

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**

2019 - Parish Family Photo Directory

The purpose of this new project is to help develop the community spirit among us and to help us get to know our fellow parishioners by name. This year is a Jubilee year for Fr. Peter, Deacon Sal, Fr. Boniface and Fr. Dennis who are all celebrating anniversaries. We are also commemorating 60 years of the building of the Church.

We would like to invite each family to participate in the project by getting your picture taken. We have set aside the following photo session dates: **Oct 17, 18, 19** and **November 19, 20 and 21**. There will be more information in the coming weeks about the project and how to book a family appointment. Stay tuned.

We are looking for some volunteers to assist with this project. If you are interested, please contact the Ministry Centre for more information, 416.447-5571.

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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 22, 2019
Twenty-Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time



Christian Cleverness

In Pope Francis' homily several years ago, he spoke on the parable of the crafty steward. What would you use the grace of Christian cleverness for if you received it? If you ask for it, will you receive it?

The Holy Father said, there is another road. It is the path of "Christian cleverness." This path, he said, "allows us to be cunning but not according to the spirit of the world. Jesus himself said it: be wise as serpents, innocent as doves." Uniting these two realities is a grace and a gift of the Holy Spirit, the Pope said. "This Christian cleverness is a gift; it is a grace that the Lord gives to us. But we need to ask for it."

Morning Meditation in the Chapel of the Domus Sanctae Marthae.
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And Now, A Word from Our Patron Saint

Humans do not fear a powerful army as much as the powers of evil fear the name and protection of Mary.

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 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 113 ~ Praise the Lord who lifts up the needy.

Mass Intentions

Sept. 23 Monday	9:00 am	Special Intentions
Sept. 24 Tuesday	9:00 am	Fidel Chua
Sept. 25 Wednesday	9:00 am	Josephine Jenkinson
Sept. 26 Thursday	9:00 am	†S.V. Somasundaran
Sept. 27 Friday	9:00 am	The Friars Sebastian Ballin & family John Coyle Rose Marie Zupan Thanksgiving Intentions of G. Rodriguez Fernando Fernandez Lucia Perusco
Sept. 28 Saturday	5:00 pm	Intentions of the Parishioners
Sept. 29 Sunday	8:30 am	Grace Laneve Maida
	10:00 am	†Joe Mascarenhas
	12:00 pm	†Jennifer Khayat

Prayer Intentions:

Sanctuary Lamp: Personal Intentions

For the Sick: Tonya M., Beatriz Ortega, Michelena Oakes, Douglas Woollings, Margaret Fernando, Josephine Jenkinson, Christine Wojnicki, Alfonz Pavli, Raymund Fung, Kay Corner, Dorothy Lord, Mary Jane Coronado, Mabel Lim, Fernando DiBona, Pina Aristodemo, and Carol Marchant.

Stewardship: A Way of Living

September 15th, 2019 Offertory Collections

Thank you for your generous donations.

Regular Collection	\$ 9,854.00
Pre-Authorized Giving	\$ 2,926.00
Donate Now	\$ 328.00

Second Collections:

October 6 ~ St. Clare Inn

October 20 ~Evangelization of Nations

November 3 ~ Maintenance Fund

November 17 ~ Shepherds' Trust

Hurricane Dorian

In an effort to support those have been most directly impacted by Hurricane Dorian, the Archdiocese of Toronto is accepting funds that will be sent through our Catholic Relief Partners. Contributions can be made through our parishes and through the Archdiocese of Toronto online portal at www.archtoronto.org.

Those wishing to help may do so in the following ways:

1. Online through the Archdiocese of Toronto website.
2. By phone through the Development Office 4169343411
3. Through the parish, making cheques payable to:
Name of Parish-2019 Hurricane Dorian-Disaster Relief

Celebrate the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi

Transitus Service. Thursday, October 3rd, 7:00 pm, Church. Everyone is invited to join the Friars and Secular Franciscans as we celebrate the old custom of recounting the life and death of St. Francis Assisi. Through song, scripture and accounts from the life of St. Francis, we remember this man who touched the lives of believers and non-believers throughout the centuries.

Feast of St. Francis. Friday, October 4th, 9:00 am Mass. Come and celebrate with us. Refreshments after mass in the Parish Hall.

Blessings of Animals. Sunday, October 6th, 2:00 pm, 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.

This Week in Our Parish Hall

Tuesday, September 24

- 9:30 am Ministry with Maturing Adult: Deepening our Creativity by K. M. Flaherty/Main Hall
- 7:00 pm First Reconciliation Parent Information Meeting/ Main Hall

Wednesday, September 25

- 1:30 pm Life Story Writing-Gisela Cote/ Bonaventure Rm.
- 7:00 pm Alcoholic Anonymous/Francis Room

Thursday, September 26

- 9:30 am Theology and Tea/Francis Room

Saturday, September 28

- 9:30 am Christian Meditation/Oak Room
- 9:30 am Al Anon Group/Bonaventure Room
- 6:00 pm First Reconciliation Registration/Bonaventure Rm.

Sunday, September 29

- 9:00 am First Reconciliation Registration after all Masses/ Bonaventure Room

News from the Society of St. Vincent de Paul

In today's Gospel, we see that prudent decisiveness means that we recognize that all our choices in daily living are really choices for eternal life. Admission into heaven is something money cannot buy. The only currency that has any value to secure our entrance is that of love.

As you place your gift in Society of St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box, know that you are a sign of God's love to those who are less fortunate.

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)**

Community Life

**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!

Tuesday, September 24 at 9:30 to 11:30 am in the Main Hall. All are invited to come and enjoy this time of companionship and discussion. Please invite a friend, neighbour and family member to come along with you!

Deepening our Creativity: Katie Marshall Flaherty is an award-winning poet and writer, editor and inspiring facilitator of interactive and inspirational workshops. She will share with us some of her own poetry, music, YouTube and video productions. Katie invites people of all ages to explore their unique voice and to trust in their creative genius!

**Other Tuesdays Dates: October 8th and 22nd;
November 5th and 19th.
Mark your calendar!**

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

Theology and Tea

The next T&T will be **Thursday, September 26th after the 9:00 am Mass in the Francis Room.**

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.

Celebrate Your Marriage with a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend!

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

Upcoming Weekend: **October 25-27, 2019 – Four Points Sheraton, Argentia Road, Mississauga, Ontario.**

For more information and applications, visit www.wwme.org or contact Gerard and Marge McCauley at gerard.marge@rogers.com or 905 792 1925.

And Now, A Word from Our Pastor

In John's Gospel, Jesus cries out "I came that you might have life and have it abundantly." (Jn 10.10). Thank you for coming to the assistance of so many to Share Life with them. You, God's People here at St. Bonaventure, have given \$111,578.90 to this year's ShareLife program. Your gifts will enrich the lives of many from the hungry to the homeless, the single and teen parents to the aged and infirm, the immigrant to the refugee. Thank you for your goodness and your example. And Thank You, also, to the children of St. Bonaventure School for their contribution of \$1,000 to ShareLife; parents, teachers, administration and staff are raising the children in the generous ways of the Gospel. The Bible Book of proverbs promises: "One who gives freely grows all the richer, and whoever brings blessing will be blessed." May the abundant life of God enrich your hearts and may the blessing of the Giver of All Good Gifts be yours.

Our celebration of the Liturgy at St. Bonaventure is vibrant, reverent and orderly. To further those characteristics, I want to implement one of the directives from the Roman Missal, the liturgical book of our Catholic faith. It says: "Sacred silence is a part of the celebration of the Liturgy and is to be observed at designated times. After Communion (the Assembly-congregation) keeps a time of silence as the people praise God in their hearts and pray to Him."

Silence includes not only silence of words but also silence of movement. To insure a time of silence after Communion for internal praise and prayer, when we have a second collection, the ushers will take up that second collection immediately after the first collection.

I hope that by implementing this aspect of silence into the Communion Rite we will have a moment to enjoy the Lord's Eucharistic Presence more deeply.

Fr. Dennis

