

Regular 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: 2:00 pm to 6:30 pm
Sunday: 9:30 am to 1:30 pm

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Week Day 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

Knights of Columbus Sock Drive

The Knights of Columbus will be collecting new unused warm socks up to January 31st, 2020. These items will be donated to the needy. Please place all your donated items in the supplied boxes located at the rear of the Church. Your kind generosity is greatly appreciated.

City Street Outreach

The early winter weather has placed great need on the homeless in the city. They need blankets, sleeping bags and coats. If you can help, please drop off any items you can spare at the Ministry Centre. For more information visit citystreetoutreach.com.

Your used furniture will change a life.

FURNITURE BANK

Furniture Bank is a registered charity that provides quality furniture to people in need, including the formerly homeless, women and children fleeing violence, and newcomers and refugees.

Furniture bank is currently seeking donations of gently used furniture and housewares to help fight the growing issue of furniture poverty in Toronto.

Please call 416-934-1229 to book your drop off or hire Furniture Bank's pick-up team to help transfer your unwanted furniture and housewares to its warehouse.

All donations of gently-used furniture and housewares are eligible for a tax receipt.

Visit furniturebank.org to learn more.

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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.

January 5, 2020
The Epiphany of the Lord



The “**epiphany**” of Jesus, his revelation to the world, was accompanied by the offering of three gifts, each of which symbolized a different aspect of the divine/human saviour.

Frankincense is offered to Jesus, the Son of God, the eternal Word of the father who is worshiped with Father and the Spirit.
Gold is offered to Jesus the King of the human race, the summit of creation.

Myrrh is offered to the divine/human saviour of the world who suffered and died for the salvation of all.

Jesus is revealed in our own day also. He is revealed as the Word of God speaking to us in the marvelous workings of nature, in the achievements of the human spirit, and in the dialogue between Church and world.

Jesus perfected revelation by fulfilling and manifesting himself: through His words and deeds, His signs and wonders, but especially through His death and glorious resurrection from the dead and final sending of the Spirit of Truth.

Vatican II, Constitution on Divine Revelation, 1965: 4
Now published in book form, *To Love and Serve: Lectionary Based Meditations*, by Gerald Darring.

And Now, A Word from Our Patron Saint

Even if you feel lukewarm in spirit, draw near to Jesus with confidence.

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.

Pastoral Care: Ministers of the Eucharist bring Communion to the homebound. Contact the Ministry Centre to make arrangements.

Religious Life: Discerning a call to the consecrated religious life please see one of the friars.

Spiritual Direction: Contact **Friar Mark** at friarmsteed2015@gmail.com

Prayer Network: Members pray daily for intentions held in confidence. For prayer request contact **Maureen Talley** at 416-423-3510.

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

Psalm 72~ Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

This Week in Our Parish Hall

Monday, January 6th
6:30 pm Sparks & Brownies/Francis Room
Tuesday, January 7th
9:00 am Friars' Assembly/Francis Room
Wednesday, January 8th
7:00 pm Alcoholic Anonymous/Francis Room
7:00 pm GRASP/Oak Room
Thursday, January 9th
10:00 am Zone 3 Meeting/Main Hall
6:30 pm Knights of Columbus-Executive & General Meeting/
Francis Room
7:00 pm Al Anon – District Meeting/Oak Room
Saturday, January 11th
9:30 am Al Anon/Bonaventure Room
9:30 am Christian Meditation Group/Oak Room
9:30 am Knights of Columbus-Planning Meeting/
Francis Room
Sunday, January 12th
1:15 pm Sacramental Preparation- First Holy Communion-
Parent Information/Main Hall

News from the Society of St. Vincent de Paul
Today we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany, where the Magi find the newborn King and offer Him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh

In the spirit of the Magi, please put your gift in the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box so that comfort and peace can once again be given to families in need throughout the year. At Christmas, through your gifts, Vincentians were able to bring assistance to 26 women, 10 men and 18 children. We provided \$2,675 in gift cards for groceries and essentials and 19 gift baskets with a value of \$47 per basket. A pair of Vincentians shopped for two women with disabilities. Donated toys were distributed to seven children and donated blankets were given to a needy grandmother and her grandson. Thank you to all, including St. Bonaventure's CWL and Knights of Columbus, for your generous gifts and support.

Theology and Tea
The next T&T will be **Thursday, January 23rd, 2020** after the 9:00 am Mass in the Francis Room. All are welcome, bring a friend and spirit of holy adventure to explore and appreciate God's presence in our world and in one another.

Casseroles for the Good Shepherd Centre
This month's deadline is **January 26, 2020**. 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**.

Canadian Food for Children
On **January 4th and 5th, 2020 weekend** we will be accepting donations of **rice** to support the work of Dr. Simone.

Community Life

Nurturing our Spirituality in the Second Half of Life
Seeking a More Contemplative Way of Life



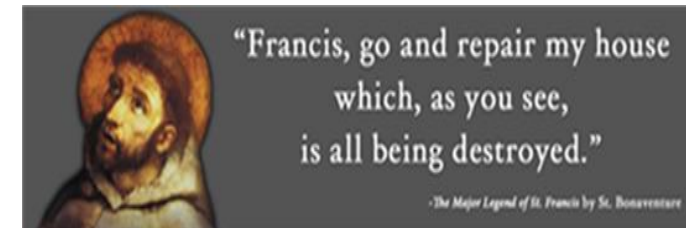
2020 Winter Programme
Tuesday Mornings; Coffee & Treats 9:30 to 11:45 am
Dates and Programme Topics:
January 14 ~ The Art of Christian Meditation-Why is contemplative living in the second half of life so important? By Maureen McDonnell
January 28 ~ What are some Meditation/Contemplative practices for deepening our relationship with the Divine? By Maureen McDonnell
February 11 ~ An Artistic and Spiritual Pilgrimage with Henri Nouwen – By Katharine Lochnan
March 03 ~ Contemplating the wisdom of Sr. Nuala Kenny – By Maureen McDonnell
March 10 ~ Exploring obstacles to and challenges in maintaining a contemplative practice in everyday life. By Odilie Gaudet and Maureen McDonnell (Spiritual Directors and Retreat Facilitators)
March 31 ~ Understanding the Contemplative Dimension of Christianity. By Kathy Murta, interfaith facilitator at the Loretto Mary Ward Centre
April 21 ~ Orfe Eco-Art: Join our Journey of Discovery. By Orfe Millan Orfe strives to teach children and adults love for our beautiful planet and create, through different artistic techniques and the use of recycled materials, magical and wonderful worlds, as they explore and discover the potential of their creativity.
May 12 ~ Franciscan Contemplative Tradition – Br. Ignatius Feaver, O.F.C., Cap. And luncheon – A Celebration of Community

There is no monetary cost for this program. For more information: Maureen@st-bonaventure.ca or call Maureen McDonnell at 416-447-5571 Ext 550

And Now, A Word from Our Pastor

Can you imagine the conversation during the journey of the Wise Men? “No, Melchior, the book said to take a left at Baghdad.” “I know, Balthasar, but the Star seems to be turning to the right. What do you think, Caspar?” “I think we should ask for directions.” And they did. The Gospel says they inquired: “Where is the One Who has been born King?”

Why is it that we so often resist asking for help? Something as simple as “Which way is the Metro” to something as important as “I’ve got a dilemma; do you have a moment to talk?” If the Wise Men hadn’t asked, they might still be wandering around. The humility to ask someone for help doesn’t mean we’re going to get an infallible answer, but it may give us an insight we’d never considered.



**‘Vocation Seeds’
The Epiphany of the Lord
January 5, 2020**

“On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary His mother; and they knelt down and paid Him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered Him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.” God asks us to give our lives. What treasures have been given to you to share with others in Christ’s name? If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, visit www.franciscans.org; www.vocationtoronto.ca or speak with one of the friars.

Mass Intentions
Jan. 06 Monday 9:00 am †Zdene Vizintin
Jan. 07 Tuesday 9:00 am †Harry Knaapen
Jan. 08, Wed. 9:00 am Special Intentions
Jan. 09 Thursday 9:00 am †Hugh Canning (father & son)
Jan. 10 Friday 9:00 am Brothers, Sisters and Benefactors of the OFM Deceased Members of the Lobo Family Deceased Members of the Rodriguez Family † Jim King † John Glen McNeil † Konrad Oszust
Jan. 11 Saturday 5:00 pm †Pablo and † Rose Sare
Jan. 12 Sunday 8:30 am Intentions of the Parishioners
10:00 am †Flora Pascua
12:00 pm †David Tomcik

Prayer Intentions:
Sanctuary Lamp: Andrew Family
Vigil Lamp: †Edward Quinto

For the Sick: Anita Baker, Sam Agu, Nirmalee De Silva, Yuk Ling, Michael Morra, Ebherhardt Leithner, Sean Morra, Michelenia Oakes, Margaret Fernando, Margaret Wood, Alfonz Pavli, Raymund Fung, Dorothy Lord, Neil McDonald, Jurie Cuapero Marcos, Denise Baranecki, Estela Gabriel, Nathan Aramburu and Mary Jane Coronado

For the Deceased: Harry Knaapen (father of Fr. Peter), Friar Boniface Reinhart,

Stewardship: A Way of Living
December 25th and 29th 2019 Offertory Collections

Thank you for your generous donations.
Christmas Collection \$ **23,308.00**
(December 29,2019)
Regular Collection \$ **7,707.00**
Maintenance Fund \$ **920.00**
Initial Offering \$ **150.00**
Pre-Authorized Giving \$ **2,926.00**
Donate Now \$ **328.00**

Special Collection:
February 2, 2020 ~ Maintenance Fund

Please let us know if you have moved or there are changes to your phone number. If you are currently not receiving offertory envelopes and would like to receive envelopes by mail, please contact the office at 416- 447- 5571. Thank you for your cooperation!

