

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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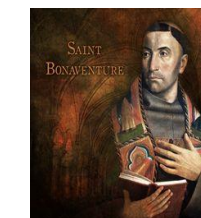
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YOU ARE ALWAYS WELCOME AT ST. BONAVENTURE

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.



October 7, 2018

The Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

But at the beginning of creation God 'made them male and female. For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh.'



So they are no longer two, but one. Therefore what God has joined together, let man not separate. *Mark 10:6-9*

Since the dawning of creation, God designed man and woman to both complement and unite with one another, bearing children as fruits of their love. In essence, two reciprocal halves are to become whole and combine to create new blessings.

In today's Gospel Jesus states clearly that marriage is to be an eternal bond between man and woman, with a loving and committed heart shared by both spouses. Any experience outside of this context or any human dissolution of this union, we can deduce, contravenes the will of God.

While marriage is designed to be unitive, Jesus illustrates its pro-creative nature when He embraces the children. His blessing and assurance of their entry into heaven invite us to equally welcome them as gifts of God.

While being sensitive and supportive to those in difficult situations, let us wholeheartedly strive to follow God's will for marriage and family, united as Jesus unites with His bride, the Church.

Matt Charbonneau, Ottawa, ON.

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 **Nimfa Chua** at 416-447-5047

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

Psalm 128~ May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.

Mass Intentions

Oct. 08 Monday 9:00 am † Frederick Campayne
 Oct. 09 Tuesday 9:00 am † Esther Villarroel-Hillier
 Oct. 10 Wednesday 9:00 am † Leander Taylor
 Oct. 11 Thursday 9:00 am † Hugh Canning (father & son)
 Oct. 12 Friday 9:00 am † Edward Haigh
 † Peter Pedias
 † John & Piedade Claro
 † Macaria Olarve
 † Jerry Zoconir
 All Souls in Purgatory
 Oct. 13 Saturday 5:00 pm † Intentions of Fernando Family
 Oct. 14 Sunday 8:30 am Deceased Members of the D'Souza Family
 10:00 am Intentions of the Parishioners
 12:00 pm † Francis & Shirley Christie

Prayer Intentions

Sanctuary Lamp 1: Yasser Soadah
 Sanctuary Lamp 2: Soadah Faraj
 Vigil Lamp: †Elizabeth Lee

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, Roger Payette and Elisabetta Schiavone

For the Deceased: Gillian Wilson-Smith; Karl Scherer and Jennifer Durante

Stewardship: A Way of Living

September 30th Offertory Collections

Thank you for your generous donations.

Regular Collection:..... \$ **9,213.20**
 Needs of the Canadian Church Offering. \$ **2,307.60**
 Pre-Authorized Giving:..... \$ **2,926.00**
 Donate Now:..... \$ **328.00**

Second Collection:

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

**Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (October 7th)
 Childlike Faith**

Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it. (Mark 10:15)

Genesis 2:18-24 – Second story of creation, the creation of woman.

Hebrews 2:9-11 – Jesus' exaltation through abasement

Mark 10:2-16 or 10:2-12 – Question of divorce and Jesus blessing the children

Adults: What could keep you from embracing the kingdom of God like a little child?

Kids: How do you feel when you hear the wonderful stories of God's love for you?



Let us give thanks to the Lord, Our God Lord God of all Creation, we give you thanks not only with our lips, but with our heart and mind and soul. Every day is a gift. Each day is a blessing. Open our eyes to see your living presence in each other. Hep us grow stronger each day, in faith, hope, and love. We ask you this through Jesus Christ Our Lord who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, forever and ever. Amen

This Week in Our Parish Hall

Monday, October 8th

Thanksgiving Day – Ministry Centre is Closed

Tuesday, October 9th

7:00 pm Bible Study/Oak Room

7:00 pm CWL Executive Meeting/Francis Room

Wednesday, October 10th

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

7:30 pm Alcoholic Anonymous/Francis Room

Thursday, October 11th

7:00 pm Knights of Columbus-General Meeting/Francis Room

Saturday, October 13th

9:30 am Al Anon Group/Bonaventure Room

9:30 am Christian Meditation Group/Oak Room

Anniversary of the Last Apparition of Our Lady of Fatima

On Saturday, October 13, there will be a special Mass at 9:00 am to honour Our Lady's last apparition at Fatima 100 years ago. Please join us for this one-time Saturday Mass at St. Bonaventure Church, followed by rosary at Our Lady's Chapel.

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

Community Life

And now, a word from our Pastor:

On Thursday we celebrated the Solemnity of St. Francis of Assisi. Most often paintings of St. Francis portray him delighting in creation. Birds sit on his shoulders, rabbits gather at his feet and deer eat out of his hand. His statues are often in the middle of bird baths. But there is so much more to Francis. Francis was a man of joy who sang the Lord's praises. He was also someone who suffered from malaria, disease of the eyes and bore the wounds of Jesus (the stigmata) in his body. Francis greeted everyone with the words: "Peace and all good to you." He also experienced personal times of struggle and even served as a soldier in a war. Francis' joyfulness and peace didn't spring from a problem-free life, but from faith in goodness of Jesus who walked with him in bright days and in shadowy days. Francis' very down-to-earth faith led him to say in all days: "The Lord is my enough." In our bright days may his joy delight us, in our shadowy days may his peace comfort us. In all days may the faith of Francis be ours as we join him in praying: "The Lord is my enough."

We commend †Jennifer Durante and †Karl Scherer into the hands of our God and pray for the gift of peace to their families as they mourn their passing.

News from the Society of St. Vincent de Paul

If the Lord has gifted you with riches, it is in order to do lots of good things for others in His name. ~Pope Francis

Your continuing generosity to our poor boxes and response to our requests for gently used household items have allowed us to supply grateful neighbours-in-need with food, clothing and some essentials for more dignified living. Thank you! Our next meeting is Wednesday, October 17, 2018, 7:15 pm in the Bonaventure Room. Consider joining us. Call 416-390-9495 for more information.

The Office of Admissions of St. Michael's College School is now considering applications for September 2019. St. Michael's College School is the only independent Catholic school for boys from Grade 7 to Grade 12. Open Houses for interested parents and their sons will be held on **Thursday, October 18 and Tuesday, October 23 from 7:30 to 9:30 pm.**

Location: St. Michael's College School, **1515 Bathurst Street** (at St. Clair Avenue West).

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>

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.

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

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

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