

Today Pope Francis led the Church in celebrating the lives and holiness of several women and men, among them Pope Paul VI, Bishop Oscar Romero, Mother Maria Kasper and Mother Nazaria Mesa whom he declared to be saints.


After the death of St. John XXIII, St. Paul VI called the Church to continue the Second Vatican Council and led us in implementing the call of the Holy Spirit in that Council to seek a New Pentecost. He died on August 6, 1978.

St. Oscar Romero served God's People in El Salvador during that nation's tragic civil war, calling for an end to injustice and violence while bringing Jesus' compassion to the poor and suffering. For daring to defend the defenceless, he was shot to death while celebrating mass on March 24, 1980.

St. Maria Kasper of Germany wanted to be a religious sister, but the secular climate of the time offered few options. She gathered other women into her home from which they served the sick and poor, eventually founding their own order of the Poor Handmaidens of Jesus Christ. St. Maria entered eternity on January 27, 1898. This year her Sisters mark the 150th anniversary of their foundation; they live and serve in five continents.

St. Nazaria Mesa of Spain began her religious life in one order but found her zeal for ministry was limited by the order's approach. She decided to begin a New Order called Missionary Crusaders of the Church. St. Nazaria's goal was nothing less than to "re-Christianize" the world. She and her sisters ministered to soldiers in time of war and established homes for children orphaned by war. She founded a magazine to foster unity and growth among women religious and established the first women's trade union. St. Nazaria completed her earthly pilgrimage on July 6, 1943.

Thanking God for these new saints, we ask that God continue to bless the Church with the faith of St. Paul VI, the courage of St. Oscar, the generosity of St. Maria and the vision of St. Nazaria



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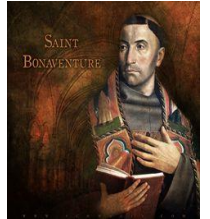
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Inspired by St. Francis we seek to live and proclaim the gospel in our daily lives, responding to the spiritual hungers of the community and becoming an oasis of peace, prayer and service.



October 14, 2018
The Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Wisdom and Riches

The rich man wants to have it both ways: he wants his possessions and he wants everlasting life. Jesus shatters his illusion; you can't have both, Jesus says. The rich man goes away sad, prompting Jesus to comment on the difficulty of being rich and entering the kingdom.

This is "God's word that is living and effective, sharper than any two-edged sword," and this is the spirit of Wisdom of which the first reading speaks: we are to value each other as if we were prime possessions, and the promise of everlasting life is made to those who have the power to give all they have to their brothers and sisters, especially those most in need.

Then who can be saved? Those whose love for God expresses itself in eagerness to do good for others.

Neither individuals nor nations should regard the possession of more and more goods as the ultimate objective. Every kind of progress is a two-edged sword. It is necessary if man is to grow as a human being; yet it can also enslave him, if he comes to regard it as the supreme good and cannot look beyond it. When this happens, men harden their hearts, shut out others from their minds and gather together solely for reasons of self-interest rather than out of friendship; dissension and disunity follow soon after. Thus, the exclusive pursuit of material possessions prevents man's growth as a human being and stands in opposition to his true grandeur. Avarice, in individuals and in nations, is the most obvious form of stultified moral development.

Pope Paul VI, *Populorum Progressio*, 1967:19. Now published in book form, To Love and Serve: Lectinary 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 **Nimfa Chua** at 416-447-5047

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

*Psalm 90 ~ Fill us with your love, O Lord,
and we will sing for joy!*

Mass Intentions

Oct. 15 Monday 9:00 am † Lakshman De Silva
Oct. 16 Tuesday 9:00 am † Tereza Butnaru
Oct. 17 Wednesday 9:00 am † Lazarus Pereira
Oct. 18 Thursday 9:00 am † John Adams
Oct. 19 Friday 9:00 am Brothers, Sisters, and Benefactors of the OFM Mabel Lim June Yee Sisters of St. Joseph of Toronto Ariel and Emmy Lou Stan and Maureen Grzywna
Oct. 20 Saturday 5:00 pm † Andre Cabral
Oct. 21 Sunday 8:30 am Intentions of the Parishioners
10:00 am † Colleen Dolan
12:00 pm † Vincent Pham Huu Trac

Prayer Intentions

Sanctuary Lamp : Anita Sioson

Vigil Lamp: Andrew Family

For the Sick:

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

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October 7th Offertory Collections

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Regular Collection:..... \$ **8,301.80**

St. Clare Inn Offering \$ **4,303.50**

Pre-Authorized Giving:..... \$ **2,926.00**

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Second Collection:

**October 21 ~ Evangelization of Nations Offering
(World Mission Sunday)**

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (October 14th)

Danger of Riches

Jesus said, "It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." (Mark 10:25)

Wisdom 7:7-11 – Solomon and the riches of wisdom

Hebrews 4:12-13 – God's living word

Mark 10:17-30 or 10:17-27 – The danger of riches – Jesus and the rich man

Adults: How can the pleasures and comforts of this world become barriers to your relationship with God?

Kids: What favorite toy, game, video, etc., of yours would you be willing to share with someone this week?

This Week in Our Parish Hall

Sunday, October 14th

1:15 pm Confirmation Information Session: Parents and Youth/Main Hall

Monday, October 15th

6:30 pm Brownies/Main Hall

6:30 pm Sparks/Bonaventure Room

7:00 pm Secular Franciscans Meeting/Francis Room

Tuesday, October 16th

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

7:00 pm Bible Study/Oak Room

7:00 pm Confirmation Information Session: Parents and Youth/Main Hall

Wednesday, October 17th

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

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

7:30 pm Alcoholic Anonymous/Francis Room

Thursday and Friday, October 18th & 19th

9:30 am Donations drop-off and preparation for CWL Flea Market

Saturday, October 20th

9:30 am CWL Flea Market

9:30 am Al Anon Group/Board Room

The **FLEA MARKET** is the signature event of the St. Bonaventure Catholic Women's League which supports various charities. You may want to start putting away gently used items to donate: clothing, housewares, china, linens, small appliances, toys, small furniture that can be taken in a car, sports equipment, electronics, jewellery, holiday items and books (NO magazines, textbooks, encyclopedias, video or audio tapes please!). **WE DO NOT ACCEPT:** mattresses, baby furniture and baby equipment or plants.

Items, including preserved goods (jam and jellies), can be dropped off from 9:30 am to 6:00 pm on Thursday, Oct. 18th and on Friday, Oct 19th from 9:30 am to 8:30 pm. All baked goods should be dropped off on Friday, Oct. 19th and Saturday, Oct. 20th morning in the Parish Hall.

If you wish to volunteer for the Flea Market, there is a sign-up sheet at the back of the church. We have also opportunities for students needing volunteer hours for school.

Flea Market Raffle Tickets are available at the back of the church.

Contact: Elfreida Soans at 416-424-4984 or Judy Beca at 416-447-1711

Casseroles for the Good Shepherd Centre

The deadline for this month's casseroles is Sunday, October 21st. If you can spare some time to make a casserole each month, contact Eva Trace at 416-447-3040.

Knights of Columbus – Culture of Life Program

The knights of Columbus will be selling Roses (Stickers) after each Mass this weekend as part of their Culture of Life Program. This is in aid of millions of babies whose lives have been lost to abortion. Proceeds will be donated to Sisters of Life or any registered charities protecting the unborn.

Community Life

**Sacramental Preparation 2018-2019
at St. Bonaventure Parish**

The following information meetings are for parishioners of St. Bonaventure church.

Preparation for Confirmation

In September 2015, the age when youth may begin to prepare for and celebrate Confirmation was lowered to age 12 in the Archdiocese of Toronto. If your child is baptised Roman Catholic and 12 years old (grade 7) or older, then it is important for you and your son or daughter to attend one of the following parent-youth Confirmation information sessions held in the Main Hall of the Parish Centre to learn about the preparation process, registration, and celebration of Confirmation:

•**Sunday, October 14th from 1:15 to 2:30 pm, or**

•**Tuesday, October 16th from 7:00 to 8:30 pm**

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

October 16 ~ Oscar Romero: Celebrating a Witness to Love, to be canonized October 14th, 2018. **Guest from Romero House Internship Program** will witness to the legacy of Oscar Romero through their community of hospitality and support of refugees.

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

Blessed Oscar Romero will be canonized in Rome on Sunday, October 14. The Mass will be broadcast at 9:30 am on Salt + Light Television. To celebrate, Toronto-based Romero House has organized a number of local events, running from Thursday, October 4 to Sunday, October 28. For more information, please visit <http://bit.ly/OscarRomeroCanonization>

Secular Franciscan Meeting

There will be a Secular Franciscan meeting Monday, October 15, 2018 at 7:00 pm, Francis room.

Celebrate Your Marriage with a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend! (October 19-21,2018)

Celebrate your love and take a fresh look at your marriage! Spend a very special weekend together. A weekend of discovery...a lifetime of love! Worldwide Marriage Encounter is a weekend getaway that helps married couples rediscover themselves as individuals and as a couple.

For more information and application, go to www.wwme.org or contact Gerard & Marge McCauley at 905-792-1925 or gerard.marge@rogers.com

Theology and Tea

The next T&T will be on October 25th after Mass at 9:30 am in the Francis Room. Bring a friend, or even an enemy, if you wish. See you soon, ~ *Friar Mark*

And now, a word from our Pastor:

I'm official. On Sunday, October 14 at the 10 am Liturgy, our regional Bishop Kasun installed me as pastor of St. Bonaventure. ("Installed" makes it sound like I'm a new kitchen appliance.) The ritual was simple, yet symbolic, expressing the three roles of a Catholic leader. To emphasize the work of sanctifying, leading God's People in the ways of love and holiness, Bishop Kasun led me to the Baptismal font-the source of God's love and life in us. To underline the duty of preaching and teaching God's goodness and truth, he brought me to the ambo (pulpit) - the throne of God's Word. And to symbolize my responsibility for the welfare of the community, Bishop Kasun presented the keys of the parish to me. I am very humbled by God's call to be with you and serve you. The New Testament says: God's flock is in your midst; give it a shepherd's care." Please keep me in a prayer so that I can do that. With thanks and a prayer.

Congratulations to Gavin Kottege, Althea Opeña, Lucas Webb, and Xavier Zonnekeyn who were given new birth by water and the Holy Spirit and welcomed into God's Holy People through Baptism.

~ *Fr. Dennis*

News from the Society of St. Vincent de Paul
Jesus gave us a simple programme for journeying towards holiness: the commandment of love for God and our neighbour. ~ Pope Francis

Help us help others by attending an important meeting of St. Bonaventure's Society of St. Vincent de Paul, this coming Wednesday evening, October 17, 2018, 7:15 pm, Bonaventure Room. With a number of new members and those in the process of becoming full members, along with auxiliary and older members, we hope to create a dynamic team of volunteers capable of fulfilling our Society's mission: seeing Christ in anyone who suffers; coming together as a family; having personal contact with the poor; helping in all possible ways. For more information, call 416-390-9495.

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