

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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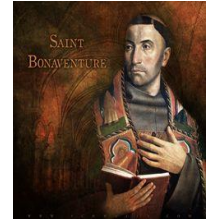
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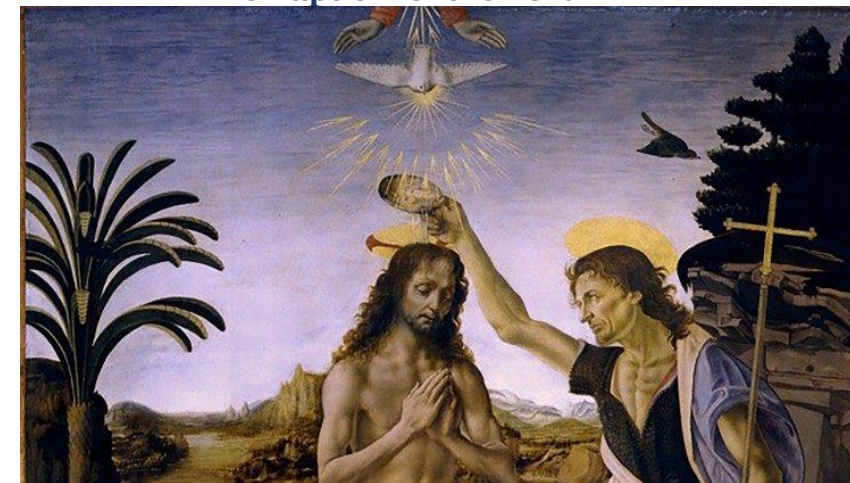


YOU ARE ALWAYS WELCOME AT ST. BONAVENTURE

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 13, 2019
The Baptism of the Lord



(The Baptism of Christ by Leonardo da Vinci)

In today's liturgy, Jesus experiences a river-baptism, and God's voice is heard proclaiming Jesus to be the Beloved Son of God with the visible presence of the Holy Spirit bearing witness. Do you remember your baptism? Have you ever witnessed someone else's baptism? What do you recall from these baptism liturgies? In today's scriptures, we do well to listen for echoes of our own baptism and the baptisms we have witnessed: water, Spirit, the Trinity, a faith-filled community gathered.

The Gospel recounts the final event we celebrate in the Christmas season. The Christmas season looks beyond the baby in Bethlehem. Each feast peels back the layers a little further, each revealing the truth of Jesus of Nazareth from a different perspective. Jesus is the one in whom God keeps the promises made through Isaiah. He will show to the world the glory, justice, power and abundant love of God.

And us? Through baptism into Christ, we share in His life in God and in His promise-keeping mission in the world. By our baptism we can lay claim to that divine declaration: "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased." Do you celebrate your baptism date anniversary? Today is a fitting time to do so.

Margaret Bick, Toronto, ON.

Weekday Liturgy:
Monday to Friday, 9 am
Sacrament of Reconciliation:
Saturday, 4 pm
Sunday Liturgy:
Saturday Vigil, 5 pm
Sunday, 8:30 am, 10 am, 12 noon

Join our Parish: Pick-up a registration form at the church, Ministry Centre or download online.
Baptism of Infants: One Sunday every 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: For more information and assistance in discerning a call to the consecrated religious life, priesthood or diaconate 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 friarmsted2015@gmail.com

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

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

Psalm 29~ The Lord will bless his people with peace.

This Week in Our Parish Hall

Community Life

Mass Intentions

Jan. 14 Monday 9:00 pm Special Int. for Joanna Chang
Jan. 15 Tuesday 9:00 am †Vladimir Suchanek
(Mass with school children)
Jan. 16 Wednesday 9:00 am For the repose of the soul of
Peerpoint Shackleton Waithe
Jan. 17 Thursday 9:00 am †Peerpoint S. Waithe
Jan. 18 Friday 9:00 am Brothers, Sisters & Benefactors
of the OFM
†Angelina Pascual
†Carmen Cardoza
†Alfred Theodore Lobo
†Chinnamma Kutty
†Joseph Fellin
Jan. 19 Saturday 5:00 pm †Olga Higgins & †Craig Cope
†Adoracion Morao
Jan. 20 Sunday 8:30 am Intentions of the Parishioners
10:00 am †Oris & †Gerry McCann
12:00 pm †Elizabeth Joyce Stracey

Prayer Intentions

Sanctuary Lamp 1: Personal Intention
Sanctuary Lamp 2: Private Intention
Vigil Lamp: † Peter Huk

For the Sick:

Christine Wojnicki, Deanna Andrew, Bonnie Beverley,
Mabel Lim, Tony Guiney, Alfonz Pavli, Maggie Marquis,
Raymund Fung, Teresita Peiris, Kay Corner, Dorothy Lord,
Michael Morra, Mary DiGregorio, Liliana De Las Mercedes
Vazquez, and Elisabetta Schiavone

For the Deceased: Anne Marie Mattyasovszky

Monday, January 14

6:30 pm Brownies/Francis Room
6:30 pm Sparks/Bonaventure Room

Tuesday, January 15

9:30 am Ministry with Maturing Adult-A Spirituality for
The Second Half of Life/Francis Room
7:00 pm Bible Study/Oak Room

Wednesday, January 16

7:00 pm Alcoholic Anonymous/Francis Room

Saturday, January 19

9:30 am Christian Meditation/Oak Room
9:30 am Al Anon Group/Bonaventure Room
2:00 pm First Holy Communion-Session C/Main Hall

Casseroles for the Good Shepherd Centre

This month's deadline is **January 27, 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**.

Secular Franciscan Meeting

The Secular Franciscan meeting will be **Monday, January 21st, 2019** at **7:00 pm, Francis Room**.

Theology and Tea

T & T will resume again on Thursday, **January 24th** after the 9:00 am Mass, with future dates to be posted. Come and join Friar Mark for some time to ponder and enjoy our relationship with God. The sessions are open to all parishioners and their friends.

2019 Offertory Envelopes

The envelopes for the first quarter were mailed out in December. If you have not received your envelopes yet, please complete the form located at the back of church. We will follow-up with our provider.

In the meantime, please use one of the especially marked envelopes at the back of the church. Please be sure write your name and address on the envelop so that we can record your donation correctly. Please do not use any old or previous years' envelopes because some numbers were reassigned. For those who are receiving special collections only, they have been mailed out this week.

News from the Society of St. Vincent de Paul

How You Can Help?

Our Conference of St. Bonaventure would like to encourage parishioners to refer needy persons who live in the Don Mills area to us. Sometimes those who need help are reluctant to ask because of pride or loss of hope. We exist to assist the less fortunate with their basic needs such as groceries, clothing and certain household items. Single parents, those on fixed incomes, those with health issues or loss of employment or part-time employment often struggle in silence. Kindly refer them to **416-390-9495** or have them leave their contact information for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul with the Church Office. Thank you.

**St. Bonaventure's Ministry with Maturing Adults
A Spirituality for the Second Half of Life
Embracing Wholeness and Challenge**



**2019 Winter Program St. Bonaventure's
Ministry with Maturing Adults**

Tuesday, January 15th, 9:30 – 11:45 am

**Belonging and Community: Finding my Place of
Fruitfulness: Exploring the wisdom and radiance of
Jean Vanier as a guide for healthy communities.**

Presenter: Mary Bastedo, Daybreak

Mary Bastedo has been part of the L'Arche movement since 1973, living and working with adults who have developmental disabilities in L'Arche communities in Edmonton, Alberta, Richmond Hill and Stratford, Ontario and Trosly-Breuil, France. Trained as an Occupational Therapist, she has held various roles in L'Arche – as a home program coordinator, community leader and liason with families who have a child with a developmental disability. In 2007 she received a Masters of Divinity from Regis College, and the following year completed a 9-month internship in retreat direction at Ignatius Jesuit Centre in Guelp. Based in Aurora, she is a member of Our Lady of Grace parish and a member of L'Arche Daybreak.

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

**Retreat: The Wisdom of Teresa of Avila:
Responding to the Summons of the Second Half of Life**

Saturday, January 26, 2019; 9:30- 4:00 pm
233 Cummer Avenue, Toronto, Ontario

Teresa of Avila (1515-1585) a Spanish Carmelite, wrote at the age of 62 years her classic **Interior Castle**. This brilliant text is a summary of her experience of God – a map of a spiritual journey – about her relationship with God inclusive of the blessings and distractions encountered in the second half of life.

We will reflect on and explore how the seven dwelling places of the *Interior Castle* can guide us in understanding and navigating our spiritual journey.

Led by **Maureen McDonnell**, who currently leads a program in Spirituality and Aging at St. Bonaventure Parish. Fee: \$30 if you bring a bag lunch; hot meal - additional \$15. Registration deadline: January 19, 2019

Contact: St. John's Convent, 233 Cummer Ave. Toronto, ON phone: 416-226-2201; Fax: 416-226-2131; or email: convent@ssjd.ca

And Now, A Word from Our Pastor

The Christmas feasts are complete. Our parish worship has been joyful, our prayers sincere. The colours have been bright, the carols vibrant. We are renewed in the presence of Emmanuel, the God Who is With Us. Thank you for a wonderful season. And thank you on a personal note. In my previous ministry of leading retreats, I wasn't assigned to a parish, so it was a real blessing to celebrate the Christmas season with you in St. Bonaventure, my new home.

I'll be in the States for a few days visiting with my family. Please say a prayer for safe travel. See you next weekend.

Congratulations to **Savannah Joy Butler** and **Celine Rylie Kular** who were given new birth by water and the Holy Spirit and welcomed into God's Holy People through Baptism.

Baptism of the Lord – January 13, 2019

Pleasing to God

And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased." (Luke 3:2)

Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7 –The servant of the Lord

Acts 10:34-38 – Peter's discourse; the good news of peace

Luke 3:15-16,21-22 – Baptism of Jesus

Adults: Do you think that God was "well pleased" by your actions in recent weeks? Why?

Kids: What good thing could you do this week that would be pleasing to God?

'Vocation Seeds'

Baptism of the Lord – January 13, 2019

As John the Baptist introduced the people of his time to Jesus a voice from heaven said, "You are my Son, the Beloved, with you I am well pleased." Perhaps God is calling you to do the same in our time as a priest, deacon or religious. If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, visit the website: www.vocationtoronto.ca; www.franciscans.org or speak with one of the friars.

Stewardship: A Way of Living

December 30th Offertory Collections

Thank you for your generous donations.

Regular Collection	\$ 6,586.00
Christmas Day Offering	\$ 285.00
Initial Offering	\$ 100.00
Pre-Authorized Giving	\$ 2,926.00
Donate Now	\$ 328.00

Franciscan Mission Collection

On January 19 – 20, we will welcome Fr. Michael Heine, OFM Conv., to St. Bonaventure to share with us the experience and needs of our Franciscan Mission. Fr. Michael served in high school ministry as well as served as Director of the Shrine of St. Anthony in Ellicott City, Maryland. Fr. Michael also served as a missionary in Jamaica where he oversaw schools, clinics, and remote parishes. Fr. Michael is currently the Vicar provincial of the Our Lady of the Angels Province of Franciscan Friars Conventual, a leadership position that has taken him most recently to England, Ireland and Brazil.

The second collection on January 19 – 20 will be for the Franciscan Missions. We ask that you share generously the gifts that God has given to you!

Thank you for your prayers and support.

