



The Christmas Season
25 December 2008 –
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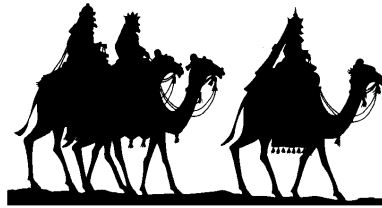
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Christmas is a time to celebrate the great hope that comes from God's presence among us. May this Holy Season and the New Year be filled with the lasting peace and joy which only Christ can bring.

*Merry Christmas &
Happy New Year from
the Friars and staff at the
Ministry Centre*

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Theology & Tea

Wednesday, January 7, 9:30 am

The 2009 series will be held on Wednesdays. Join Friar Mark for a thought provoking faith discussion.

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

Refugee Sponsorship

Thirty years ago, the Catholic community was a leader in saving the lives of many Vietnamese - the Boat People. The generosity of Catholic parishioners and leaders made it possible for the Vietnamese, and later the Kosovars and other refugees to find a safe and secure life in Canada. Many people around the world are in desperate situations with no possible solution - they need your help, they need a sponsor. More details in January.

Welcome to all of you who are joining us this Christmas Season to celebrate the gift of God's presence among us. Some of you, like the Magi, have come from far to be here; visiting relatives, university students on a break or those working abroad, home for the holidays. Some may have traveled difficult spiritual journeys and paths of reconciliation and family healing to be here today. Welcome to all!

You may notice that the church is decorated more simply this Christmas. In our challenging economy we need to be more prudent with our spending and also sensitive to those around us who are struggling financially. This small gesture of solidarity is only the beginning. During this Christmas Season we invite you to bring some non-perishable food to mass as an offering to the Christ-Child. The food will be donated to our own Don Mills Community Food Bank.

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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 be at this meeting.

COMMUNITY LIFE

Prayer Requests

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

All members of the prayer network can pick up the 2009 list at the Ministry Centre.

Ministry Centre Christmas Hours

Thurs. Dec. 25 & Fri. Dec. 26	closed
Sat. Dec. 28 & Sun. Dec. 29	regular hours
Mon. Dec. 29 – Fri. Jan. 2	closed
Sat. Jan. 3 & Sun. Jan. 4	regular hours

You can always contact the friars in a life-threatening emergency that requires a friar-priest. Emergency contact information is on our voice mail system and website www.st-bonaventure.ca

Congratulations

Ana and Victor Bruzon are celebrating their 30th wedding anniversary.

LITURGY		THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH		COMMUNITY LIFE	
9:00 am	† Brothers, Sisters & Benefactors of the Order	Monday December 29			
9:00 am	† Alfonz Pavli Sr.	Tuesday December 30			
5:00 pm	No morning mass Our Parishioners	Wednesday December 31	8:00 pm	Alcoholics Anonymous/Francis Room	
10:00 am 12:00 pm	† Michael Mocak World Peace	Thursday January 1			
10:00 am	† Lucy Keogh	Friday January 2			
9:00 am 4:00 pm 5:00 pm	† Alfred Lobo Sacrament of Reconciliation Ruth Caverley & family	Saturday January 3	9:30 am	Christian Meditation/Oak Room	
8:30 am 10:00 am 12:00 pm	Our Parishioners † John McAuliffe † Catharine Connor	Sunday January 4	11:00 am	Coffee after mass	
VIGIL CANDLE: † Hilda Lehman					

LITURGY		THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH		COMMUNITY LIFE	
9:00 am	† Brothers, Sisters & Benefactors of the Order	Monday January 5	4:00 pm	Kumon/Bonaventure Room	
9:00 am	† Rita Lacey	Tuesday January 6			
9:00 am	† Sally Wren	Wednesday January 7	9:30 am 8:00 pm	Theology & Tea/Francis Room Alcoholics Anonymous/Francis Room	
10:00 am	† Catherine Moroney	Thursday January 8	4:00 pm	Kumon/Bonaventure Room	
9:00 am	† Jackie Leduc	Friday January 9			
9:00 am 4:00 pm 5:00 pm	† Gerald & Angelina Genova Sacrament of Reconciliation † Elinor McGovern	Saturday January 10	9:30 am	Christian Meditation/Oak Room	
8:30 am 10:00 am 12:00 pm	† Hugh Canning Our Parishioners Friar David Suckling	Sunday January 11	11:00 am	Coffee after mass	
SANCTUARY LAMPS: ANDREW FAMILY					