

Christmas is fast approaching and our Conference requests your help to make the season a little brighter for our friends in genuine need. Envelopes are available at our poor boxes, and our Mercy in Motion gift card appeal "ornaments" decorate the Giving Tree in the east alcove. As *Pope Francis* reminds us, "*Dear Friends never forget that in our encounter with people in need we meet Jesus Himself.*"

Casseroles for the Good Shepherd Centre

The deadline for this month casseroles is **Sunday, November 27, 2016**. If you can spare a few hours, contact Eva Trace, 416.447.3040.

Canadian Food for Children

December 3 and 4, 2016

We will be accepting donations of *soap* to support the work of Dr. Simone.

Advent Retreat

Saturday, Nov 26th, 9:30-12 noon, Francis Room

Pausing with God: Draw aside in a contemplative space with other community members to refresh and relax in God's unique love for you. Presented by Maureen McDonnell, Minister with Maturing Adults. All are welcome!

CWL Elections

The CWL of St. Bonaventure is now accepting nominations for the 2017-2018 Executive Council. Nomination forms can be found at the entrance of the church by the bulletin board along with instructions, a list of eligible members, and a ballot box. **Nominations close Sunday, December 4th, 2016 immediately after the noon mass.**

CWL Advent Luncheon and Celebration of 60th 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 60th 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.

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

Mark these dates of next gatherings on your calendar. To register call 416-447-5571 Ext. 550 or email at maureen@st-bonaventure.ca

Volunteer Ministry Fair - Update

Over the past few weeks, we have been focusing on securing new volunteers for all of the various ministries at the parish. **We have been fortunate to have 88 new volunteers commit their time & gifts. A sincere thank you to all of the parishioners that have stepped forward to become new volunteers!**

We invite anyone who is still thinking about volunteering their time to consider becoming involved in the following ministries: **Hospitality, Lectors and Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharistic.** Please remember that we are not asking you for any extra time or visits to the church but consider participating in one of the ministries during the Mass that you already attend. Since you are already here, please consider participating in a different way. **We really do need you!**

Praying for Mercy

When Pope Francis inaugurated the Year of Mercy last December, I was asked the same question by several Catholics: "Are we supposed to be merciful for only a year? What happens at the end?" Needless to say, Pope Francis intended to emphasize mercy, not to limit it. In fact, you could say that his entire papacy has focused on that theme. The same might be said---with only a few quibbles from New Testament scholars--- of Jesus' ministry.

By this point you might be tired of hearing about all the ways you are called to be merciful: to your spouse, your family members, your co-workers, and your neighbours; not to mention the poor, the sick, the marginalized, and, as Pope Francis reminded us in his encyclical 'Laudato Si', the earth. Creation itself deserves our mercy.

So let me suggest one person you might have forgotten to have mercy on: you. That is the prayer I suggest for this month. Of course you can always pray that God in his infinite compassion might look upon you mercifully. But God is already looking at you with mercy. So why not also pray that you might look upon yourself mercifully. That you might give yourself a break for all that you do. That, as one of my spiritual directors liked to say, you might be "easy with yourself."

Why not ask God to help you see yourself as God sees you: someone who is trying his or her best. Why not conclude the Year of Mercy by being merciful to someone God cares for very much: you.

By Fr. James Martin, "*Teach Us to Pray: Praying for Mercy*," from the November 2016 issue of *Give Us This day*, www.giveusthisday.org (Collegeville, MN: Liturgical Press, 2016). Used with permission.

As decreed by Pope Francis, the **Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy** concluded in local churches throughout the world last Sunday, and **concludes for the Universal Church on November 20, 2016, the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**, with the closing of the Holy Door in the Basilica of St. Peter's at the Vatican. Let us continue to extend mercy to all we meet, for the Lord is kind and merciful. God's mercy endures forever.

Administration

We are preparing the 2017 Offering envelopes. Please contact the Parish Office with any address changes so we can update our records.

 *Parishioner*

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