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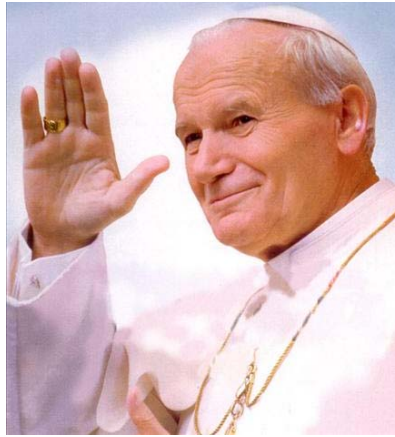
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BLESSED POPE JOHN PAUL II



This weekend people all over the world are celebrating the beatification of the late Pope John Paul II. Beatification means that a person's life has displayed certain qualities that are worthy of imitation by other Christians. It also means that the "Blessed" person's memory is celebrated liturgically in his or her own diocese.

Those of us who lived through the papacy of Blessed Pope John Paul II will remember the vigour of a young pontiff who stormed the world with his charisma, his presence among and solidarity with people all over the planet and his unceasing and challenging advocacy for the poor. He is also remembered as a powerful advocate on interfaith dialogue, especially with Jews and Muslims, and was heavily criticised by what

might be described as the "Catholic Taliban" for inviting world faith leaders to Assisi. He has also been criticised by some for his promotion of the role of women in society. To many in North America, that would sound rather puzzling, but in fact, by global standards Pope John Paul moved the Church forward in its appreciation of and respect for women.

We cannot speak of the Pope without remembering the horrible attempt on his life and even more importantly his very public forgiveness of the man who tried to kill him. This great respect for the human person was manifested in his fight against both abortion and capital punishment and the defence of all human life from conception to natural death. Many of us cherish the memory of John Paul as the Pope of the Youth. He made World Youth Day an ecclesial event of unparalleled significance and witnessed to young people by his constant and bold declaration: *Do not be afraid!* In the end, all that he was and what he believed in, was made manifest before our eyes in his broken, frail body which nonetheless remained faithful, courageous and inspiring.

Blessed Pope John Paul, pray for us.

YOUTH FAITH FORMATION

First Communion

We join our youth in prayer this weekend as they take this important step on their faith journey.

OCY Youth Banquet

Thursday, May 5, 6 pm, \$20

Join us for a great dinner and semi-formal dance.

Mother's Day Breakfast & Walk

Saturday, May 7, 10 am, \$1, Youth 10+

Come celebrate our moms.

*Sign up for youth events with
rachel@st-bonaventure.ca*

LITURGY

Ministers of Communion Needed

You don't need to be a saint! You just need to be able to receive communion, have a spirit of reverence, a desire to serve and come to a workshop. Contact friar.rick@st-bonaventure.ca

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

Roses for Life Annual Campaign

May 7 & 8

The Knights of Columbus will welcome donations for Birthright International. birthright.org

Your Casseroles for the Hungry

Our casserole count for April was 39. To help feed the hungry, contact Eva Trace, 416.447.3040.

COMMUNITY LIFE

Catholic Education Week May 1-6

We celebrate the wonderful gift of our publicly funded Catholic schools and the distinctive contribution they make to our students, community, society and province. Catholic education continues to integrate Gospel values into every aspect of school life and curriculum. We give thanks to all who provide leadership in our Catholic schools. goodnewsforall.ca

Prayer Requests

Call Mary Edwards, 416.423.5899, or Friar Boniface, 416.447.5571, for private prayer.

Help Plant Our Church Gardens

Saturday, May 14, 9:30 am

Come meet other parishioners and get a little exercise. Bring your gloves and a trowel. We provide lunch. Call the Ministry Centre if you can help.

CWL Spring Brunch Tickets Now on Sale

Sunday, May 15, 11:30 am, \$35,

Celebrations begin with 10:00 am mass.

Recycle Used Electronic Equipment

Monday, May 2, 7 am to 5 pm

Electronics can be left in the designated disposal bin in the school yard. Contact: St. Bonaventure School, 416.393.5263

Go to st-bonaventure.ca or find us on Facebook for more parish news

LITURGY	THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH		COMMUNITY LIFE
9:00 am	† Bella Gonsalves	Monday May 2	
9:00 am	Personal Intention	Tuesday May 3	9:30 am 6:15 pm 7:30 pm Theology & Tea/Francis Room Sparks /Brownies/Francis Room Small Faith Group/Bonaventure Room
9:00 am	† Theresa Yee	Wednesday May 4	12:00 pm 7:30 pm 7:30 pm 8:00 pm CWL Bridge/Francis Room Life Skills for Women/Oak Room New Beginnings/Bonaventure Room Alcoholics Anonymous/Francis Room
9:00 am	† Elizabeth Stracey	Thursday May 5	7:30 pm Bereavement Support/Oak Room
9:00 am	† Friars, Sisters & Benefactors of the Order	Friday May 6	
9:00 am 4:00 pm 5:00 pm	† Rupert Figueroa Reconciliation Friar Boniface	Saturday May 7	9:30 am 10:00 am Christian Meditation/Oak Room Al-Anon/ Bonaventure Room
8:30 am 10:00 am 12:00 pm 3:00 pm	† Hugh Canning Parishioners † Joza Jani First Communion	Sunday May 8	11:00 am Sunday Coffee

SANCTUARY LAMPS: Andrew Family

OUR MISSION

WE ARE A COMMUNITY of believing people, who have chosen St. Bonaventure's as our spiritual home within the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Toronto.

TOGETHER, inspired by the Franciscan Spirit, we seek to live and proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ in our daily lives by becoming a holy people and serving our sisters and brothers for the Glory of God.

OUR VISION

ST. BONAVENTURE PARISH, the Franciscan Friars and Secular Franciscans working together to respond to the spiritual hungers of the community by becoming an oasis of peace, prayer and service; a little bit of Assisi in Toronto.

Parish Ministry Centre 416.447.5571

MON-THURS 9:00 am - 12:30 pm; 1:30 pm - 4:30 pm
6:30 pm - 8:30 pm
FRIDAY CLOSED
SATURDAY 9:00 am - 6:30 pm - Limited Services
SUNDAY 9:00 am - 1:30 pm - Limited Services
WEB SITE: www.st-bonaventure.ca

Eucharist
SUNDAY 8:30 am, 10:00 am, 12 noon
SATURDAY 9:00 am, 5:00 pm (for Sunday)
MON-FRI 9:00 am (10:00 am Civic Holidays)

Baptism
Celebrated Sunday afternoons, except during Lent, by appointment. Parents need to be registered in the parish and practice their faith on a regular basis. Download baptism request from web site.

Reconciliation (Confession)
SATURDAY 4:00 pm - 4:45 pm or by appointment

Marriage
Contact the Ministry Centre at least one year before the date you would like to be married. The bride or groom must be a registered member of the parish and both need to practice their faith on a regular basis.

Anointing The Sick
Call for the anointing of those who are seriously sick; preferably before entering the hospital.

Funerals
Download our funeral guide to plan a funeral.

Vocations
Visit Franciscans.org for information on vocations to religious life and priesthood

Justice, Peace & Creation

- The Franciscan presence at the UN www.FranciscansInternational.org
- The Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace: www.devpo.org
- Non-judgemental pregnancy advice: Birthright 416.469.1111
- Adoption: www.canadaadopts.com



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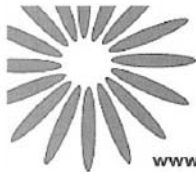
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