

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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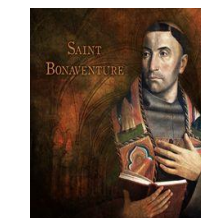
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YOU ARE ALWAYS WELCOME AT ST. BONAVENTURE

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 9, 2018
The Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



"Ephphatha" by deaf artist Thomas Davidson

In the first reading, Isaiah calls forth courage in each of us. "Be strong, do not fear," for God will save, giving sight to the blind and hearing to the deaf. During the exile in Babylon, the Israelites must have felt abandoned and alone. Isaiah's news of God's everlasting love was a glimmer of light in the darkness.

In today's Gospel, God shows, through Jesus, His love to his people by overcoming social barriers and healing through touch. In a time of stringent laws of purity, this was a bold act of mercy. Illness and disability were seen as a sign of the presence of sin. Jesus reaches across this social boundary and wipes it away, healing the broken and demonstrating his love for the marginalized.

Saint James calls each of us to follow in Jesus' footsteps – may we participate in the kingdom by reaching beyond barriers in order to show kindness and love to others. The sign of God's miraculous love is present to us every day through words and deeds that, inspired by grace, bring healing and comfort. These small miracles bring God's light to the places of darkness in our world. If we open our hearts to the visceral love, won't we too want to zealously share the Good news?

Vanessa and Michael Nicholas-Schmidt
Toronto, Ontario

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 Krijgsman at 416-444-4719

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

Psalm 146 ~ Praise the Lord, O my soul!

Mass Intentions

Sept. 10 Monday	9:00 am	† Don Fernandes
Sept. 11 Tuesday	9:00 am	† Camilla Faulkner
Sept. 12 Wednesday	9:00 am	Mary and Ivan Perusco
	7:00 pm	Intention of St. Vincent de Paul Society
Sept. 13 Thursday	9:00 am	† Guillermo Alvarez
Sept. 14 Friday	9:00 am	Brothers, Sisters, and Benefactors of the OFM Cora Lalemarmo Joy Tidy Lesli, Beth & Ed Kulperger Augusta DiMarco Louise Partridge
Sept. 15 Saturday	5:00 pm	† Joseph Champagne
Sept. 16 Sunday	8:30 am	Intentions of the Parishioners
	10:00 am	† Gerarda Barrientos
	12:00 pm	Tony Guiney

Prayer Intentions

Sanctuary Lamp: Andrew Family

Vigil Lamp: Anita Sioson

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

September 9th Offertory Collections

Thank you for your generous donations.

Regular Collection:..... \$ 8,471.60

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

Donate Now:..... \$ 328.00

Second Collection:

September 30 ~ Needs of the Canadian Church Offering

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (September 9)

Rich in Faith

Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him?

(James 2:5)

Isaiah 35:4-7a – Israel's deliverance

James 2:1-5 – Against favoritism

Mark 7:31-37 – Healing of a deaf-mute

Adults: When has your faith in Jesus enable you to speak out on an issue of importance?

Kids: What does your belief in Jesus mean to you?

Secular Franciscan Meeting

There will be a Secular Franciscan meeting *Monday, September 17, 2018 at 7:00 pm, Francis room.*

This Week in Our Parish

Monday, September 10

6:30 pm Brownies/Francis Room

6:30 pm Sparks/Bonaventure Room

Tuesday, September 11

7:00 pm Food Bank Meeting/Bonaventure Room

7:00 pm Bible Study/Oak Room

Wednesday, September 12

7:00 pm Society of St. Vincent de Paul Gathering/Main Hall

7:30 pm Alcoholic Anonymous/Francis Room

Thursday, September 13

7:00 pm Knights of Columbus General Meeting/Bonaventure Room

Saturday, September 15

9:30 am Al Anon Group/Bonaventure Room

9:30 am Christian Meditation Group/Oak Room

The Knights of Columbus is sponsoring a Parish Barbeque, *Saturday, September 15th 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 16th 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 29th, 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!

Christian Meditation Group

The Christian Meditation group of St. Bonaventure's Parish meets on Saturday mornings in the Parish Centre. The group was established in 1984 by Josef Erdle, a parishioner.

Meditation has the added benefits of improving cognitive function, reducing stress, improving concentration, focus and cardiovascular health, to name a few. You don't need to have any experience in meditation to attend the group. Please join us Saturday mornings at 9:30 am in the Oak Room of the Parish Centre.

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 18 ~ Love at the Heart of the Cosmos:

What is the meaning of *Evolutionary Consciousness* in the writings of Sr. Ilia Delio? Today more than ever we need understand and grapple with the profound link between science and religion. Franciscan Sister Ilia Delio in her writing as a scientist and as a theologian invites us to ponder how *love* is at the heart of the ever-expanding cosmos.

~Presentation by Maureen McDonnell.

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

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

And now, a word from our Pastor:

I'm sorry not to be able to be with you this weekend. Friar Emmanuel, a young Franciscan friar is making his final vows in the Order and has asked me to serve as an official witness to the ritual. Fr. "Manny" will vow to live according to the Gospel of Jesus by observing obedience, with nothing of his own and in chastity for his entire life. Please keep him in a prayer and ask St. Francis to send us more men to live and serve as friars.

From Monday through Wednesday I will also be away at a few days of orientation given by the Archdiocese of Toronto for pastors who are new to the Archdiocese of Toronto. I told them I've been a pastor for 20 years. They said, "Come anyway."

We received a note from a visitor who recently participated at one of our Sunday Liturgies. He said how much he enjoyed being with us and how he experienced "a strong sense of community at St. Bonaventure." He's right: I do too.

Congratulations to Jerome Rodriguez and Anne Obeyesekere who celebrated the Sacrament of Marriage on Saturday. May Our Lady and St. Joseph bless them in their married life.

News from the Society of St. Vincent de Paul



Blessed Frédéric Ozanam

(April 23, 1813-Sept. 8, 1853)

A man convinced of the inestimable worth of each human being, Frederic served the poor of Paris well, and drew others into serving the poor of the world. Through the St. Vincent de Paul Society, which he founded, his

work continues to the present day. Frederic was beatified in 1997 and his Liturgical Feast Day is **September 9**. Frederic Ozanam always respected the poor while offering whatever service he could. Each man, woman, and child was too precious to live in poverty. Serving the poor taught Frederic something about God that he could not have learned elsewhere.

If you or someone you know needs our assistance or wish to volunteer, please call the Church Office and leave your name and phone number for the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

