

## 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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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.



September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018  
The Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



### Washing Your Hands Before Dinner

In the Gospel Reading, Jesus and the Pharisees have a public fight about the Jewish tradition of washing your hands before dinner. Jesus puts the Pharisees and their tradition down with a scathing denunciation.

So, what does this story say about tradition? And where would we be without tradition? Our whole religious understanding and practice, even our creeds, are shaped by tradition.

The solution to the perplexity lies in the story. When the Pharisees ask Jesus why his disciples don't keep the tradition of hand-washing, their question isn't a request for information. It is a challenge to his whole ministry. From the point of view of the Pharisees, a person couldn't be from God and not wash his hands before dinner in accordance with the tradition.

A tradition hands on something precious from one generation to another. But the tradition the Pharisees cling to does not in fact convey the God of Moses. What kind of God would make his total acceptance or rejection of a person dependent on whether or not he washed his hands before dinner?

When the Pharisees privilege hand-washing above the true goodness of Christ, they don't transmit what Moses gave them. They wreck it, in the name of tradition. And that is why Jesus says the tradition of the Pharisees is the tradition of men. These defenders of religious tradition have lost their grip on the very thing they were supposed to pass on, God's goodness and love. That is why Jesus call them 'hypocrites.'

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**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](mailto:friarmstead2015@gmail.com)

**Prayer Network:** Members pray daily for intentions held in confidence. Contact Carol Molina at 647-200-4719

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

## Psalm 15 ~ The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

### Mass Intentions

Sept. 3 Monday	9:00 am	† Monique Popiel
Sept. 4 Tuesday	9:00 am	† Frances Noronha
Sept. 5 Wednesday	9:00 am	† Salvador Balingit, Jr.
Sept. 6 Thursday	9:00 am	Peter Lamantia
Sept. 7 Friday	9:00 am	Vocations † Kui Wan Lau † Arthur Coates † David McKeown † Christopher Scott Deceased Members of the Schofield Family
Sept. 8 Saturday	5:00 pm	† Lou Lupo
Sept. 9 Sunday	8:30 am	† Hugh Canning (father & son)
	10:00 am	† Joseph & Cecilia Chow
	12:00 pm	† Bernie Christie

### Prayer Intentions

Sanctuary Lamp: Ricky Mantaring  
Vigil Lamp: I. Del Mundo

### For the Sick:

Tony Guiney, Alfonz Pavli, Ashley Devlin, Joan Pape, Maggie Marquis, John Ladd, Raymund Fung, Teresita Peiris, Alice Eaglen, Joe Pimenta, Kay Corner, Dorothy Lord, Lina Cornacchia, Michael Morra, Mary DiGregorio, Mabel Lim and Roger Payette

### Stewardship: A Way of Living

#### August 26<sup>th</sup> Offertory Collections

Thank you for your generous donations.

Regular Collection:..... \$ 7,249.70  
Pre-Authorized Giving:..... \$ 2,926.00  
Donate Now:..... \$ 328.00

### Second Collection:

**September 9 ~ Maintenance Fund Offering**  
**September 30 ~ Needs of the Canadian Church Offering**

### Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (September 2)

#### Doers of the Word

Welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls. But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. (James 1:21-22)

**Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8** – Advantages of fidelity  
**James 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27** – Response to God's gift  
**Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23** – Jesus and the Pharisees

**Adults:** Which words of Jesus provide the most inspiration for the Christian work that you do?

**Kids:** How do you welcome the words of Jesus into your heart?

### This Week in Our Parish

**Monday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**Labour Day ~ Ministry Centre is Closed**

**Wednesday, September 5<sup>th</sup>**

7:30 pm Alcoholic Anonymous/Francis Room

**Thursday, September 6<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 pm Knights of Columbus Executive Meeting/  
Oak Room

**Saturday, September 8<sup>th</sup>**

9:30 am Al Anon Group/Bonaventure Room

### Casseroles for the Good Shepherd Centre

The deadline for this month's casseroles is **Sunday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>**. If you can spare some time to make a casserole each month, contact Eva Trace at 416-447-3040.

**The Knights of Columbus** is sponsoring a Parish Barbeque, Saturday, September 15<sup>th</sup> from 3:30 to 7:30 pm at the Parish Parking Lot. Tickets are available after all Masses or at the Ministry Centre. All are welcome!

### CWL General Meeting – Red Sand Project and Human Trafficking Guest Speaker

Sunday, September 16<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm in the Parish Main Hall.

Our special guest speaker will be Katarina MacLeod who is a survivor of human trafficking and founder of "Rising Angels" an organization helping women get out of the sex trade industry. At the meeting, we will be asking everyone to participate in raising awareness of human trafficking by pouring red sand into cracks between the bricks in our church sidewalk as a representation of those vulnerable young people who are falling through the cracks in society. We encourage you to attend this meeting to learn more about this criminal plague shockingly common in Ontario and across Canada.

### Annual Day of Renewal ~ 2018

**"Marriage is a reflection of the relationship that Christ has with God's People." Those words of St. Paul remind us of the important place that wives and husbands have in the community of the Church.**

On Saturday, September 29<sup>th</sup>, The Archdiocesan Office of Marriage Preparation and Family Life is sponsoring a day of prayer and discussion here at St. Bonaventure Parish, Main Hall. (8:30 am to 3:30 pm). There is no cost and lunch will be provided. The day is meant for those who already assist couples preparing for marriage and for those who wonder if they might enjoy becoming involved in that ministry but want to know more. If you are interested, please call the Ministry Centre at 416-447-5571 by September 20. Thank you!

### SCAM ALERT!!!

An email scam previously reported by several other dioceses has now appeared in our own Parish with reports of at least one parishioner who lost \$300 to a fraudster pretending to be the pastor of the parish. False emails from our pastor are sent asking for the electronic gift cards to be sent to another address so that they may be given to someone in need. **To all our parishioners please be advised not to respond should you receive this email.** And always verify suspect messages by phoning the sender on a known phone number (not the phone number in the suspect message).

### Community Life

And now, a word from our Pastor:

Many thanks and blessings to **Barbara Cooper**. For the past 14 years Barbara has served St. Bonaventure Parish in administrative support. A cake filled with calories and gratitude marked both her birthday and retirement. Thank you, Barbara, and may the Lord grant you peace and every good blessing.

This week we commended **†Gerarda Barrientos** into the hands of the Father. We ask for heaven for her and peace for her family. May she rest in peace.

In our prayers we also remember **Friar Boniface's sister †Venette Padden**, who died on Thursday at the age of 104. May peace be to her to Fr. Boniface and his family.

Congratulations to **Stephen Bael and Rescelle Ragragio** who celebrated the Sacrament of Marriage on Saturday. May Our Lady and St. Joseph bless them in their married life.

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

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

### Preparation for First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion

Roman Catholic children may begin to be prepared to celebrate their First Reconciliation (Confession) and First Communion around the age of 7. If you are the parent of a 7-year-old child (in grade 2), or older, who is baptised Roman Catholic, then it is important for you to attend **one** of the following parent information meetings in the Main Hall of the Parish Centre to learn about the preparation process, registration, and celebration of these Sacraments:  
•**Sunday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> from 1:15 to 2:45 pm, or**  
•**Tuesday, September 25<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 to 8:30 pm**

### 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 14<sup>th</sup> from 1:15 to 2:30 pm, or**  
•**Tuesday, October 16<sup>th</sup> 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

#### 2018 Fall Program

**Tuesday Mornings 9:30 – 11:45 am, Francis Room**  
**Dates and Programme Topics:**

**September 18 – Love at the Heart of the Cosmos**

**September 25 – Love at the Heart of the Cosmos**

With the Wisdom of Fr. Richard Rohr

**October 16 – Oscar Romero: Celebrating a Witness to Love**

**October 30 – Overview of Alzheimer's Disease and Dementia** – presentation by Nicole Gardner

**November 13 – The Endless Pull of Love:**

Author Phil Small

**November 27 – Compassion Care for All** – presentation by Sr. Rosemary MacDonald, CSM

Flyers with the dates and programme topics are available at the back of the church for you to take home! 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](mailto:maureen@st-bonaventure.ca)

### Ministry with Maturing Adults – Life Stories Program

A small-group **Life Stories** program will be offered in the Bonaventure Room for 8 consecutive **Wednesday afternoons from Sept. 26 until Nov. 14, 2018**. Time: **12:45 – 2:45 pm**. Participants write and share stories about their lives. See brochures at the back of the church for more details. Cost: \$25. Preregistration required. To register, call **Gisela Cote at 416-447-5571 Ext. 560**

### News from the St. Vincent de Paul Society



*"The best way to economize time is to 'lose' half an hour each day attending Holy Mass."*

All are invited to a mass in thanksgiving for lives of Blessed Frederic Ozanam and St. Vincent de Paul, together with the

Vincentians in North York, on Wednesday evening, September 12, 2018, 7:00 pm, St. Bonaventure Church. If you or someone you know could use our assistance or wish more information, please call the Ministry Centre and leave your name and phone number for Society of St. Vincent de Paul and we will return your call.

### Vocation Seeds

**Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time** – September 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Our second Scripture reading reminds us that "Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father...". God's gifts should prompt a response of gratitude, which should be the basis of our daily lives. If God is offering you the gift of priesthood, religious life or deaconate visit: [www.vocationtoronto.ca](http://www.vocationtoronto.ca); [www.franciscans.org](http://www.franciscans.org) or speak with one of the friars.



