

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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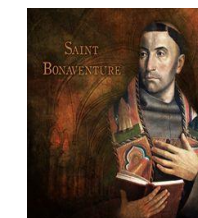
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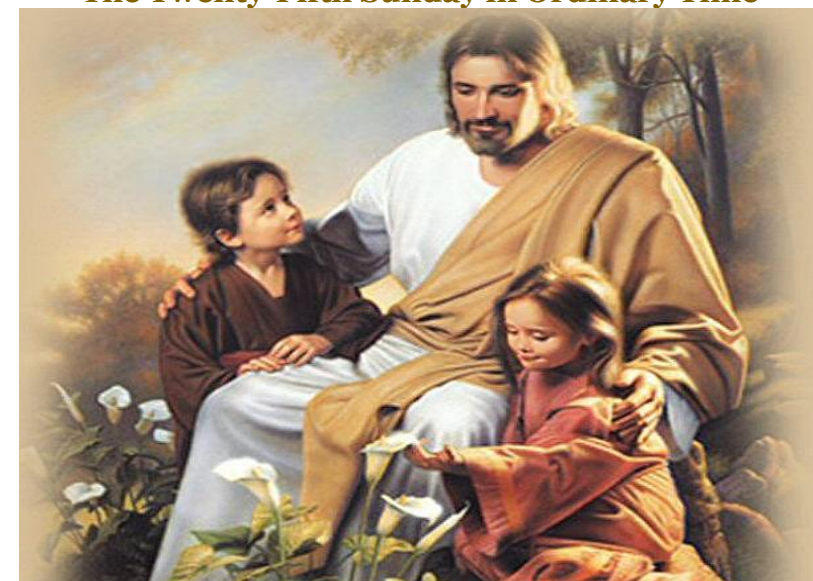


YOU ARE ALWAYS WELCOME AT ST. BONAVENTURE

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.



September 23, 2018
The Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



In Pope Francis' message for the World Day of Migrants and Refugees, he says that when we receive one migrant or refugee child, it teaches us to welcome others. What does giving a welcome have to do with faith, hope and love? Why do you think Jesus came as a child, small and weak?

"Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me; and whoever receives me, receives not me but Him who sent me" (Mk 9:37; cf. Mt18:5; Lk9:48; Jn13:20). With these words, the Evangelists remind the Christian community of Jesus' teaching, which both inspires and challenges. This phrase traces the sure path which leads to God; it begins with the smallest and, through the grace of our Savior, it grows into the practice of welcoming others. To be welcoming is a necessary condition for making this journey a concrete reality: God made Himself one of us. In Jesus God became a child, and the openness of faith to God, which nourishes hope, is expressed in loving proximity to the smallest and the weakest. Charity, faith and hope are all activity present in the spiritual and corporal works of mercy.

Pope Francis, World Day of Migrants and Refugees, 2017
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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 friarmsted2015@gmail.com

Prayer Network: Members pray daily for intentions held in confidence. Contact Teresa Krjgsman at 416-444-4719

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

Psalm 54~ The Lord upholds my Life.

Mass Intentions

Sept. 24 Monday 9:00 am † Chris Bouris
Sept. 25 Tuesday 9:00 am Bouris Family
Sept. 26 Wednesday 9:00 am † Leander Taylor
Sept. 27 Thursday 9:00 am † Chinedu Francis Ukwunna
Sept. 28 Friday 9:00 am † Corazon Monzano
† Genevieve Smith
† Micheline Fournier
† Anthony Kerr
† Salvatore Cianchino
† Vinoward Xavier
Sept. 29 Saturday 5:00 pm † Angelina Morrow
Sept. 30 Sunday 8:30 am Intentions of the Parishioners
10:00 am † Claude Thomson
12:00 pm † Jerry DesRoches

Prayer Intentions

Sanctuary Lamp: † Ramon Javier

For the Sick:

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

For the Deceased: Edward Gauci and Mary McMahon

Celebrate the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi Blessing of Animals



Sunday, October 7th, 2:00 pm, in the courtyard of the Church. One of the most popular celebrations surrounding the feast of St. Francis is the annual blessing of animals. Come and bring your pets for a special blessing.

The Feast of St. Francis, Thursday, October 4th. Come and celebrate with the Friars at the 9:00 am Mass with the St. Bonaventure School. Refreshments will follow in the Parish Main Hall.
The Transitus Celebration is on October 3rd at 7:00 pm at St. Philip Neri Church.

This Week in Our Parish

Monday, September 24

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

Tuesday, September 25

9:30 am Ministry with maturing Adults for the Second half of life/Francis Room
7:00 pm Bible Study/Oak Room
7:00 pm First Reconciliation/Communion Information Meeting/Main Hall

Wednesday, September 26

7:30 pm Alcoholic Anonymous/Francis Room

Thursday, September 27

9:30 am Theology and Tea/Francis Room

Saturday, September 29

9:30 am Al Anon Group/Bonaventure Room
9:30 am Christian Meditation Group/Oak 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: Elfrieda Soans at 416-424-4984 and Judy Beca at 416-447-1711

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

Community 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 23rd from 1:15 to 2:45 pm, or
- Tuesday, September 25th 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 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

September 25 ~ Love at the Heart of the Cosmos:

How to engage and meditate with the Wisdom of Franciscans Fr. Richard Rohr, author and founder of CAC, and Sr. Ilia Delio ~ Guest Facilitator, Odilie Gaudet

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

The Knights of Columbus – St. Francis Council wish to thank the Friars, staff and parishioners for their support in making our Parish BBQ a success. We hope to see you all next year and welcome your comments in making it better.

If you are the holder of the following unclaimed raffle prizes, please provide the Parish Office with your contact information before September 30th.

Ticket # 283166, Dairy Queen Gift Card, value \$15.00

Ticket # 283219, Fly GTA, Air tour of Toronto, for two people

And now, a word from our Pastor:

Congratulations! St. Bonaventure Parish has given birth. A participant in our Ministry with Maturing Adults from another parish has been so impressed, that she has begun that ministry in her own parish. Way to go Maureen McDonnell, director of MMA, the Advisory Board and participants. You are apostles spreading the Word.

This week I received my government license to officiate at marriages as well as my permanent Canadian driver's license. Now I can witness weddings and drive the limo to the reception!

News from the Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Only the merciful are like God the Father. 'Be merciful, as your Father is merciful.'
~ Pope Francis

We are assisting a woman who has finally found geared-to-income housing in our area but lost all her furniture in storage as she could not afford the fees. She has a date with the Furniture Bank and we have provided her with a bed, but she could use help with acquiring the following: cutlery, 6-8 dinner plates, kitchen knives, waste bin, recycling bin, tea kettle, fry pan, lamp, small area rug, bedroom curtains (72"x 72"), and a night light. If you can help, please leave your name and phone number at the Ministry Centre or call Jack or Judy at 416-390-9495. Thank you for your continuing support and generosity.

CWL Red Sand Project

It is hard to miss the red sand that is meandering through the cracks of our church sidewalk. The red sand represents the vulnerable young women who fall through the metaphorical cracks in our society. At last Sunday's CWL meeting on Human Trafficking, those who attended heard a dynamic talk by Katarina Macleod who shared her personal experience of being trafficked as a young girl. She spoke of the prevalence of this vicious and growing crime so common in our society today – and in our own neighbourhoods! The Red Sand Project, through its sidewalk interventions, builds awareness about Human Trafficking and creates opportunities for people to ask questions, start discussions, and take action against the vulnerabilities that can lead to young women being trafficked.

Stewardship: A Way of Living

September 16th Offertory Collections

Thank you for your generous donations.

Regular Collection:..... \$ **8,094.35**

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

Donate Now:..... \$ **328.00**

Second Collections:

September 30 ~ Needs of the Canadian Church Offering

October 07 ~ St. Clare Inn Offering

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (September 23)
True Wisdom

He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." (Mk.9:35)

Wisdom 2:12, 17-20 – The wicked speak

James 3:16 – 4:3 – True wisdom and worldly desires

Mark 9:30-37 – Second teaching of the Paschal event and words against ambition and envy.

Adults: What evidence do you see in the world around you that many do not accept Jesus' teaching on power and ambition?

Kids: Why is it wrong to feel envy for what belongs to another?

Theology and Tea

To all theological tea drinkers, T&T:

We will resume September 27th 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*

