

### 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  
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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.*



December 10, 2017  
The Second Sunday of Advent



*Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.*

*Mark 1:3*

‘Prepare the way of the Lord’

Compare the statement of John the Baptist that he is, as Isaiah prophesied: “a voice of one crying out in the desert: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths’” (John 1:23), with Pope Francis’ statement:

My mission of being in the heart of the people...is not an “extra” or just another moment in life. Instead, it is something I cannot uproot from my being without destroying my very self. I am a mission on this earth; that is the reason why I am here in this world. We have to regard ourselves as sealed, even branded, by this mission of bringing light, blessing, enlivening, raising up, healing and freeing. All around us we begin to see nurses with soul, teachers with soul, politicians with soul, people who have chosen deep down to be with others and for others.

Pope Francis, Evangelii Gaudium 273

How do you share John the Baptist’s mission to proclaim Christ’s coming into the world? Do you do this with words or by the way you live? How is John’s message of repentance and judgment different from that of Jesus?

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### 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 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 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 deaconate 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

**Prayer Network:** Members pray daily for intentions held in confidence. Contact Patricia Floros at 416-444-0424

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



*Psalm 85: Show us your steadfast love, O Lord, and grant us your salvation.*

**Mass Intentions**

Dec. 11 Monday 9:00 am †Aileen Moore  
 Dec. 12 Tuesday 9:00 am †Stephanie Kiel  
 Dec. 13 Wednesday 9:00 am †Cristobal Rodriguez & †Ana Fernandez  
 Dec. 14 Thursday 9:00 am †Stephanie Kiel  
 Dec. 15 Friday 9:00 am †Lourдина Figueiredo †Lena Badali †R. Lennon †Mary Catherine Hudakoc †Mary Ann O'Connell  
 Dec. 16 Saturday 5:00 pm †Mackie Ortega  
 Dec. 17 Sunday 8:30 am Int. of Parishioners  
 10:00 am †Alice Castelino  
 12:00 pm †Adolfo Cruz

**Prayer Intentions**

Sanctuary Lamp 1: †Lou Lupo  
 Sanctuary Lamp 2: †Salvatore Vella  
 Vigil Lamp: †Kenneth Bayne  
 For the Sick: Roger Payette, Lucy DiBona, Keith David, Cathy Valenti, Clement Leung, Teresita Peiris, Michael Morra, Emily Chan, Pat O'Connor, Fr. George D'Souza, Theresa Sarabura, Dorothy Lord, Vivienne Brown & Mary Digregorio

**Stewardship: A Way of Living  
 December 3rd Offertory Collection**

Thank you for your generous donations.  
 Regular Collection: \$ 9,996.75  
 Maintenance Fund: \$ 4,042.00  
 Pre-Authorized Giving: \$ 2,926 Donate Now: \$ 328

**Second Collections:**

December 25<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Offering

**Second Sunday of Advent**

**Patience**

The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish but all to come to repentance. (2 Peter 3:9)

**Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11** – Promise of salvation

**2 Peter 3:8 - 14** – Christ will come in judgment

**Mark 1:1 - 8** – John the Baptist

**Adults:** With whom could you be more patient this week, as God has been patient with you?

**Kids:** With whom can you be more patient?

**This Week in Our Parish**

**Monday, December 11**

6:30 pm Sparks and Brownies/Main Hall

**Tuesday, December 12**

7:00 pm Bible Study Group/Bonaventure Room

7:00 pm Sacramental Preparation Confirmation -Group A/ Main Hall

**Wednesday, December 13**

7:00 pm Sacramental Preparation Confirmation -Group B/ Main Hall

7:00 pm Alcoholic Anonymous/Francis Room

7:00 pm Grasp/Oak Room

**Thursday, December 14**

6:00 pm St. Bonaventure School – 'Café Glacé'/Main Hall

**Saturday, December 16**

9:30 am Christian Meditation Group/Oak Room

9:30 am Al-Anon Group/Bonaventure Room

2:00 pm Sacramental Preparation Confirmation -Group C/ Main Hall

**Christmas and New Year Mass Schedule**

**Fourth Sunday of Advent**

Saturday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> 5:00 pm

Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup> 8:30 am and 10:00 am  
 No Noon Mass

**The Nativity of the Lord**

*Christmas Eve*

Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup> 4:00 pm, 7:00 pm and 10:00 pm

*Christmas Day*

Monday, December 25<sup>th</sup> 10:00 am only

**Feast of the Holy Family**

Saturday, December 30<sup>th</sup> 5:00 pm

Sunday, December 31<sup>st</sup> 8:30 am, 10:00 am and 12:00 noon

**Mary, the Holy Mother of God**

*New Year's Eve*

Sunday, December 31<sup>st</sup> 5:00 pm

*New Year's Day*

Monday, January 1<sup>st</sup> 12:00 noon

**Advent Days of Confessions**

Again, this year each parish will have confessions times during the week of December 10 – 16. Confession here at **St. Bonaventure is on Wednesday, December 13<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 to 10:30 am; 12:00 noon to 1:30 pm and 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm.**

**Days and times of Confessions in other parishes near us:**

- Our Lady of Perpetual Help, 78 Clifton Road  
December 12, 11 am–12pm, 12:30–1:30pm & 7:30–8:30pm
- St. Louis-de-France, 1415 Don Mills Road  
December 12, 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm
- Blessed Sacrament, 24 Cheritan Avenue  
December 19, 9:00 am to 12:30 pm & 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm
- St. Timothy's Church, 21 Leith Hill Road  
December 20, 9:45 am-12:00 pm and 7:45 to 9:00 pm

**Community Life**

**St. Bonaventure's  
 Ministry with Maturing Adults  
 "Living our Spirituality  
 in the Second Half of Life"**

**2018 Dates and Program Topics**

Tuesdays, 9:30-11:30 am, in the Francis Room

**January 23** Dementia and Alzheimer's – Fostering Compassionate Presence

**January 30** Creating Circles of Care – What happens when I or a loved one needs support and care at home?

**February 20** Advanced Care Planning – This spiritual practice of reflection and dialogue is for all adults. How to let people in your life know what kind of health and personal care you would want in the future if you were unable to speak for yourself.

**February 27** Understanding Islam – Being in dialogue with neighbours

**March 13** Homeless in Toronto

**March 20** The Wisdom of Teresa of Avila – Responding to the summons of our elder years

**April 24** Special Event with luncheon  
 All are welcome. There is no monetary cost for this program. **Contact Maureen McDonnell for more information at [maureen@st-bonaventure.ca](mailto:maureen@st-bonaventure.ca) or call 416-447-5571 ext. 550**

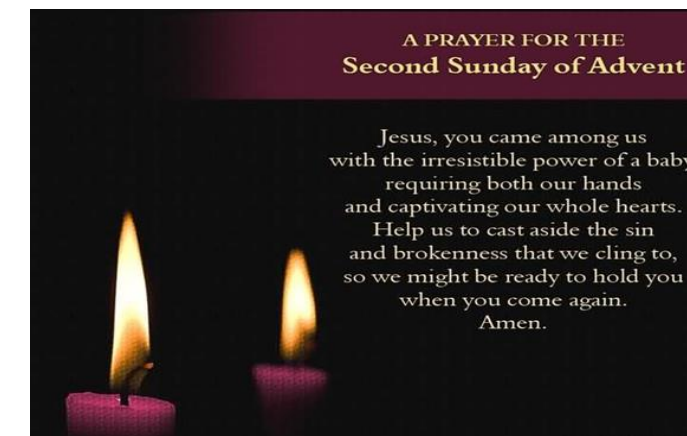
**News from the St. Vincent de Paul Society**



The Gospel of compassion and reconciliation is 'fulfilled' every time we act selflessly. ...whether we know how to comfort and listen and console, whether we can make a soup kitchen or tutoring program work...whatever gifts and graces we possess can work great and wondrous things when done in the Spirit of God who came to set us free. ~Fr. Philip Chircop

**Theology and Tea**

The last session of 'Theology and Tea' for 2017 is **Thursday, December 21<sup>st</sup>, 9:30 to 11:00 am**, in the Francis Room. All are welcome!



**"Giving Tree"**

Bring the spirit of Christmas to someone in need. We invite you to take a gift tag from our 'Giving Tree'. The back of the gift tag will indicate the type of gift needed. We appreciate you returning your gift on **December 17/18** at the latest. Your gifts will support those who seek help through The Community Share Food Bank, residents at Thompson House Retirement Home and Greenview Lodge Nursing Home.

**Knights of Columbus Sock Drive**

"During this season of Advent, the Knights of Columbus will be collecting new unused warm socks, mitts and scarfs. All items will be donated to the Good Shepherd Centre around Christmas. Please place all your donated items in the box located at the back of the Church. Your kind generosity is greatly appreciated."

**Casseroles for the Good Shepherd Centre**

The deadline for next month's casseroles is **Wednesday, December 27<sup>th</sup>**. If you can spare some time to make a casserole each month, contact Eva Trace at 416-447-3040.

**"Vocation Seeds"**

John the Baptist is sent by God to prepare the way for His Son. In our present time God sends priests, religious and deacons to prepare the people to receive His Son. If you think God is calling you to a Church vocation, call **Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto** 416-968-0997 or email [vocation@arctoronto.org](mailto:vocation@arctoronto.org), website: [www.vocationstoronto.ca](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca)

**St. Clare Inn Christmas cards, Keep Christ in Christmas Car Magnets and Christmas cakes** are still available for purchase at the **Ministry Centre** please call 416-447-5571 for more details.

**Administration**

The 2018 offering envelopes are ready for pick up. Please contact the Parish Office with any address changes.





