

Second Sunday of Advent  
December 4, 2011

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## ADVENT & CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

### SUNDAYS OF ADVENT

Adoration: 2 pm, Evening Prayer: 4 pm

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9

**Christmas Just Like the Ones We Used to Know: 7:30 pm**  
St. Michael's Choir School Alumni presents an evening of Christmas favourites; a donation of \$10 is suggested.

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10

**CWL Advent Retreat: 9:30 am**

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11

**CWL Advent Tea: 1 pm**

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15

**St. Bonaventure School Concert & Live Nativity**  
Concert: 6:30 pm Parish Centre  
Live Nativity: 7:30 pm behind Ministry Centre

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18

**Liturgy & Anointing of the Sick, 2 pm**  
An individual anointing of all who would like to receive the Sacrament.

### CHRISTMAS EVE SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24

**Mass: 9 am**  
**Children's Liturgy: 5 pm**  
**Mass: 8 pm**  
**Midnight Mass: 12 am**

### CHRISTMAS DAY SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25

**Mass: 8:30, 10 am, 12 noon**

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 26

**Mass: 10 am**

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 27 to FRIDAY DECEMBER 30

**Mass: 9 am**

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31 NEW YEAR'S EVE

**Mass: 9 am**  
**Mass: 5 pm**

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 1 NEW YEAR'S DAY

**Mass: 8:30 am, 10 am, 12 noon**

### MONDAY, JANUARY 2

**Mass: 10 am**

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### YOUTH FAITH FORMATION

#### **Sacramental Preparation for Confirmation Begins**

*Tuesday, December 6, 7:30 pm*

This is the first sacramental preparation meeting for our youth confirmation candidates. There is a registration fee of \$45 to cover books and gown rentals.

#### **Win Great Prizes for Writing**

Students aged 14 - 18 are invited to write a 500 word essay on the theme for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, to be celebrated January 18-25, 2012. The theme is "We Will All Be Changed." (cf. 1 Corinthians 15:51-58) First prize is an iPad 2 (16 GB), second prize is an Amazon Kindle Fire. Essays will be published in the Catholic Register. Deadline for entries is January 9, 2012. Email your essay to [editor@catholicregister.org](mailto:editor@catholicregister.org) or fax to 416.934.3409. For further information call 416.934.3400, ext. 344 or 416.934.3410, ext. 404.

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### YOUTH MINISTRY

#### **Casting Call for Live Nativity Pageant**

*Sunday, December 4, 3 pm*

All youth are welcome to join us for pizza and to audition for our annual Christmas pageant, a tradition started by St. Francis in Greccio, Italy. Francis wanted to make the extraordinary experiences of the first Christmas accessible to everyone so he borrowed some animals and straw to set up a scene representing Jesus' birth. Come and be part of this very special St. Bonaventure parish tradition.



#### **The Christmas Story**

*Saturday, December 17, 3 pm*

Members of our youth ministry will be joining some of our young parishioners who are performing in this amazing Toronto tradition, first staged in 1938! We're leaving from the Ministry Centre at 3 pm sharp to go to the Church of the Holy Trinity near the Eaton Centre. The show starts at 4:30 pm and we aim to return by 7:30 pm! It's free and all are welcome and encouraged to join! Please email Jonathan to RSVP.

Contact [jonathan@st-bonaventure.ca](mailto:jonathan@st-bonaventure.ca) or visit us on [facebook.com/bonaventure.youth](https://www.facebook.com/bonaventure.youth)

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### ADULT FAITH FORMATION

#### **Theology and Tea**

*Tuesdays, 9:30 am*

Friar Canice leads this weekly discussion. The focus is on preparing for the 50th anniversary of Vatican II, reviewing the Church and faith before the Council, during and up to the present.

#### **In Search of God**

*Thursday evenings, 7:30 pm*

This educational series being offers a great opportunity for lively discussion and engaging conversation. For more information, contact Friar Canice, [caniceofmc@aol.com](mailto:caniceofmc@aol.com)

## GROWING IN *Spirit, Community, and Service*

### **Register for 2012 Marriage Preparation Program**

*Thursdays, January 19 to March 1, 7:30 pm to 9:30 pm Parish Centre*

All couples who plan to marry in the Catholic Church must take a marriage preparation program. Couples will learn about communication, foundations for a successful marriage and the meaning of the Sacrament of Matrimony. Register on our website.

### **Advent Meditation Series at Scarboro Missions**

*Wednesdays, 7 pm– 9:00 pm*

This special series is free of charge. [www.scarboromissions.ca](http://www.scarboromissions.ca) Inquiries: 416-261-7135 ext 266/239, terryg@scarboromissions.

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## STEWARDSHIP

### **2012 Sunday Offering Envelopes Ready for Pick-up in the Church**

St. Bonaventure's Parish counts on your continued kindness and generosity in support of our efforts so we ask that you please pick-up your envelopes as soon as possible. If there is a problem finding your box of envelopes or there is an error in your address, etc. let us know. Thank you for all you have done and continue to do to provide for the proclamation of the Gospel here at our parish. We are grateful! We also want to remind you that there is another option available which you may wish to utilize for your Sunday offerings, *Pre-Authorized Giving*; an automatic debit program. It makes a huge difference to the parish to be able to count on your support even if you can't make it to church on a particular Sunday. If you're not already on automatic debit please consider joining. Your continuing support means that we can continue to reach out to those in need and offer St. Bonaventure as a place of peace, prayer and caring to our community... a little bit of Assisi in Toronto. You can pick up an enrolment form for the Automatic Debit program from the back of the church or Ministry Centre or download it from the parish website.

### **Offertory Collection - Week of November 27**

Offertory Collection: \$ 9099

Pre-authorized Giving Donations: \$3311

Weekly Expenses: \$ 14,100

Thank you for your generous donations.

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## PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

### **Canadian Food for Children Monthly Collection**

Next weekend we welcome donations of soap to support the work of Dr. Simone. The monthly collection schedule is on the bulletin board at the back of the church and on our parish website.

### **Good Shepherd Centre Casseroles: Provide a Meal Program**

If you have the time and resources to make one casserole a month, you can help feed the homeless. If you would like to help, contact Eva Trace, 416.447.3040.

### **Knights of Columbus Advent Sock Drive**

The Knights need donations of new, unwrapped socks for the guests at the Good Shepherd Centre and the Out of the Cold program. To date, your donations have filled a box. Donations are welcome until Sunday December 18<sup>th</sup>. Please place your donations in the box marked "Advent Sock Drive" at the back of the church.

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### COMMUNITY LIFE

#### Thanks from the Knights of Columbus

The St. Francis Council thank parishioners for supporting their annual *Keep Christ in Christmas* card campaign which raised over \$500 for various charities.

#### Franciscan Ministries Christmas Cards to Support St. Clare Inn

Christmas cards to support St. Clare Inn are available at the Ministry Centre.

#### Looking for a Meaningful Christmas Gift?

This Christmas, you may want to consider make a donation to St. Clare Inn in lieu of buying someone a gift. It's so easy and your support helps homeless women in ways you can't begin to imagine. Donation cards which you can use to notify family and friends of your gift are available at the Ministry Centre.

#### Prayer Requests

Call Lois Theriault 416.447.7466 or Friar Boniface, 416.447.5571, for private prayer.

#### Campaign Life Christmas Cakes – Supporting Life from Conception to Natural Death

Delicious cakes in beautiful tins are available in 1.5 lb (\$15) and 2 lb (\$22) tins. To place an order, contact Joan Pape, 416.444.6981 before December 15. All proceeds support Campaign Life.

#### New Beginnings: Dealing with Death, Separated or Divorced

*Tuesday, December 6, 8:00 pm, Bonaventure Room*

Deacon James Shaughnessy will host an informative evening on how to manage the upcoming Christmas holidays. No registration necessary. Contact: Deacon James, 416.921.1163 ext. 2227, [jshaughn@cfstoronto.com](mailto:jshaughn@cfstoronto.com)

LITURGY		THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH		COMMUNITY LIFE	
9:00 am	† Bruna Vukelich	Monday December 5	6:00 pm 6:15 pm	Sparks/Francis Room Brownies/ Bonaventure Room	
9:00 am	† Hugh Kirby	Tuesday December 6	9:30 am 7:30 pm 7:30 pm 8:00 pm	Theology & Tea/Francis Room Small Faith Sharing/Oak Room Confirmation Meeting/Francis Room New Beginnings/Bonaventure Room	
9:00 am	† Con Hyde	Wednesday December 7	7:00 pm 7:00 pm 8:00 pm	Inquiry Meeting/Oak Room Christopher Leadership Grad/Main Hall Alcoholics Anonymous/Francis Room	
9:00 am	† Leonesa Janola	Thursday December 8	7:00 pm 7:30 pm	Brownies/Bonaventure Room In Search of God/Francis Room	
9:00 am 7:30 pm	† Hugh Canning Christmas-Just Like the Ones We Used to Know	Friday December 9			
9:00 am 4:00 pm 5:00 pm	† Vince O'Neill Reconciliation † Michael Tarquini	Saturday December 10	9:30 am 9:30 am 10:00 am	CWL Advent Retreat/Main Hall Christian Meditation/Oak Room Al-Anon/ Bonaventure Room	
8:30 am 10:00 am 12:00 pm 2:00 pm 4:00 pm	Parishioners † John Bolan † Cecilia Leung Adoration Time Evening Prayer	Sunday December 11	11:00 am 1:00 pm	Sunday Coffee/Main Hall CWL Advent Tea/Main Hall	

Sanctuary Lamp: † Michael Chua;  
Vigil Candle: the Andrew family

## OUR MISSION

WE ARE A COMMUNITY of believing people, who have chosen St. Bonaventure's as our spiritual home within the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Toronto.

TOGETHER, inspired by the Franciscan Spirit, we seek to live and proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ in our daily lives by becoming a holy people and serving our sisters and brothers for the Glory of God.

## OUR VISION

ST. BONAVENTURE PARISH, the Franciscan Friars and Secular Franciscans working together to respond to the spiritual hungers of the community by becoming an oasis of peace, prayer and service; a little bit of Assisi in Toronto.

**Parish Ministry Centre** 416.447.5571  
MON-THURS 9:00 am - 12:30 pm; 1:30 pm - 4:30 pm  
6:30 pm - 8:30 pm  
FRIDAY CLOSED  
SATURDAY 9:00 am - 6:30 pm - Limited Services  
SUNDAY 9:00 am - 1:30 pm - Limited Services  
WEB SITE: [www.st-bonaventure.ca](http://www.st-bonaventure.ca)

**Eucharist**  
SUNDAY 8:30 am, 10:00 am, 12 noon  
SATURDAY 9:00 am, 5:00 pm (for Sunday)  
MON-FRI 9:00 am (10:00 am Civic Holidays)

**Baptism**  
Celebrated Sunday afternoons, except during Lent, by appointment. Parents need to be registered in the parish and practice their faith on a regular basis. Download baptism request from web site.

**Reconciliation (Confession)**  
SATURDAY 4:00 pm - 4:45 pm or by appointment

**Marriage**  
Contact the Ministry Centre at least one year before the date you would like to be married. The bride or groom must be a registered member of the parish and both need to practice their faith on a regular basis.

**Anointing The Sick**  
Call for the anointing of those who are seriously sick; preferably before entering the hospital.

**Funerals**  
Download our funeral guide to plan a funeral.

**Vocations**  
Visit [Franciscans.org](http://Franciscans.org) for information on vocations to religious life and priesthood

**Justice, Peace & Creation**

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- The Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace: [www.devpo.org](http://www.devpo.org)
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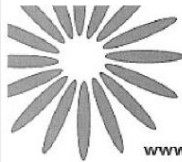
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