



Second Sunday of Advent
6 December 2009

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2010 ENVELOPES ARE READY

Your Sunday Offering envelopes are in the church, arranged by envelope number.

Please pick yours up *as soon as possible*; before Christmas ☺

Let us know if you can't find your envelope or if there is an error. Call the Ministry Centre at 416.447.5571 - Thanks for your continued support of the parish's many ministries.

YOUTH FAITH FORMATION

Confirmation Preparation

Tuesday, December 8, 7:30 pm

Confirmation candidates and their parents need to attend.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Basic Teachings of the Church

The Archdiocese offers a Leadership Formation Program which supports the development of lay leaders for parishes. This program models principles of faith formation that leaders can use in their parishes to help fellow parishioners live their faith more fully. You can register now for the Winter Session which focuses on the basic teaching of the Catholic Church. Sessions are offered in a wide variety of locations. The time commitment is 1.5 hours a week for 6 weeks. Contact Friar Rick if you would like to participate.

Coffee & Creed

Tuesday, December 8, 9:30 am

Explore the Nicene and Apostles' Creeds with Friar Canice.

Marriage Preparation Course

Thursdays, January 21- March 4

Married couples in our parish are offering this 6-week course.

Register on our website.

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

Can you visit the sick or homebound? Consider donating 1-2 hours a week of your time to visit the sick or homebound in residences such as Greenview Lodge, Thompson House, or the North York General Hospital. Contact Mildred Cope at the Ministry Centre if you would like to participate in the Visitation Caregiver Ministry.

Canadian Food for Children

Please bring a donation of soap to church on December 13 to support the work of Dr. Simone.

Knights of Columbus Sock Drive

The Knights welcome donations of *new*, unwrapped socks for the guests at the Good Shepherd Centre.

Casseroles for the Hungry

This year the Good Shepherd Centre meal program served 343,461 meals and snacks; more than served in any previous years. The Centre anticipates that these numbers will rise with the current economic situation. Casseroles are due at the Ministry Centre by Sunday, December 27. If you can make a casserole for the hungry and homeless contact Eva Trace, 416.447.3040.

COMMUNITY LIFE

New St. Clare Inn Website & Silent Auction

Visit www.stclareinn.org to find out all the wonderful things happening at St. Clare Inn!

→ *Silent Auction*

You'll find wonderful Christmas ideas for gifts and services. Review the items, click on the link to email a bid and the winners of the items will be notified on December 22nd.

→ *Buy & Benefit*

Visit this section of the site for a list of retailers that will support St. Clare Inn when you buy at their establishment. If you would like to be a sponsor and part of this exciting initiative contact Friar Tom 416.447.5571. All proceeds go directly to providing care and shelter for women with mental health issues.

Prayer Requests

Call Patricia Floros, 416.444.0424 or Friar Boniface, 416.447.5571, for private prayer.

Sing We Noël, Noël We Sing

Friday, December 11, 8:00 pm, Saturday, December 12, 3:00 pm Massey Hall, \$36.50 - \$22.50

Come celebrate one of the great traditions of Christmas with St. Michael's Choir School. The concert includes sacred music from the traditions of the Catholic Church and an opportunity to sing along with traditional seasonal favourites. Tickets are available at www.rth-mh.com or 416-872-4255

39 THINGS TO DO FOR ADVENT!

By Fr. Tom Rosica, csb

1. Mend a quarrel.
 2. Build peace.
 3. Seek out a forgotten friend.
 4. Dismiss suspicion and replace it with trust.
 5. Write a love letter.
 6. Share some treasure.
 7. Give a kind answer even though you would like to respond harshly.
 8. Encourage a young person to believe in him/herself.
 9. Manifest your loyalty in word and deed.
 10. Find the time.
 11. Make time.
 12. Forego a grudge.
 13. Forgive an enemy.
 14. Celebrate the sacrament of reconciliation.
 15. Listen more.
 16. Apologize if you were wrong.
 17. Be kind even if you weren't wrong!
 18. Try to understand.
 19. Flout envy.
 20. Examine the demands you make on others.
 21. Think first of someone else.
 22. Appreciate.
 23. Be kind.
 24. Be gentle.
 25. Laugh a little.
 26. Laugh a little more.
 27. Deserve confidence.
 28. Take up arms against malice.
 29. Decry complacency.
 30. Express gratitude.
 31. Go to Church.
 32. Stay in Church a little while longer than usual.
 33. Gladden the heart of a child.
 34. Take pleasure in the beauty and wonder of the earth.
 35. Speak your love.
 36. Speak it once again.
 37. Speak it even more loudly.
 38. Speak it quietly.
 39. Rejoice, for the Lord is near!
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ADVENT & CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Advent Reconciliation Service

A joyful communal celebration of God's mercy for us
Tuesday, December 15, 7:30 pm



St. Bonaventure School Concert & Live Nativity

Thursday, December 17, 6:30 pm

6:30 pm – Concert in the Parish Centre

7:30 pm – Live Nativity behind the Ministry Centre

8:00 pm – Hot chocolate & cookies in the Parish Centre



Christmas Eve

Thursday, December 24

No morning mass

5:00 pm Children's Mass, 8:00 pm Mass, 12:00 am Midnight Mass



Christmas Day

Friday, December 25

Mass: 8:30 am & 10:00 am



Saturday, December 26

Monday, December 28

Tuesday, December 29

No morning mass



Vigil of the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Thursday December 31, New Year's Eve

No morning mass

Mass: 5:00 pm



Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Friday, January 1, New Year's Day

Mass at 10:00 am & 12:00 pm

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR NINE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2009

The following are the financial results for the parish for the third quarter 2009, with comparative figures for the nine months of 2008. Thank you for your continued support and generosity!

		Nine Months Ended	
		Sept 30, 2009	Sept 30, 2008
Revenue			
Regular Weekly Collections		\$ 472,642	\$ 473,718
Miscellaneous Income (includes advertising income)		29,187	44,481
Maintenance Collection		<u>13,168</u>	<u>29,365</u>
Total Revenue		\$ <u>514,997</u>	\$ <u>547,564</u>
Expenses			
Administration	Salaries & Benefits	\$ 307,848	\$ 284,721
	Office expenses, telephone, supplies, printing & postage, website, miscellaneous	41,210	33,261
Liturgical	Music, altar supplies, books	42,814	40,058
Pastoral	Youth Ministry, Adult education, Hospital Chaplaincy, Parish Social Ministry	11,111	19,779
Maintenance & Utilities	Light, heat, landscaping, snow removal, property insurance, maintenance supplies	81,060	73,042
Other	Diocesan Assessment	72,989	74,616
	Capital Expenditures (altar railings, asphalt repair, new computer server)	<u>12,895</u>	<u>14,929</u>
Total Operating Expenses		\$ <u>569,927</u>	\$ <u>540,406</u>
Total Income (Loss)		\$ <u>(54,930)</u>	\$ <u>7,158</u>
Less: 2009 Subsidy from Capital Campaign for Youth Ministry		30,000	0.00
Net Income (Loss)		\$ <u>(24,930)</u>	\$ <u>7,158</u>

Go to www.st-bonaventure.ca for more parish news, • Register for Marriage Preparation,
• Youth Advent Guest Speakers

LITURGY		THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH		COMMUNITY LIFE
9:00 am	† Louise D'Souza	Monday Dec. 7	4:30 pm 6:15 pm	Kumon/Bonaventure Room Sparks/Francis Room
9:00 am	† Philip Bradbury	Tuesday Dec. 8	9:30 am 7:00 pm 7:30 pm	Coffee & Creed/ Francis Room Confirmation Meeting/Main Hall Small Faith Group/Bonaventure Room
9:00 am	† Hugh Canning	Wednesday Dec. 9	7:00 pm 8:00 pm	Mandarin Classes/Bonaventure Room Alcoholics Anonymous/Francis Room
9:00 am	Vocations	Thursday Dec. 10	4:30 pm 6:30 pm 7:00 pm	Kumon/ Bonaventure Room Youth Advent Speaker Series/Francis Room Christopher Leadership/Main Hall
9:00 am	† Marie Gorrie	Friday Dec. 11	5:15 pm	Yoga/Francis Room
9:00 am 4:00 pm 5:00 pm	† Betty Mitchell Reconciliation Ivan & Mary Perusco	Saturday Dec. 12	9:30 am	Christian Meditation/Oak Room
8:30 am 10:00 am 12:00 pm	† John Longman † Friar Phil Kelly Our Parishioners	Sunday Dec. 13	11:00 am	Sunday Coffee

VIGIL CANDLE: Andrew family, Rita Dube

The Spirit of Assisi 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.



Eucharist

SUNDAY 8:30 am, 10:00 am, 12 noon
SATURDAY 9:00 am, 5:00 pm (for Sunday)
MONDAY-FRIDAY 9:00 am (10:00 am on Civic Holidays)

Baptism

Celebrated on Sunday afternoons, except during Lent, by appointment. Parents need to be registered in the parish and practice their faith on a regular basis.

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.

Sacrament of The Sick

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

Our Parish & Community

The 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

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Parish Mission Statement

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.

I want to learn more

The Messenger of St. Anthony Magazine

is published by the friars to help you live your faith. Call Anna at 416.690.9904

Salt+Light TV

is a Canadian Catholic channel that tells our stories and also brings us events from the Vatican. Call Martha at 416.971.5353

The Parish Enquiry Programme

for people who want to learn more about becoming Catholics. Call Friar Rick at 416.447.5571

I want to help

Volunteer at St. Clare Inn

Shelter and care for homeless women. Call Friar Tom at 416.447.5571



Make a Casserole

to feed the hungry at the Good Shepherd Centre. Call Eva at 416.447.3040

I need help

Pregnant? Need someone to talk to?

Call Birthright at 416.469.1111

Homebound?

Our parish can provide communion at home and caregivers to come over for a visit. Call Mildred at 416.447.5571

St. Vincent de Paul serves those in need.

Call Jim at 416.447.5571

I am grateful

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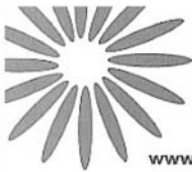
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