



Baptism of the Lord  
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# Bonnie News

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## ADULT FAITH FORMATION

### Becoming a Catholic

The St. Bonaventure Catholic community has a profound respect for all faiths and religious traditions which make up the Canadian mosaic. Occasionally, people of other faiths feel called to join our community. Those who want to explore the possibility of becoming Catholic may be of another Christian denomination seeking full communion with the Roman Catholic Church. Others may be members of non-Christian faiths who seek to be baptised into the Roman Catholic Church.

The process of reflecting on this special “call” from God is structured along two phases:

- the Enquiry
- the Catechumenate & Catechism.

The Enquiry sessions which take place three times a year (usually January/ April/October) provide an opportunity for us as a parish to journey with those in the initial stages of reflection. The Enquiry focuses on the themes of: Our Journey, God’s Call, The Community and Liberation.

An individual may attend the three Enquiry Sessions throughout the year. Although the themes are repeated at each of the sessions, the individual evenings explore

different topics. During the Enquiry phase of reflection we invite the “enquirers” to worship with us, share in fellowship and meet with a friar for spiritual direction.

If they feel so called, “enquirers” may choose to begin a second more intensive phase of preparation for joining the Catholic Church. Individuals who are not baptized can participate in the Catechumenate, and members of other Christian denominations can take part in the Catechism.

This second phase begins with an official “welcome”. It involves meeting with members our parish for reflection on the Word of God, and some time of Church teaching. This phase can last as long as is necessary for the individual to make a decision.

Those seeking full communion with the Catholic Church can be received at an appropriate season in the year. Those seeking to be baptised are usually baptised at the Easter Vigil.

We invite anyone interested in becoming a Catholic to make an appointment to meet with Friar Rick, 416.447.5571, before beginning the Enquiry Sessions. Dates and times for the Enquiry Sessions are on our website.

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## YOUTH FAITH FORMATION

### Confirmation Preparation Meeting

Tuesday, January 13, 7:30 pm

All students who want to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation need to come to this meeting.

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## PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

### Christmas Sock Drive Successful

Thanks to your extreme generosity the Knights of Columbus gave a *carload* of socks to the Good Shepherd sock drive. We also appreciated your support for the Christmas cards of which the proceeds go to the St. Vincent de Paul.

### Your Casseroles for the Hungry

Casseroles for the Good Shepherd are due at the Ministry Centre on Sunday, January 25. Our community made 70 casseroles in December to feed the hungry. Contact: Eva Trace, 416.447.3040

### Christmas in Jamaica

Friar Michael Heine from St. Mary Above Rocks writes: "Dear friends of Jamaica Mission, on behalf of the friars, sisters, and all the people of our little Catholic Community in Above Rocks, I would like to thank you for your *very* generous contribution to our Mission. Your hospitality was warm and friendly and I truly felt welcome! Because of you Santa was able to visit the kids up in the mountains!!

Kindly keep us in your prayers and we will pray for all of you. Thank you so much for helping us build God's Kingdom on this Island Nation."

[www.stmaryaboverocks.blogspot.com](http://www.stmaryaboverocks.blogspot.com)

### Refugee Sponsorship

Currently we are facing an historic time: a nation is under attack and their Christian community – the Iraqi Chaldeans, Assyrians and others – face systematic elimination similar to genocide. If every parish in our Archdiocese starts to think about what we can do, we can save the lives of thousands of Iraqis. Participate in sponsorship; provide hope to a family in need and save lives before it is too late. More information on this unique opportunity will be available later this month.

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## COMMUNITY LIFE

### **New** Seniors Club

Open to all seniors, this club will meet on the third Thursday of every month from 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm with various activities. Join us for BINGO on Thursday, January 22 in the Francis Room. Contact: Linda Dean, 416. 444. 0161

### Thanks from Friar Mark

Thank you to all of the 2008 Theology and Tea supporters for your kindness at Christmas.

### Prayer Requests

Call Sharon West, 416.445.7841, of the prayer network, or Friar Boniface, 416.447.5571, for private prayer.

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LITURGY		THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH		COMMUNITY LIFE
9:00 am	† Stanley Biggs	Monday January 12	4:30 pm 6:15 pm	Kumon/Bonaventure Room Sparks/Francis Room
9:00 am	The Friars	Tuesday January 13	7:30 pm 7:30 pm	Small Faith Group/Bonaventure Room Confirmation Meeting/Main Hall
9:00 am	† Erasmus Lobo	Wednesday January 14	8:00 pm	Alcoholics Anonymous/Francis Room
10:00 am	Vocations	Thursday January 15	4:30 pm	Kumon/Bonaventure Room
9:00 am	† Ambroce Nneji	Friday January 16		
9:00 am 4:00 pm 5:00 pm	† Evelia Espinosa Sacrament of Reconciliation † Alfonz Pavli	Saturday January 17	9:30 am	Christian Meditation/Oak Room
8:30 am 10:00 am 12:00 pm	Our Parishioners Mary & Alf Cockburn † Gloria Odette	Sunday January 18	11:00 am	Sunday Coffee

SANCTUARY LAMPS: Marilou Mandigal, † Domingo & Angela Poserio

VIGIL LAMP: † Jean Murphy, †George Lo