

## 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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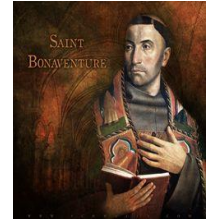
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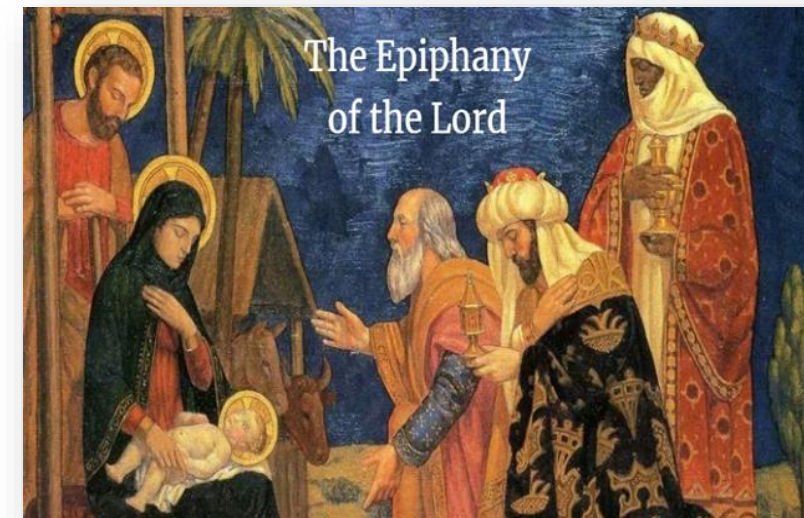


YOU ARE ALWAYS WELCOME AT ST. BONAVENTURE

**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 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019



“They set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising” – towards the place of the child who had been born king of the Jews. When the star stopped, the wise men were “overwhelmed with joy.” They entered the house and saw “the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage.”

We have heard this story many times. This would be the time, that we would bring out the tiny camels and the wise men and place them in our Nativity crèche. It would be the last act of our Christmas story. In a few days the small figures and other decorations still up from this joyous season would be carefully put away for another year.

Theologians note that only Matthew records the story, and some suggest it is a pious fiction designed to integrate older writings into the birth narrative of Jesus. Questions abound but the essential messages remain. For Paul, it is the mystery now “made known to humankind.” Isaiah urges rejoicing: Arise, shine, for your light has come.” The Epiphany reveals that Christ now had come among us all.

Michael Dougherty, Whitehorse, YT

**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 [friarmstead2015@gmail.com](mailto:friarmstead2015@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 72~ Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.*

**This Week in Our Parish Hall**

**Community Life**

**Mass Intentions**

Jan. 7 Monday 9:00 pm †Christopher Scott  
 Jan. 8 Tuesday 9:00 am †Patrick Bernard Matthews  
 Jan. 9 Wednesday 9:00 am †Leander Taylor  
 Jan. 10 Thursday 9:00 am †Peerpoint Shackleton Waithe  
 Jan. 11 Friday 9:00 am †David Tomcik  
 †Jaime Chua  
 Deceased Members of the Rodriguez Family  
 †Kay Wallace  
 †Vivienne Brown  
 Special Int. of Agnes Lobo  
 Jan. 12 Saturday 5:00 pm Intention of the Parishioners  
 Jan. 13 Sunday 8:30 am †Walter Stracey  
 10:00 am †Jennifer Durante  
 12:00 pm †Hugh Canning (father & son)

**Prayer Intentions**

Sanctuary Lamp 1: † Clemente Chua  
 Vigil Lamp: † Benito Chua

**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

**Monday, January 7**

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

**Tuesday, January 8**

7:00 pm Bible Study/Oak Room  
 7:00 pm CWL Executive Meeting/Francis Room

**Wednesday, January 9**

7:00 pm Alcoholic Anonymous/Francis Room  
 7:00 pm GRASP/Oak Room

**Thursday, January 10**

7:00 pm Knights of Columbus General Meeting/  
 Bonaventure Room

**Saturday, January 12**

9:30 am Christian Meditation/Oak Room  
 9:30 am Al Anon Group/Bonaventure Room

**Sunday, January 13**

1:00 pm CWL General Meeting/Francis Room  
 1:15 pm First Holy Communion Parent Information  
 Session/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 21<sup>st</sup>, 2019 at 7:00 pm, Francis Room.**

**Theology and Tea**

**T & T** will resume again on Thursday, **January 24<sup>th</sup>** 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.

**Year End Dates**

The last date for processing any donations to be included in your 2018 Charitable Donations Tax Receipt is December 31, 2018. Please ensure that any donations are received in our office, or post marked by December 31st. This includes any Family of Faith Campaign donations. Please call the Ministry Centre for information or any questions

**'Vocation Seeds'**

**Epiphany of the Lord - January 6, 2019**

"On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. 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 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  
 A Spirituality for the Second Half of Life  
 Embracing Wholeness and Challenge**



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

Tuesday Mornings; Coffee & Treats 9:30 – 11:45 am  
 January 15 Belonging and Community; Exploring the wisdom and radiance of Jean Vanier as a guide for healthy communities;  
**Mary Bastedo, Daybreak** (retired)  
 January 29 A Contemplative Retreat; Draw aside to meditate with Franciscan wisdom;  
**Friar Dennis J. Mason**

There is no monetary cost for this program. For more information: [maureen@st-bonaventure.ca](mailto: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; [convent@ssjd.ca](mailto:convent@ssjd.ca)

**News from the Society of St. Vincent de Paul**



God's giving inspired the Magi to give, and calls us to be generous in giving, especially to the poor.

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

Merry Christmas. The celebrations continue. The light of God's glory that shone around the Angels in Bethlehem's sky, today gathers into a brilliant blaze of a single star. It illumines the hearts of the Wise men, guarding them from Herod's harm and guiding them to the Child of Light. As we move through the feasts of the Christmas Season, my prayer is that we allow the brightness of Jesus to grow ever brighter in our hearts – to illumine, to guard and to guide us. May the overwhelming joy of the Wise men be ours.

**P.S.** Be sure to take a piece of straw home from the manger (in the front left alcove of the church). Let it be a reminder throughout the year that Jesus is always Emmanuel – the God Who is with us.

Congratulations and welcome to *Donna Lee Saunders*, whom we received as a full member of our Catholic Church and our Parish on December 30 when she made her profession of faith. We are enriched by Donna's presence and spirit.

Please join the friars in prayer as they mourn the passing of their brothers who recently died: †Fr. Terence Pescatore, †Fr. Henry Madigan and †Fr. Marcel Sokalski.

**Epiphany of the Lord  
 January 6, 2019**

**Overcoming Jealousy**

The Herod sent the Magi to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." (Matthew 2:8)

**Isaiah 60:1-6** –Glory to the new Zion  
**Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6** – Commission to preach God's plan

**Matthew 2:1-12** – The visit of the Magi

**Adults:** When have you been jealous or fearful of another person? When are such feelings harmful?

**Kids:** When have you been jealous because something good happened to another person instead of you? What is the problem with feeling that way?

**Stewardship: A Way of Living**

**December 30<sup>th</sup> 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

**Second Collection:**

Franciscan Mission Collection – January 19 – 20, 2019

**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.







