



Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord
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Bonnie News

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*Thank
You*

On behalf of all the friars at St. Bonaventure, friars Boniface, Canice, David, Dan, Tom and myself, I want to thank everyone for your kindness and generosity this Christmas. We truly appreciate the many cards, well-wishes, thoughtfulness and personal gifts we received. Please know that we are truly grateful for your kindness, generosity and graciousness. We pray that this New Year will be a time of great blessing and joy for you and all those you love. Thanks also to all who decorated the church, provided ministry at the liturgies, organized and participated in the Nativity Play and to our cantors and choirs who filled the church with the sounds of Christmas. It is the efforts of all these people that continue to make the Christmas Season at St. Bonaventure so special. May the peace of Christ be with you today and always.

*Thank You!
Pax et bonum*

**WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS
& REFUGEES**
Sunday, January 15



Pope Benedict XVI marks *World Day of Migrants and Refugees* with a call for the new evangelization to extend to migrant workers, refugees and international students. The *World Day of Migrants and Refugees* offers the whole Church an opportunity to reflect on a theme linked to the growing phenomenon of migration, to pray that hearts may open to Christian welcome and to the effort to increase in the world justice and charity, pillars on which to build an authentic and lasting peace. "Let us invoke the intercession of Mary, Our Lady of the Way, so that the joyful proclamation of salvation in Jesus Christ may bring hope to the hearts of those who are on the move on the roads of the world. To one and all I assure my prayers and impart my Apostolic Blessing. "
Pope Benedict XVI

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YOUTH FAITH FORMATION

Sacramental Preparation Meetings for First Communion

Mark your calendars for: January 24, February 28, March 27 and May 4. All meetings take place at 7:00 pm in the Parish Centre. Contact: Friar David, 416.447.5571.

Sacramental Preparation Meetings for Confirmation

Mark your calendars for: February 6, March 20 and April 24. All meetings take place at 7:30 pm in the Parish Centre. Contact: Friar David, 416.447.5571.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Knitting for the Homeless

So far we have received over 40 scarves. Please bring your finished scarf to the Ministry Centre by Friday, January 13. Any scarves we are unable to give out will be donated to the Good Sheppard Centre, St. Vincent de Paul or St. Patrick's Parish.

Poverty Walk

Saturday, January 14, 11 am to 4 pm

We need help giving out the amazing work of our community! We will meet at the Ministry Centre to make lunches to distribute with our scarves. If you plan to join us please bring enough food to make five lunches: sandwich, drink (juice/water) and snack (granola bar etc.) and a large backpack or bag for the lunches and scarves.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Theology & Tea Winter-Spring Session Begins Tuesday, January 10

We will begin a study of the development of Christianity throughout Asia. Special attention will be given to how the Church is relating to Buddhism, Hinduism, Confucianism and Islam.

STEWARDSHIP

Sunday Offertory Collections

Week of December 25

Christmas: \$22,524

Regular: \$17,710

Pre-authorized donations: \$3,311

Expenses: \$ 18,696

Week of January 1

Solemnity of Mary: \$3,807

Regular: \$6,393

Initial Offering: \$1,170

Pre-authorized donations: \$3,311

Expenses: \$12,103

Thank you for your generous donations and continued support of our parish.

New Online Donation Options

You can now support your parish by making a tax deductible gift using your credit card through the Archdiocese of Toronto website www.archtoronto.org. Using the **Donate Now** button you can make offertory contributions or direct your gift to ShareLife or Humanitarian Relief efforts such as the Philippines Flood Relief. There are options for making one time or recurring donations.

SOCIAL MINISTRY

Caring for the Sick & Homebound

Our parish family cares about all parishioners, especially those who are no longer able to come and celebrate mass with our community due to illness and/or physical conditions. If a parent or loved one is living in a retirement home or is homebound and would like to receive the Eucharist please contact the Ministry Centre to arrange for a visit. Please note that the friars visit Greenview Lodge, Thompson House and Rivera Donway Place once a month to celebrate mass with the residents.

Another Successful Sock Drive

Once again this year, thanks to the generosity of our parish family, the Knights of Columbus received a full car load of new socks which they gave to the Good Shepherd Centre and Out of the Cold program. Many thanks for your continuing support of the annual sock drive.

Your Gifts to St. Clare Inn

Christmas time and more especially the feast of Christmas itself is about gift. Our Christmas gift is Jesus Christ which Our Father shares with all of us in His love. Thank you to all who made a gift to St. Clare Inn to care for our sisters who called the Inn their home this Christmas. Thank you all!

Annual Christmas Appeal: \$10,685

Gifts to Franciscan Ministries for St. Clare Inn: \$4,115

Monthly expenses: \$17,000

Friar Tom, Executive Director St. Clare Inn

Philippines Flood Relief

The Archdiocese of Toronto Development Office is accepting donations to support the humanitarian relief efforts. Donations can be made, online at www.archtoronto.org, by phone, 416.934.3411 or through the parish, making cheques payable to: *St. Bonaventure, Philippines Flood Relief*.

PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK & INFIRMED

Receiving the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick Before Hospitalization

If you or a loved one is going to the hospital for surgery or treatment for a serious illness, we urge you to receive the *Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick* before being hospitalized. The sacrament can be received after any Mass or by contacting the Ministry Centre to arrange an appointment. While the friars respond to hospital emergency calls requesting the sacrament, receiving the sacrament *before* going to the hospital is preferable in the event that one of the friars is not immediately available. Your family and friends are welcome to join you so they can pray for you too. It only takes a few minutes.

Please be aware that hospitals do not notify the parish when parishioners are admitted. This is the responsibility of family members or of the individual patient. If you or a member of your family would like one of the friars to visit you or a family member in the hospital, contact the Ministry Centre. We are glad to be of service in providing for our parishioners spiritual needs and support.

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COMMUNITY LIFE

Remembering Loved Ones

May The Lord bless you and keep you.

May He show His face to you and be merciful to you.

May He turn His countenance to you and give you Peace.

Let us remember to pray for all our deceased loved ones and members of our parish community, especially † Victoria Chan Leung and † Gerri O'Connor, sister of Pat O'Connor.

Prayer Requests

Call Joan Pape 416.444. 6981, or Friar Boniface, 416.447.5571, for private prayer.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Ecumenical Prayer Service

Sunday, January 22, 3:00 pm, St. Michael's Cathedral

Join His Grace Archbishop Thomas Collins, His Grace Anglican Archbishop Colin Johnson, Lutheran Bishop Michael Pryse, Slovak Catholic Bishop John Pazak, Assyrian Bishop Emmanuel Mar Emmanuel and other city-wide religious leaders. For further information, contact the Office of Ecumenical and Interfaith Affairs at 416.934.3400 ext. 344.

Are you an Organ Donor?

“Organ donation is a peculiar form of witness to charity. In a period like ours, often marked by various forms of selfishness, it is ever more urgent to understand how the logic of free giving is vital to a correct conception of life. Indeed, a responsibility of love and charity exist that commits one to make of their own life a gift to others, if one truly wishes to fulfill oneself. As the Lord Jesus has taught us, only whoever gives his own life can save it (cf. Lk 9: 24).”

- Pope Benedict XVI

One organ and tissue donor can save up to 8 lives and enhance the lives of 75 others. Register today at BeADonor.ca

LITURGY		THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH		COMMUNITY LIFE	
9:00 am	† Michael Chua	Monday January 9	6:00 pm 6:15 pm	Sparks/Francis Room Brownies/ Bonaventure Room	
9:00 am	Personal Intention	Tuesday January 10	9:30 am 7:30 pm	Theology & Tea/Francis Room Small Faith Group/ Bonaventure Room	
9:00 am	† Cissy Yeung & Ilko Beca	Wednesday January 11	7:00 pm 8:00 pm	Inquiry Meeting/Oak Room Alcoholics Anonymous/Francis Room	
9:00 am	† Jackie Leduc	Thursday January 12			
9:00 am	† Zomorod Zenny	Friday January 13			
9:00 am 4:00 pm 5:00 pm	Leo Higgins Reconciliation † Alfonz Pavli	Saturday January 14	9:30 am 10:00 am	Christian Meditation/Oak Room Al-Anon/ Bonaventure Room	
8:30 am 10:00 am 12:00 pm	† Angelian Pinto Personal Intention Parishioners	Sunday January 15	11:00 am 1:00 pm	Sunday Coffee CWL Executive/Francis Room	
Sanctuary Lamps: † Evelyn Knox					