

**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:

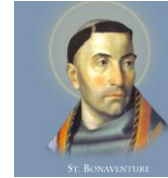
- **Sunday, October 6th, 1:15 to 2:30 pm,**
- or
- **Tuesday, October 8th, 7:00 to 8:15 pm**

**Liturgy of the Word with Children: Sundays at the 10 am Mass**

Through the dedication of volunteers, we are fortunate to be able to invite children to celebrate the Liturgy of the Word in a way in which they can more easily participate. We believe that the Lord is present when we gather for worship and when the Scriptures are proclaimed. We help our children encounter the Lord, interiorize the message of the Sunday Gospel, and pray together. We hope this experience of the Liturgy will lead our children into full, active, and conscious participation during the Mass as they get older, to which we are all called. **This ministry is geared to children from age 4 to age 9. The volunteers will resume the Liturgy of the Word with Children at the 10:00 am Mass on Sunday, 15th September.**

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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 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019**  
**Twenty-Third Sunday of Ordinary Time**

**Whoever does not carry his  
own cross and come after  
Me cannot be My disciple**

Luke 14:27



**“Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.” Do crosses make discipleship desirable? Is there anything that makes us want discipleship, even though it involves crosses? Pope Francis answered...**

*The human heart desires joy. We all desire joy; every family, every people, aspires to happiness. But what is the joy the Christian is called to live out and bear witness to. It is the joy that comes from the **closeness of God**, from His **presence** in our life ....*

*Jesus has come to bring joy to all people for all time. It is not just a hopeful joy, or a joy postponed until paradise, as if here on earth we are sad but in paradise we will be filled with joy. No! It is not that, but a joy already real and tangible now, because **Jesus himself is our joy**, and with Jesus joy finds its home, ... joy is at home in Jesus.*

*And our joy is just this: to be His disciples, His friends.*

*The Joy of Discipleship by Pope Francis,  
Chapter 5: pp. 78, 79, 89*

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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](mailto: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](mailto:Friar Dennis) or [Friar Peter](mailto: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](mailto:Friar Boniface) at **416-447-5571 ext. 500**

**Spiritual Direction:** Contact [Friar Mark](mailto:Friar Mark) at **friarmsted2015@gmail.com**

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

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

*Psalm 90 ~ O Lord, you have been our refuge  
from one generation to the next.*

**Mass Intentions**

September 09	Monday	9:00 am	†Don Fernandes
September 10	Tuesday	9:00 am	†Rose Mihelick
September 11	Wednesday	9:00 am	Souls in Purgatory
September 12	Thursday	9:00 am	†Jennifer Khayat
September 13	Friday	9:00 am	Vocations
			†Philip Ekanayaka
			†Omar Lopez
			†Roberta DeMinico
			†Margaret Charlebois
			†Anthony Gomes
			†Andrej Markes
September 14	Saturday	5:00 pm	†Peerpoint Shackleton Waithe
September 15	Sunday	8:30 am	†Hugh Canning (father and son)
		10:00 am	Int. of the Parishioners
		12:00 pm	†David Tomcik

**Prayer Intentions:**

Sanctuary Lamp: Andrew Family

Vigil Lamp: Family Intentions

**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**

**September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019 Offertory Collections**

**Thank you for your generous donations.**

Regular Collection .....	<b>\$ 8,363.45</b>
Maintenance Fund .....	<b>\$ 3,910.95</b>
COAR Collection .....	<b>\$ 1,255.00</b>
Pre-Authorized Giving .....	<b>\$ 2,926.00</b>
Donate Now .....	<b>\$ 328.00</b>

**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](mailto: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.

**This Week in Our Parish Hall**

**Sunday, September 8**

11:00 am Liturgy of the Word for Children Team Meeting/  
Bonaventure Room

**Tuesday, September 10**

9:30 am Ministry with Maturing Adults- 2019 Fall Program/  
Francis Room

7:00 pm CWL – Executive Meeting/Francis Room

7:00 pm Food Bank Meeting/Bonaventure Room

**Wednesday, September 11**

1:30 pm Writing Circle with Gisela Cote/Oak Room

7:00 pm Alcoholic Anonymous/Francis Room

7:00 pm Society of St. Vincent de Paul Meeting/Bonaventure  
Room

**Thursday, September 12**

9:30 am Theology and Tea/Francis Room

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

7:00 pm Al Anon Business Meeting/Oak Room

**Saturday, September 14**

9:30 am Christian Meditation/Oak Room

9:30 am Al Anon Group/Bonaventure Room

**News from the Society of St. Vincent de Paul**

*In today's Gospel, Jesus lays out the demands of following Him, the great cost of discipleship.*

The Mission Statement of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul states: "Vincentians witness God's love by embracing all works of charity and justice...the Society makes no distinction in those served because, in them, Vincentians see the face of Christ." Have you considered answering the call to help serve the less fortunate, one person/family at a time, by joining the Society of St. Vincent de Paul? If so, please leave your name and phone number at the Ministry Centre to be contacted by St. Bonaventure's Conference of St. Vincent de Paul.

**Casseroles for the Good Shepherd Centre**

This month's deadline is **September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 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)**

**The Catholic Women's League** invites all members and parishioners to a talk by Sister Francis on Sunday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> at 1:15 pm in the Francis Room.

Sister Francis, CPS Missionary Sisters of the precious Blood, is a dynamic and engaging speaker who will have us all laughing, and enjoy listening to her tell us of her life journey which led her to become a nun.

She says, "When is the last time you had a good laugh? Did you know God has a sense of humour?" Come and enjoy a good laugh with Sister Francis.

**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](mailto:maureen@st-bonaventure.ca)

**Theology and Tea**

We will begin a new term starting **Thursday, September 12<sup>th</sup> 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.

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

*Friar Mark*

**Community Life**

*And Now, A Word from Our Pastor*

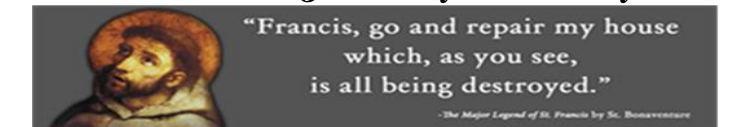
**"You are a priest forever." (Letter to the Hebrews 7, 17). Friar Peter hasn't been a priest forever, but he has been a priest for forty years. Four decades of service to God and God's People – many of those years here at St. Bonaventure. We are fortunate to have Fr. Peter; his life and ministry, characterized by wisdom and compassion, enrich us.**

**Mark the date: Saturday, September 21, at the 5:00 pm Mass we will mark Fr. Peter's 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of ordination. Following the Mass we will greet him during a reception in the parish centre. Hope you can join us for this important event.**

**'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.

**Vocation Seeds~ 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**



Having a loose grasp on those things that rightly belong to God is required of every follower. The open hands you are left with will be filled by God and overflowing. Can you let go? If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, visit the website: [www.vocationtoronto.ca](http://www.vocationtoronto.ca); [www.franciscans.org](http://www.franciscans.org) or speak with one of the friars.







