

**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**

#### 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.

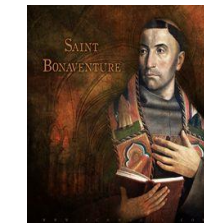
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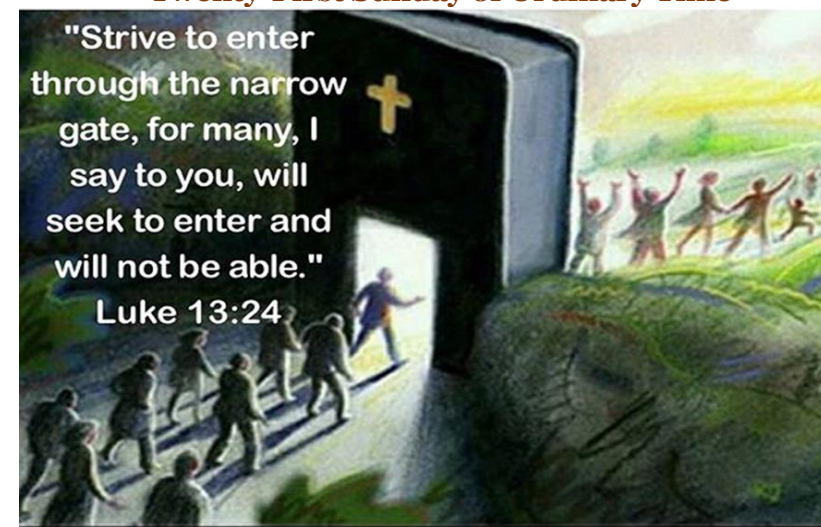


YOU ARE ALWAYS WELCOME AT ST. BONAVENTURE

**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.*



August 25, 2019  
Twenty-First Sunday of Ordinary Time



*What does Jesus mean? Through which door should we enter? And why does Jesus speak of a narrow door?*

*The image of the door recurs in the Gospel on various occasions and calls to mind the door of the house, of the home, where we find safety, love and warmth. Jesus tells us that there is a door which gives us access to God's family, to the warmth of God's house, of communion with Him. This door is Jesus Himself (cf. Jn 10:9). He is the door. He is the entrance to salvation. He leads us to the Father, and the door that is Jesus is never closed. It is always open and to all, without distinction, without exclusion, without privileges. Because, you know, Jesus does not exclude anyone.*

Pope Francis, **ANGELUS**, Saint Peter's Square,  
Sunday, 25 August 2013

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*And Now, A Word from Our Patron Saint*

**A constant faithfulness in small things is a great virtue.**

*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**, 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** or **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** at **416-447-5571 ext. 500**

**Spiritual Direction:** Contact **Friar Mark** at [friarmsteed2015@gmail.com](mailto:friarmsteed2015@gmail.com)

**Prayer Network:** Members pray daily for intentions held in confidence. Contact **Carol Molina** at **647-200-4719**

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

*Psalm 117 ~ Go out to the whole world, and proclaim the Good News.*

**This Week in Our Parish Hall**

**Community Life**

**Mass Intentions**

August 26 Monday 9:00 am †Robert Scott  
 August 27 Tuesday 9:00 am †Marian De Souza  
 August 28 Wednesday 9:00 am †Rebecca Holle Watts  
 August 29 Thursday 9:00 am †Lynette Angus  
 August 30 Friday 9:00 am †Belita Endaya  
 †Pasquale Granato  
 †Mary Njoku  
 †Reynaldo Lopez  
 †Julie MacDonald  
 †Philip and †Mercia Ekanayaka  
 †Martin McNally  
 August 31 Saturday 5:00 pm †Joseph Tai-Wang Wong  
 September 1 Sunday 8:30 am †Giulio Cristiano  
 10:00 am †Peter Glowczewski  
 12:00 pm Int. of the Parishioners

**Prayer Intentions:**

Sanctuary Lamp: †Clemente Chua  
 Vigil Lamp: Thelma Vandersteen

**For the Sick:** Michelena Oakes, Douglas Woollings, Margaret Fernando, Josephine Jenkinson, Maria Gogela, Rosalita Prospero, Christine Wojnicki, Alfonz Pavli, Raymund Fung, Teresita Peiris, Kay Corner, Dorothy Lord, Michael Morra, Liliana De Las Mercedes Vazquez, Mabel Lim, Fernando DiBona and Pina Aristodemo.

**Tuesday, August 27**

10:00 am Ministry with Maturing Adults Advisory Committee Meeting/Boardroom

**Wednesday, August 28**

7:00 pm Alcoholic Anonymous/Francis Room

**Saturday, August 31**

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 tells us to "strive to enter through the narrow gate." Our call to be disciples and to follow Jesus demands that we learn to live for the sake of others.*

From July 23 – August 23, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul made 18 person to person contacts and provided \$931 in grocery gift cards, one new fan and one donated fan. **Thank you!**

**Canadian Food for Children**

On **August 31<sup>st</sup>** and **September 1<sup>st</sup>** weekend we will be accepting donations of **powdered milk** to support the work of Dr. Simone.

**Casseroles for the Good Shepherd Centre**

This month's deadline is **August 25, 2019**. And next 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)**

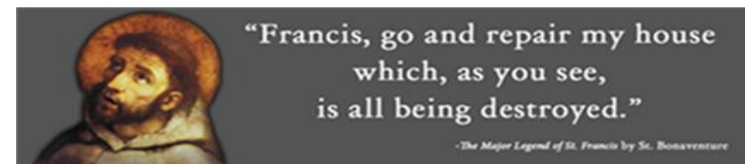
**Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time**

~ **August 25, 2019**

*Strive to enter through the narrow gate, for many, I tell you, will attempt to enter but will not be strong enough. (Luke 13.24)*

**Adults:** What daily choices are you making that will allow you to be recognized at the doorway of the Reign of God?

**Children:** What good habits are you practicing in order to be a good Christian?



**Vocation Seeds** ~ Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ August 25, 2019

The Lord is calling people from the East and West and from North and South as priests and deacons, sisters and brothers. Are you one of them? 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.

**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. We take a contemplative approach as we gather to share our stories and our deepest questions.

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 and 24  
 October 8 and 22  
 November 5 and 19**

**The theme for the Fall Series is: The Prophet in Each of Us, drawing upon the wisdom of Sr. Joan Chittister, OSB.**

*"Everywhere there are people who, despite finding themselves mired in periods of national darkness or personal marginalization, refuse to give in to the allurements of a deteriorating present. They never lose hope that the values they learned in the best of times or the courage it takes to reclaim their world from the worst of times are worth the commitment of their lives. These people, the best of ourselves, are legion and they are everywhere." (The Time is Now, 2019).*

Parishioners and friends are invited to participate when available; please invite a friend or neighbour who is seeking something more...be it meaning, community or joy!

For more information please contact Maureen McDonnell, [maureen@st-bonaventure.ca](mailto:maureen@st-bonaventure.ca)

*"A deep and heartfelt thanks to all who sponsored me for Linda's Walk on Saturday. Yes! It rained but the Spirit of goodness showered down money for St. Clare Inn and we did well... Many thanks!"*

*Friar Mark*

**And Now, A Word from Our Pastor**

**On August 22 in the Liturgy, we celebrated the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary. We honoured Mary as Queen of the Kingdom – God's Kingdom of justice and joy; the Kingdom promised to us. Jesus is the Way to the Kingdom. Saint Bernard of Clairvaux (whose memorial Day we marked on August 20) reminds us that Our Lady is Mother and Sister to us along the Way. His motto was "Following Mary, you can't go wrong." Honouring Mary as Queen of Heaven, we ask her to pray for us as we continue to walk the Way toward the fullness of the Kingdom. Let Her faith be our faith, Her hope our confidence, and Her love our comfort. "Following Mary, you can't go wrong."**

**Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

**Prayer**

*O Mary Immaculate Queen look down upon this distressed and suffering world. Thou knowest our misery and our weakness. O Thou who art our Mother, saving us in the hour of peril, have compassion on us in these days of great and heavy trial.*

*Jesus has confided to thee the treasure of His Grace and through Thee He wills to grant us pardon and mercy. In these hours of anguish, therefore, thy children come to Thee as their hope.*

*We recognize thy Queenship and ardently desire thy triumph. We need a Mother and a Mother's Heart. Thou art for us the luminous dawn which dissipates our darkness and points out the way to life. In thy clemency obtain for us the courage and confidence of which we have such need.*

*Most Holy and Adorable Trinity, Thou Who didst crown in Heaven the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Savior, grant that all her children on earth may acknowledge her as their Sovereign Queen, that all hearts, homes, and nations may recognize her rights as Mother and as Queen. Amen.*

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**Stewardship: A Way of Living**

**August 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Offertory Collections**

**Thank you for your generous donations.**

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**Second Collections:**

**1<sup>st</sup> September ~ Maintenance Fund**  
**29 September ~ Needs of the Canadian Church**  
**06 October ~ St. Clare Inn**  
**20 October ~ Evangelization of nations**

**The Catholic Register**

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