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WEEKDAY LITURGY: Monday to Friday, 9 am
SATURDAY: 9 am
PUBLIC HOLIDAYS: 9 am
RECONCILIATION: Saturday, 4 pm
SUNDAY LITURGY
Saturday Vigil: 5 pm
Sunday: 8:30 am, 10 am, 12 noon

MINISTRY CENTRE HOURS

Monday to Thursday: 9 am to 4:30 pm
Friday: 9 am to 3 pm
Closed 12:30 pm to 1:30 pm
Saturday: 2 pm - 6:30 pm
Sunday: 9 am - 1:30 pm

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JANUARY 1ST 2017

**SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY
MOTHER OF GOD**



*THE SHEPHERDS WENT WITH HASTE TO
BETHLEHEM AND FOUND MARY AND
JOSEPH, AND THE CHILD LYING IN THE
MANGER. WHEN THEY SAW THIS, THEY
MADE KNOWN WHAT HAD BEEN TOLD THEM
ABOUT THIS CHILD; AND ALL WHO HEARD IT
WERE AMAZED AT WHAT THE SHEPHERDS
TOLD THEM.*

*BUT MARY TREASURED ALL THESE WORDS
AND PONDERED THEM IN HER HEART.*

~ LUKE 2. 16-19

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon. Jan. 2 9:00 am Vanessa Ballin
Tues. Jan. 3 9:00 am Sebastian & Rose Ballin
Wed. Jan. 4 9:00 am Sophia, Luca & Baby Ballin
Thurs. Jan. 5 9:00 am †Avelino Beloso
Fri. Jan. 6 9:00 am †Agnes Ravindran
Sat. Jan. 7 9:00 am †Bobby McNeilly
†Thomas Deeth
†Una Boland
†Stas Krotowski
†Wanda Coady
†Nuala Lynch
†Richard Dowling
†Cita Santos
†Giuseppe Rizzo
†Donald Durst
Sat. Jan. 7 5:00 pm †Dorothy McNamara
Sun. Jan. 8 8:30 am Parishioners
10:00 am †Mr. & Mrs. Chow Man
12:00 pm †Hugh Canning
(father and son)

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Sanctuary Lamp: Special Intentions

Vigil Lamp: †Peter Glowczewski

For the Sick: Peter Holloway, Kay Corner,
Linda Nasturzio, George Joel,
Eileen Velazquez, Dr. Martin
Young, Geraldine Daly and
Patrice Flanagan

Join our Parish: Pick-up a registration form at the church, Ministry Centre or download online.

Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA): For adults considering becoming a Catholic, and those who were baptized but did not receive any other sacraments.

Baptism: One Sunday every other month. Request forms are on the website and at the Ministry Centre.

Marriage: The bride or groom must be a registered member of our parish. Contact the Ministry Centre at least one year before the date you would like to be married.

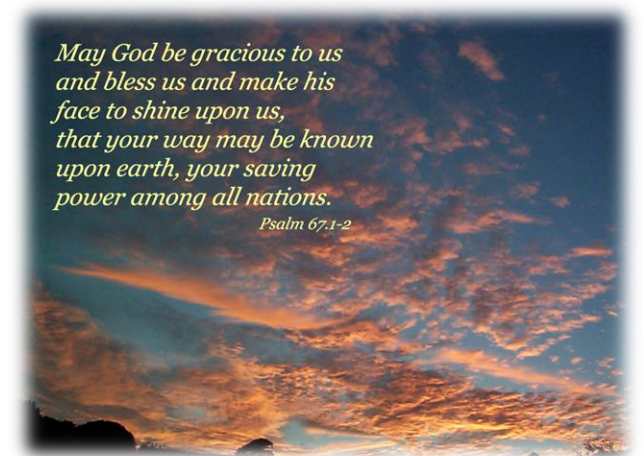
Anointing of the Sick: The sacrament can be received after any Mass or by appointment.

Gluten Free Hosts: Come to the sacristy before mass to arrange.

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

Prayer Network: Members pray daily for intentions held in confidence. Contact Joan Pape at 416-444-6981

Private Prayer: Contact Friar Boniface at 416-447-5571 ext. 500



*May God be gracious to us
and bless us and make his
face to shine upon us,
that your way may be known
upon earth, your saving
power among all nations.*
Psalm 67:1-2

This Week in Our Parish

Monday, January 2

Ministry Centre/Parish Hall - Closed

Tuesday, January 3

7:00 pm Bible Study Group/Bonaventure Room

Wednesday, January 4

6:30 pm GRASP Group/Oak Room

7:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous/Francis Room

7:30 pm Family Choir Practice/in the Church

Saturday, January 7

9:30 am Christian Meditation/Oak Room

9:30 am Al Anon Group/Bonaventure Room

Mary, Mother of God

Helping others to know God's blessing

Reading I Numbers 6:22-27 (the priestly blessing)

Reading II Galatians 4:4-7 (free sons of God in Christ)

Gospel Luke 2:16-21 (the shepherds' visit, The Circumcision)

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you. (Numbers 6:24-25)

Questions of the Week:

Adult: How has God blessed and kept your family? What can you do as a family this week to show your gratitude for these blessings?

Child: When have you felt most blessed by God? What can you do to help someone in your family feel the same way?

STEWARDSHIP - A WAY OF LIVING

December 25 Offertory Collection

Thank you for your generous donations.

Regular Collection: \$13,855.80

Christmas Offering: \$15,082.50

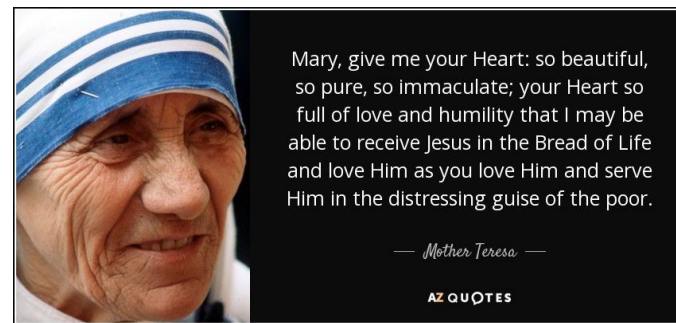
Maintenance Fund: \$61

Donate Now: \$328

Pre-Authorized Giving: \$2,906

COMMUNITY LIFE

News from the St. Vincent de Paul Society



Casseroles for the Good Shepherd Centre

The deadline for this month casseroles is **Sunday, January 22, 2017**. If you can spare a few hours, contact **Eva Trace at 416.447.3040**.

Canadian Food for Children

On **January 7th and 8th** weekend we will be accepting donations of **rice** to support the work of Dr. Simone.

Handouts in the Parking Lot

We recently had two unauthorised distributions of pamphlets and advertisements in the parking lot. Parish sanctioned events, materials and information are not promoted this way. Persons, businesses, and organizations wishing to advertise to our parishioners must speak to Fr. David or Connie Durante in order to receive permission to do so.

Parking Lot Safety

During this busy time, please exercise caution and safety in the parking lot and at the entrance driveway. Please do not speed, block the fire route or the accessible parking spots. Do not leave your vehicles unlocked and keep packages out of sight. Remember to watch out for others, especially children.

Secular Franciscan Meeting

There will be a Secular Franciscan meeting **Monday, January 16, 2017 at 6:30 pm, Francis room.**



... to everyone who made our Christmas celebrations so special; those who decorated the Church and filled our liturgies with music, our hospitality ministers, lectors, extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist, altar servers & sacristans. Thanks to all who participated in our parish outreach initiatives to the Community Share Food Bank, St. Vincent de Paul Society, Thompson House Retirement Home, Greenview Lodge Nursing Home and the Good Shepherd Centre.

The friars and Ministry Centre staff are most appreciative of your Christmas wishes and generous gifts. Thank you!

Spiritual Growth in the Second Half of Life

2017 Dates and Programme Topics

- January 17:** The Path to Spiritual Awakening- Opening ourselves to the practice of Contemplative Dialogue
- January 24:** Communal Discernment: How do we nurture our community spiritual identity in our second half of life?
- February 14:** Images of God and images of Aging- How are these connected in me?
- February 21:** Aging and Wisdom: What qualities do you look for in a wise person?
- March 7:** Aging Well: Generativity: an essential Dimension to successful aging; What is my legacy?
- April 4:** Be well, Be Wise and Be Holy; Spirituality of Aging Savouring the Fruits of Awareness, Reflection and Action

Mark these dates of next gatherings on your calendar. To register call **416-447-5571 Ext. 550** or email at maureen@st-bonaventure.ca

Walking with the Artist: A Spiritual Journey

sponsored by Ministry with Maturing Adults

Thursday, January 26, 2017, 7:30 pm, Main Hall
Katharine Lochnan, Senior Curator, Emeritus, of the Art Gallery of Ontario will discuss her current exhibition "Mystical Landscapes," which grew out of the course "Integration for Ministry," at Regis College. It will travel to Paris following its closing in Toronto at the end of January. All are welcome. Admission is free. Donations are welcome.

With Much Thanks and Gratitude!

Christmas Pageant

We wish to thank all the children, parents and volunteers who helped coordinate and participated in this year's pageant. Without you, this annual parish tradition would not be possible! Thank you for your time and commitment.

Christmas Crèche

We would like to thank our volunteers Deisy Sosa and Orfelina Millan Narvaez for their creativity in designing this year's crèche.

Missing Book

After the 4:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass, someone removed a book from the sacristy entitled: 'Out of the Ordinary'. Would that person please return the book?

2017 Offertory Envelopes

Envelopes are available for pick up and are now located at the back of the Church- South side shelves. Please notify the Ministry Centre of any changes to your address and telephone number.

Franciscan Pilgrimage to Rome and Poland

Friar David Stachurski is part of the team that will be leading the pilgrimage from August 7-18, 2017. We will be walking the footsteps of St. Maximilian Kolbe as we celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the founding of the Militia of the Immaculata, a worldwide movement of Marian consecration he founded. Cost from Toronto is \$3,480. Brochures are available in the back of the church for detailed information.

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