

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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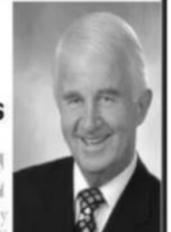


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YOU ARE ALWAYS WELCOME AT ST. BONAVENTURE

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 25, 2018
The Solemnity of Christ the King



The Kingdom of God is ...

The Kingdom of God is a space. It exists in every home where parents and children love each other. It exists in every region and country that cares for its weak and vulnerable. It exists in every parish that reaches out to the needy.

The Kingdom of God is a time. It happens whenever someone feeds a hungry person, or shelters a homeless person, or shows care to a neglected person. It happens whenever we overturn an unjust law, or correct an injustice, or avert a war. It happens whenever people join in the struggle to overcome poverty, to erase ignorance, to pass on the faith.

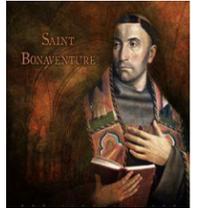
The Kingdom of God is in the past (in the life and work of Jesus of Nazareth); it is in the present (in the work of the Church and in the efforts of many others to create a world of goodness and justice); it is in the future (reaching its completion in the age to come).

The Kingdom of God is a condition. Its symptoms are love, justice and peace.

Jesus Christ is king! We pray today that God may "free all the world to rejoice in his peace, to glory in his justice, to live in his love"

Jesus enters human history as God's anointed son who announces the nearness of the reign of God (Mk 1:9-14). This proclamation summons us to acknowledge God as creator and covenant partner and challenges us to seek ways in which God's revelation of the dignity and destiny of all creation might become incarnate in history. It is not simply the promise of the future victory of God over sin and evil, but that this victory has already begun—in the life and teaching of Jesus.

U.S. Bishops, *Economic Justice for All*, 1986:41
Now published in book form, *To Love and Serve: Lectionary Based Meditations*, by Gerald Darring.



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 93 ~ The Lord is King; He is robed in majesty.

Mass Intentions

Nov. 26 Monday 9:00 am Lisa and Beatrice Ivanova
Nov. 27 Tuesday 9:00 am Diane Marichisello
Nov. 28 Wednesday 9:00 am †Juvencio Jose Ortega
Nov. 29 Thursday 9:00 am †Joan Trudeau
Nov. 30 Friday 9:00 am †Agnes Ravindran
†Donald Fernandez
†Nicola Verdile
†Bridget Timlim
†Carmela Sebastian
Dec. 01 Saturday 5:00 pm †Peter Glowczewski
Dec. 02 Sunday 8:30 am Intentions of the Parishioners
10:00 am †Salvatore Vella
12:00 pm †Anna Korbylo

Prayer Intentions

Sanctuary Lamp: † Jimmy Hayes
Vigil Lamp: † Ashley May Miklas

For the Sick:

Elaine Loxton, 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

Stewardship: A Way of Living

November 18th Offertory Collections

Thank you for your generous donations.

Regular Collection:..... \$ **9,610.95**
Shepherds' Trust : \$ **4,619.00**
Maintenance Fund Offering \$ **475.00**
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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

Our Lord Jesus Christ the King (November 25)

Given the Kingdom

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. (Revelation: 1:5b-6)

Daniel 17:13-14 – Daniel’s vision of one like the Son of man

Revelation 1:5-8 – Praise to Jesus Christ

John 18:33b-37 – The blood and water

Adults: In what ways is Jesus the ruler of your life?

Kids: How can you show that you honor Jesus as the king of your life?

This Week in Our Parish Hall

Monday, November 26

6:30 pm Brownies/Main Hall
6:30 pm Sparks/Bonaventure Room

Tuesday, November 27

9:30 am Ministry with Maturing Adult-Second Half of Life/
Francis Room

7:00 pm Food Bank Meeting/Francis Room

7:00 pm Bible Study/Oak Room

Wednesday, November 28

6:30 pm SSVP Christmas baskets/Bonaventure Room

7:00 pm GRASP/Oak Room

7:30 pm Alcoholic Anonymous/Francis Room

Thursday, November 29

7:00 am CWL General Meeting/Francis Room

Saturday, December 1st

9:30 am Christian Meditation/Oak Room

9:30 am Al Anon Group/Bonaventure Room

10:00 am St. Bonaventure School-Gingerbread Sale

Theology and Tea

Next T & T will be on Thursday, December 6th and 20th after the 9:00 am Mass in the **Francis Room**. The sessions are open to all parishioners and their friends.

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. And 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 feed the homeless with these nutritious snacks.

Canadian Food for Children

On **December 1st and 2nd** weekend we will be accepting donations of **soap** to support the work of Dr. Simone.

Knights of Columbus Sock Drive

During the season of Advent, the Knights of Columbus will be collecting new unused warm socks, mitts and scarfs. All items will be donated to the Good Shepherd Centre around Christmas. Please place all your donated items in the box located at the back of the Church. Your kind generosity is greatly appreciated.

Community Life

And Now, A Word from Our Pastor
“I was hungry, and you gave Me food”

Last week Pope Francis presided at a Liturgy to mark ‘World Day of the Poor’. As the poor have a special place in the heart of Jesus, so they have a special place in the heart of St. Bonaventure Parish. Many of our ministries take the form of outreach to others. Among them is the **Good Shepherd Casserole Ministry**. With recipes and pans provided by Good Shepherd in downtown Toronto, between 50-60 parishioners prepare, freeze and drop off casseroles at the Parish Centre to feed the poor; some parishioners go into the city to help serve the casseroles. St. Bonaventure contributes the most of any of the participating parishes.

Many thanks for the example of those who are a part of this ministry and to Eva Trace who coordinates it. When we feed the poor, we feed Jesus. If you would like to know more or become a “casserole minister” please contact Eva at 416-447-3040.



A Warm Bed for Jesus

Girls and boys, please help us to prepare for Christmas. When Jesus was born in Bethlehem, Mary laid Him down in a wooden manger. It must have been uncomfortable.

During Advent, please help us to prepare a comfortable, warm bed for Jesus. **Each week take a piece of straw and bring it to the manger near the altar.** Put it in the manger and tell Jesus something good you did during the week-like “I said a prayer for my Grandma,” or “I cleaned my room.” Your piece of straw will help Jesus to rest comfortably in a warm bed. Thanks.

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.

‘Vocation Seeds’

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (November 25) Today we hail Christ as our King. He is the Victor over the power of death who loves us and freed us from our sins by His own blood, and Who by Baptism has made us royal nation of priests in the service of His Father and our 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

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
Blessed is the season which engages the whole world in a conspiracy of love. ~ **Hamilton Wright Mabie**

With your help, St. Bonaventure’s Conference can make a difference in the lives of the less fortunate in our parish and community this Christmas. Simply pick up a Christmas envelope at one of our poor boxes, print your name and address, and you will receive a tax receipt for your contribution. Thank you for your continuing support and generosity.

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...This 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.

Christmas, Christmas time is near!

Join the **Seraphim and Cherubim Chorus’** singing the Christmas songs you love as part of their **It’s a Marshmallow World** concert series. A mix of old favourites and twists on classics! Join us at St. Bonaventure’s on December 14th at 7:30pm. Advanced tickets are available online at www.seraphimandcherubin.ca

“Giving Tree”

Bring the spirit of Christmas to someone in need. We invite you to take a gift tag from our ‘Giving Tree’. The back of the gift tag will indicate the type of gift needed. We appreciate you returning your gift on December 15/16 at the latest. Your gifts will support those who seek help through The Community Share Food Bank, the City Street Outreach, residents at Thompson House Retirement Home, and Greenview Lodge Nursing Home.

