

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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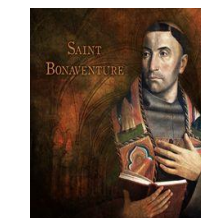
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YOU ARE ALWAYS WELCOME AT ST. BONAVENTURE

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 30, 2018
The Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

And whoever shall offend
one of these little ones
that believe in me, it is
better for him that a
millstone were hanged
about his neck...
—Mark 9:42

Today's readings make a clear distinction between our desires for worldly riches versus the riches that we receive as a result of just living by following God's law. The riches of the world easily seem more appealing at first glance – status, power, wealth, material things. They seem to bring with them freedom, opportunities and comfort. Wealth in and of itself is not a bad thing. What matters is how one acquires it and what one does with it.

Pope John Paul I once said "It is not wrong to want to live better; what is wrong is a style of life which is presumed to be better when it is directed towards 'having' rather than 'being,' and which wants to have more, not in order to be more but in order to spend life in enjoyment as an end in itself." The reading from James sends a warning specifically to the rich who oppress others for their own benefit.

If we can re-direct our worldly riches and possessions to serve us in the way that helps us gather eternal treasures, we can be rewarded with eternal life in the kingdom of God. This has already begun here on earth through the good fruits that result from spirituality-healthy choices and just actions: peace, joy, kindness, goodness, charity and well-being.

Natalia Kononenko, Toronto, 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 Teresa Krjigsman at 416-444-4719

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

Psalm 19~ The precepts of the Lord gave joy to the heart.

Mass Intentions

Oct. 01 Monday 9:00 am † Peter Glowczewski
 Oct. 02 Tuesday 9:00 am † Mary Carpenter
 Oct. 03 Wednesday 9:00 am † Natividad Solis M.
 Oct. 04 Thursday 9:00 am † Len Beverley
 Oct. 05 Friday 9:00 am Vocations
 Joel Baker
 Bill Sampson
 Gwen Fitzgerald & family
 † Joe Sturino
 † Julie Dean
 Oct. 06 Saturday 5:00 pm † Agnes Ravindran
 Oct. 07 Sunday 8:30 am Intentions of the Parishioners
 10:00 am † Joe Mascarenhas
 12:00 pm Emilina Francisco

Prayer Intentions

Vigil Lamp: Toni Ann Cecilio

For the Sick:

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

Stewardship: A Way of Living

September 23rd Offertory Collections

Thank you for your generous donations.

Regular Collection:..... \$ **7,935.10**
 Flood Relief in India \$ **1,743.75**
 Pre-Authorized Giving:..... \$ **2,926.00**
 Donate Now:..... \$ **328.00**

Second Collections:

October 07 ~ St. Clare Inn Offering

We are still accepting donations for the Flood Relief in India. Envelopes are available at the back of the Church.

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (September 30)

Setting Priorities

Listen! The wages of the laborers who mowed your fields, which you kept back by fraud, cry out, and the cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. (James 5:4)

Numbers 11:25-29 – Sharing the gift of prophecy

James 5:1-6 – Saving the right focus

Mark 9:38-43,45,47-48 – Sharing our possessions.

Adults: What are the three most important values motivating your daily decisions?

Kids: Could a poor person who is wise be richer in a way than a foolish person who has many things? Why?

Canadian Food for Children

On October 6th and 7th weekend we will be accepting donations of **sugar** to support the work of Dr. Simone.

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 Hall

Monday, October 1st

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

Tuesday, October 2nd

7:00 pm Bible Study/Oak Room

Wednesday, October 3rd

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

7:30 pm Alcoholic Anonymous/Francis Room

Thursday, October 4th

9:30 am St. Francis Feast Day Celebration/Main Hall

7:00 pm Knights of Columbus-Executive Meeting/Oak Rm

Saturday, October 6th

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

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

Thanksgiving Food Drive in Support of Community Share Food Bank ~ October 6 – 7

Your food donations can help eliminate hunger in our neighbourhood. Help feed the hungry by bringing a non-perishable food item to Mass. Donations of canned fish, pasta and pasta sauce, canned fruit, dried and canned beans, sugar, tea and coffee are high demand items. All donations are welcome! Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Casseroles for the Good Shepherd Centre

The deadline for next 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.

Cyber-Seniors Programme Resumes at Senator O'Connor College School

(60 Rowena Drive, off Victoria Park between Lawrence and Ellesmere)

The first session for Cyber-Seniors for the Fall semester will take place on Wednesday, October 3rd from 3:00 to 4:00 pm in the school library on the 2nd floor. Seniors can bring their own devices or use school devices. All are welcome to attend. No previous skills required. Light refreshments will be served.

For more information call Mr. Sylvain Pelland at 416-393-5505 or email Sylvain.Pelland@tcdsb.org

And now, a word from our Pastor:

Jesus said: "I am the light of the world." He must have been napping last Sunday morning when the power went out. Thanks to Luigi Gabriele who got our PA system working and the Hydro crews who repaired the Hydro transformer and restored power.

On Wednesday we celebrated the Feast of the Canadian Martyrs: St. Jean De Brébeuf, Isaac Jogues and their companions, the first to bring the Gospel to our country. As we continue to worship and serve, we stand on their shoulders.

Please remember Fr. Joe Madden, OFM Conv., in a prayer. He is experiencing some health issues. Also, please remember †Fr. George Sandor, OFM Conv., whose anniversary of death was Sept. 25. Thank you for your goodness. ~ Fr. Dennis

News from the Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Let us offer our lives in service and in joy, to make known to everyone that Jesus Christ is our only hope! ~Pope Francis

Your contributions to our poor boxes as well as donations of the requested household items have allowed us to assist those who are struggling to make ends meet in our community. The increasing cost of food and sky-high rents contribute to this struggle for persons on a fixed income or those working for the minimum wage (often part-time). Thank you for your continuing generosity. Our next meeting is Wednesday, October 17, 2018, 7:15 pm in the Bonaventure Room. All interested in membership are welcome. Call 416-390-9495 for more information.

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. The weekend format helps couples communicate openly and honestly without group sharing, therapy or marriage counselling.

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

