

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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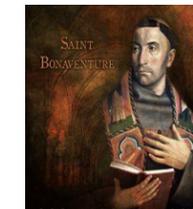
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YOU ARE ALWAYS WELCOME AT ST. BONAVENTURE

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 4, 2018
The Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

“And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might.”

— Moses, Deuteronomy 6:5

The Principal Laws of Social Life

The great commandment of the Hebrew covenant, ratified by Jesus as the greatest commandment, is to love God above all else and with all we have.

In our own day we continue to violate this commandment with the various idolatries that infect our public life: worship of the almighty dollar, adoration at the altar of capitalism, religious reverence for ‘people’s way of life.’

Jesus did not invent the second greatest commandment, either. His contribution was to link it with the first, to tie together love of God with love of neighbour.

Just as we violate the first commandment, so we violate the second one as well: we discriminate against our neighbour, we use our political and economic power to oppress our neighbour, we overwork and underpay our neighbour, we physically abuse our neighbour, we lock our neighbour up and forget about him, we seem to do many things that are not love of neighbour.

“Love God with all your heart and love your neighbour as yourself.” It seems so simple, but our experience tells us otherwise.

One may not take as the ultimate criteria in economic life the interests of individuals or organized groups, nor unregulated competition, nor excessive power on the part of the wealthy, nor the vain honor of the nation or its desire for domination, nor anything of this sort. Rather, it is necessary that economic undertakings be governed by justice and charity as the principle laws of social life.

Pope John XXIII, *Mater et Magistra*, 1961:38-39

From: 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 friarmsted2015@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 18 ~ I love you, Lord, my strength.

This Week in Our Parish Hall

Community Life

Mass Intentions

Nov. 05 Monday	9:00 am	†Larry and †Mildred Brown
Nov. 06 Tuesday	9:00 am	†Michael Vincent Chua
Nov. 07 Wednesday	9:00 am	†Alfred Chaisson
Nov. 08 Thursday	9:00 am	†Ed Nachoff
Nov. 09 Friday	9:00 am	Brothers, Sisters and Benefactors of the OFM †John Veretta †Iris Pears †Jerry Zoconir †Isabelle Michael †Baby Josiah Warkentin
Nov. 10 Saturday	5:00 pm	† Pui Chuen Kwok
Nov. 11 Sunday	8:30 am	†Hugh Canning (father & son)
	10:00 am	†Hans Wontorra
	12:00 pm	Intentions of the Parishioners

Prayer Intentions

Vigil Lamp: Roberto and Nimfa Chua

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: Christopher Al McDonell and Raymond Dwart

Monday, November 5th

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

Tuesday, November 6th

7:00 pm Bible Study/Oak Room
7:00 pm Sacramental Prep.-First Reconciliation-Session A/
Main Hall

Wednesday, November 7th

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 St. Clare Inn Meeting/Bonaventure Room

7:30 pm Alcoholic Anonymous/Francis Room

Thursday, November 8th

9:30 am Theology and Tea/Francis Room
7:00 pm Knights of Columbus - General Meeting/
Francis Room

7:00 pm Al Anon Business Meeting/Oak Room

Saturday, November 10th

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 8th and 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.

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. Items to put in the bag: hats, gloves, scarves, warm socks, shampoo & conditioner, tissue packages, toothpaste & toothbrush, Soap or body wash, pen & notepad, chocolates or hard candy. (or see the bulletin board for details)

Deadline to hand in the bags is the weekend of December 1st and 2nd. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

"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.

The event is FREE. Refreshments will be served. Seating is limited. You can email your questions in advance and reserve your spot at: guidancematters@smcsmail.com

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

Tuesday, November 13, 9:30 am, Francis Room
The Endless Pull of Love: Author **Phil Small**, shares his wisdom and humour through readings from his inspiring book "**on the way to here: Reflections on Things that Matter**". His wisdom and experience of the *endless pull of love* through the challenges and joys of life is encouraging and hope-filled.

All are welcome! There is no monetary cost for this program. For more information contact **Maureen McDonnell** at 416-447-5571 ext. 550 or maureen@st-bonaventure.ca

News from the Society of St. Vincent de Paul

The Joy of Giving (cont.)

We give a gift pleasing to Jesus when we care for a sick person, spend time with a difficult person, help someone for the sake of helping, or forgive someone who has hurt us. These are gifts freely given, and they cannot be lacking in the lives of Christians. Jesus reminds us that if we only love those who love us, we do as the pagans do (cf. Mt.5-46-47). Today let us look at our hands, so often empty of love, and let us try to think of some gift that we can give without expecting anything in return. ~Pope Francis

We have need of a working microwave, laptop computer, cereal/soup bowls, flatware, baking items. Thank you for your continuing generosity. Call 416-390-9495.

Remembering Our Loved Ones

As is the tradition, a "Book of the Deceased" will be placed in the church by the baptismal font for the whole month of November. Here one may enter the name(s) of non-parishioners who have died during the year to be remembered in prayer.

Happy are those who have died in the Lord.

*Let them rest from their labours,
for their good deeds go with them.*

~ Revelation 14.13

'Vocation Seeds'

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time (November 4, 2018)
"To love Him with all the heart and with all the understanding, and with all the strength" and "to love one's neighbour as oneself" are the greatest commandments. If you feel that God is calling you to serve Him as a priest, religious or deacon visit the website: www.vocationtoronto.ca; www.franciscans.org or speak with one of the friars.

And now, a word from our Pastor:

"Where'd they go?"

Each week at the 10:00 am Liturgy, right after the opening prayer (the Collect), we send our young children to the Parish Centre. There they celebrate the Liturgy of the Word (Mass Readings) in a translation of the Scripture that they can grasp. They sing an Alleluia, interact in reflecting on the Scripture readings, say a form of the Creed and offer intercessions before returning to us.

Right after the homily, we send our catechumens (those adults who are preparing for Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist) to the Parish Centre. While we celebrate the portion called the Liturgy of the Eucharist, they extend the Liturgy of the Word as they continue to "break open" the Scripture readings and reflection of the day. Together they pray and explore what God's Word is saying to them as they make their journey to the Sacraments.

As our catechumens and children depart each week they remind us of the importance of the Liturgy of the Word in our Mass and in our lives. When the Scriptures are read, it is the voice of God which speaks to us. We celebrate the Word in song and reverence because the Lord is present in the Word He speaks.

Our thanks to those ministers who lead our children in celebrating the Liturgy of the Word: Evan Chan, Antoinette Duarte, Ann Fellin, Maria Martin, Lisa Mattam, Aimee Oster, Brenda Schabert and Nancy Vanseader and to those catechists who lead our catechumens in extending the Liturgy of the Word: Corrine Evanoff, Moira McKeown, Teresa Sansom and Gregory Beath.

We commend †Raymond Dwart and †Christopher Al McDonell into the hands of our God and pray for the gift of peace to their families as they mourn their passing.

Women's Voices Count

Monday, November 19, 2018, 2 to 4 pm
At Bloor Street United Church, 300 Bloor Street West

How women's stories and activism challenge gender-based violence?

Panelists: **Elizabeth Renzetti**, Globe and Mail columnist and author; **Susan Dion**, York University, Faculty of Education; **May Chazan**, Trent University, Gender and Women's Studies.

Everyone is welcome at no charge, but donations are appreciated. See the bulletin board for details.

Stewardship: A Way of Living

October 28th Offertory Collections

Thank you for your generous donations.

Regular Collection:.....	\$ 9,375.00
World Mission Sunday	\$ 170.00
St. Clare Inn Offering	\$ 175.00
Pre-Authorized Giving:.....	\$ 2,926.00
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Second Collection:

November 18 ~ The Shepherds' Trust

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time (November 4th)

The Greatest Commandment

The scribe asked him, "which commandment is the first of all?" Jesus answered, "The first is, 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.'" (Mark 12:28-30)

Deuteronomy 6:2-6 – The Great Commandment

Hebrews 7:23-28 – Jesus, the eternal high priest

Mark 12:28b-34 – The Greatest Commandment

Adults: Why is love of neighbour as important as love of God?

Kids: When do you show that you love God and your neighbour with your whole heart?

