

Week Liturgy: Monday to Friday, 9:00 am
Sacrament of Reconciliation:
Saturday, 4:00 pm
Sunday Liturgy: Saturday Vigil, 5:00 pm
Sunday, 8:30 am, 10:00 am
and 12 noon

Ministry Centre Hours
Monday to Thursday: 9 am to 4:30 pm
Friday: 9 am to 3 pm
Closed for lunch: 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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Sacramental Preparation 2019-2020 at St. Bonaventure Parish

The following information meetings are for parishioners of St. Bonaventure's Church.

Preparation for First Reconciliation and First Communion

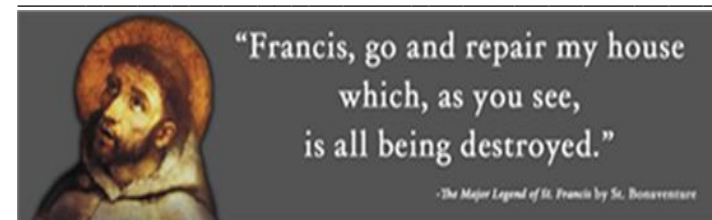
Roman Catholic children may begin to be prepared to celebrate their First Reconciliation (Confession) and First Communion around the age of 7. If you are the parent of a 7-year-old child (in grade 2), or older, who is baptised Roman Catholic, then it will be important for you to attend one of the following 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 22nd, 1:15 to 2:45 pm,**
or
- **Tuesday, September 24th, 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 will be important for **you and your son or daughter** to attend one of the following Parent-Youth Confirmation Information Meetings held in the Main Hall of the Parish Centre to learn about the preparation process, registration, and celebration of Confirmation:

- **Sunday, October 6th, 1:15 to 2:30 pm,**
or
- **Tuesday, October 8th, 7:00 to 8:15 pm**



Vocation Seeds ~ Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ September 1st, 2019

Humble yourself and you will find favour with God. Are you being called to be a priest or deacon, brother or sister? Humbly ask the Lord. If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, visit the website: www.vocationtoronto.ca; www.franciscans.org or speak with one of the friars.

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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 1st, 2019
Twenty-Second Sunday of Ordinary Time



True Humility

In today's Gospel, Jesus censures people who take the seats of honour at a feast. Take the least honourable places, he tells them, and then the host can invite you to a more honourable place.

So, what is true humility? Think about pride.

There is a childish kind of pride, where you brag about your accomplishments while everybody else tries to be polite not to roll their eyes while you are talking.

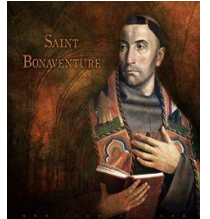
And then there is the pride of a self-made multi-millionaire who explains that he has gotten where he is all by himself. He failed to notice all the gifts he has been given that have helped him get where he is. He thinks he himself is responsible for the good he has.

The most sophisticated kind of pride is found in the Pharisee who thanked God that he was not like other men, especially not like that sinner, the publican, praying next to him in the Temple. The Pharisee knew that every good in him was a gift from God. But he was glad that he had God's gifts and that the publican didn't. The Pharisee liked looking down on the publican.

Here is what humility is, it is recognizing that every good in yourself is a gift from God and is meant to be given back to the Lord by being shared with others.

So, you can't get true humility by racing for the least honourable seat. If the honourable seat is, in the Lord's view, the best place to be seated, then true humility requires your sharing it with others in gratitude to the Lord who gave it.

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And Now, A Word from Our Patron Saint

A constant faithfulness in small things is a great virtue.

St. Bonaventure

Join our Parish: Pick-up a registration form at the back of the church, Ministry Centre or download online.

Baptism of Infants: One Sunday every other 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: Discerning a call to the consecrated religious life 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](tel:416-447-5571) ext. 500

Spiritual Direction: Contact **Friar Mark** at friarmsteed2015@gmail.com

Prayer Network: Members pray daily for intentions held in confidence. Contact **Teresa Krijgsman** at [416-444-4719](tel:416-444-4719)

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

Psalm 68 ~ In your goodness, O God, you prepared a home for the poor.

This Week in Our Parish Hall

Community Life

Mass Intentions

September 2 Monday 9:00 am †Frances Noronha
September 3 Tuesday 9:00 am †Lily F.W. Chiu
September 4 Wednesday 9:00 am †Jennifer Khayat
September 5 Thursday 9:00 am Ricky Mantaring
September 6 Friday 9:00 am †Patrick Bernard
Matthews
†Ken Bayne
September 7 Saturday 5:00 pm †Mary Di Gregorio
September 8 Sunday 8:30 am Int. of the Parishioners
10:00 am Anthony Narayan
12:00 pm †Bernie Christie

Prayer Intentions:

Sanctuary Lamp: †Anne Hatamaa
Vigil Lamp: Crispina Lim

For the Sick: Michelena Oakes, Douglas Woollings, Margaret Fernando, Josephine Jenkinson, Maria Gogela, Rosalita Prospero, Christine Wojnicki, Alfonz Pavli, Raymund Fung, Kay Corner, Dorothy Lord, Michael Morra, Mary Jane Coronado, Mabel Lim, Fernando DiBona and Pina Aristodemo.

Stewardship: A Way of Living

August 25th, 2019 Offertory Collections

Thank you for your generous donations.

Regular Collection \$ 7,760.00
COAR Collection \$ 5,403.10
Pre-Authorized Giving \$ 2,926.00
Donate Now \$ 328.00

Second Collections:

29 September ~ Needs of the Canadian Church

06 October ~ St. Clare Inn

20 October ~ Evangelization of Nations

03 November ~ Maintenance Fund

Requests for Baptism Records

To request a copy of your child's baptism record, contact the Ministry Centre by phone or email nimfa@st-bonaventure.ca. Provide your child's full name, date of birth and approximate date of Baptism. You will also need to provide photo identification such as a copy of your driver's license or passport.

Requests need to be made 5 days in advance of the time that the record is needed. In keeping with the policies of the Archdiocese of Toronto, we follow civil legislation pertaining to privacy and access to information.

Monday, September 2nd

Canada Labour Day – Ministry Centre is Closed

Wednesday, September 4th

7:00 pm Alcoholic Anonymous/Francis Room

Thursday, September 5th

7:00 pm Knights of Columbus Meeting/Bonaventure Room

Saturday, September 7th

9:30 am Christian Meditation/Oak Room

9:30 am Al Anon Group/Bonaventure Room

News from the Society of St. Vincent de Paul

May the Lord open our hearts to the needs of the poor, the defenseless, those who knock on our door to be recognized as a person. ~ Pope Francis

Thank you for your quality donations to last weekend's SSVF clothing drive and your continuing generosity to our poor boxes. Your "alms" go directly to the less fortunate in our community. By using our envelopes and identifying yourself, you will receive a tax receipt in January of 2020.

Canadian Food for Children

This weekend, **August 31st** and **September 1st**, we will be accepting donations of **powdered milk** to support the work of Dr. Simone.

Casseroles for the Good Shepherd Centre

This month's deadline is **September 22nd, 2019**. Drop off your casseroles at the Ministry Centre. If you can spare some time to make a casserole each month, contact **Eva Trace at 416-447-3040. (to get your pan and recipe)**

Federal Elections

With the federal elections coming up, the Archdiocese has prepared some materials for the People of God in the Toronto Archdiocese. The materials do not endorse any party; they do not suggest how to vote. The materials are drawn from the Gospels, the catholic Christian Tradition, the Ecumenical Councils of the Church and the Shepherds of God's People (the Bishops united with the Pope). They remind us that "we are responsible for one another, especially for the most vulnerable and the poor." We invite you to read the inserts of these materials in upcoming bulletins and bring them to prayer.

Also, the Archdiocese is arranging an evening with the four major political parties for October 3 at the Metro Convention Centre. Tickets are without cost. Contact information: www.archtoronto.org/election

Dear Friends at St. Bonaventure Church,

It is my great pleasure to thank you for your most generous donation of \$1203.60 from the free will collection taken on Holy Thursday. I would also like to mention how grateful we are for the weekly contribution of non-perishable food items from you to Community Share.

Kind Regards,
Dorothy Boothroyd, Co-Chair
The Community Share Food Bank

St. Bonaventure's Ministry with Maturing Adults New Fall Series of Topics, 2019



Ministry with Maturing Adults invites a deepening awareness of the depths of our spiritual life as we grow into the fullness of our wisdom years. The program offers an exploration of relevant and thought-provoking topics led by a variety of presenters. All are welcome, please come and participate in this most satisfying program. We are pilgrims together!

We meet on Tuesdays at 9:30 to 11:30 am in the Francis Room. We begin with coffee, tea and treats.

Dates:

September 10 – "Exploring the Prophetic Witness and Courage"

- Sr. Joan Chittister, OSB

September 24 – "Deepening our Creativity"

an exciting and stimulating

workshop with Katie Marshall

Flaherty – an award-winning poet and writer

The theme for the Fall Series is: **The Prophet in Each of Us**, drawing upon the wisdom of Sr. Joan Chittister, OSB.

Sr. Joan Chittister, OSB: "It is the unwavering faith, the open hearts, and the piercing courage of people from every level of every society that carries us through every major social breakdown to the emergence again of the humanization of humanity. In every region, everywhere, they are the unsung but mighty voices of community, high-mindedness and deep resolve. They are the prophets of each era who prod the rest of the world into seeing newly what it means to be fully alive, personally, nationally and spiritually." (The Time is Now, The Call to Uncommon Courage, 2019)

For more information please contact Maureen McDonnell, maureen@st-bonaventure.ca

Theology and Tea

We will begin a new term starting Thursday, September 12th after the 9:00 am Mass.

All are welcome, bring a friend and spirit of holy adventure to explore and appreciate God's presence in our world and in one another. Come and enjoy how God enters our life and we embrace the gift.

Many thanks to the T&T "team" and for the generosity of all.

Friar Mark

And Now, A Word from Our Pastor

This week I saw the face of Jesus. It shone from the face of a two-year-old who giggled as she ate a dish of fruit. It radiated from the smile of a senior citizen who chose some fresh produce for dinner. It beamed from the eyes of women and men who carried bags of corn and arranged boxes of cereal. Jesus' face was bright at the Community Share Food Bank at Ascension Anglican Church at 33 Overland Drive. Thank you, members of St. Bonaventure, for your support of the Food Bank. Thank you to our many parishioners who serve at the Food bank. Thank you to the people who visit the Food Bank and find their share of God's bounty for their tables. You all are the face of Jesus. Gerard Manley Hopkins, a poet from the Jesuit Order, said it well in his poem "As Kingfishers Catch Fire:"

"..... Christ play in ten thousand places,/lovely in limbs and lovely in eyes not His/to the Father through the features of (our) faces."

'Welcome Friar Jobe'

In Baptism, God chooses us to be His own and consecrates us to join Jesus in His Mission of building the just, peaceful and compassionate Kingdom of God. We respond to this call by prayer, example and service. Throughout the centuries, Christians have found in Mary a perfect Model and Mother to accompany them as they follow Jesus. Her confident prayer ("Be it done to Me according to God's will"), Her humble example ("Do whatever Jesus tells you") and her generous service ("I am the Servant of the Lord") have inspired and supported many in responding to the call given us in Baptism. St. Maximilian Kolbe, OFM Conv. invited people to dedicate themselves to Our Lady, the Immaculate Mother of God, to experience that inspiration and support. Next weekend we will welcome Fr. Jobe Abbass, OFM Conv. to speak to us about Mary, our Mother and Model, and share with us some of St. Maximilian's spirituality, in particular that Saint's prayer of dedication.

