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MAKING ADVENT MEANINGFUL



Family Wreath Making

Sunday, November 27

Prepare the way for the Lord Jesus and make an Advent wreath for your home. All are welcome. To make sure we have enough supplies, register by November 23 by contacting the Ministry Centre or using the sign-up sheets at the back of the church. A box will be in the hall for donations to help defray the cost of materials; hand dipped candles and real boughs.

Sundays of Advent

Escape the frenzy and materialism of Christmas preparations and find peace and quiet with the Lord. Our church will be open from 2-5 pm for adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. You will have an opportunity to rest with the Lord, away from the hustle and bustle of these days, and time, to contemplate the "reason for the season", Jesus Christ, our Lord. At 4 pm we will pray Evening Prayer, a liturgy of gratitude and praise, followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Come and give yourself some quality time to prepare for Christmas and to commune with the Season's Lord.

Knights Advent Sock Drive

Once again this year, the Knights ask for your help. They need donations of new, unwrapped socks for the guests at the Good Shepherd Centre. Please place your sock donations in the box marked "Advent Sock Drive" at the back of the church.

CWL Advent Events

Retreat: Saturday, December 10

All parishioners are welcome to participate in an inspirational preparation for the Advent season with Friar Canice.

Tea: Sunday, December 11

All women in the parish are invited. The CWL welcomes donations of hats, gloves and mitts for the women at the Good Shepherd Centre. Donations can be left in the box at the back of the church.

Anointing of the Sick Liturgy

Sunday, December 18, 2 pm

During this special Liturgy, which fulfills the Sunday obligation, there will be an individual anointing of all who would like to receive the Sacrament.

Advent Reconciliation Service

Monday, December 19, 7:30 pm

Join us for a joyful celebration of God's Mercy in preparation for Christmas. This is a communal celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

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ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Register for Marriage Preparation

Thursdays, January 19 to March 1, 7:30 pm to 9:30 pm Parish Centre

All couples who plan to marry in the Catholic Church must take a marriage preparation program. Couples will learn about communication, foundations for a successful marriage and the meaning of the Sacrament of Matrimony. Register on our website.

Secular Franciscans

Monday, November 12, 7:30 pm

Join the Seculars for spiritual nourishment, formation in Franciscan spirituality and fellowship. New members and guests are welcome.

YOUTH FAITH FORMATION

First Reconciliation

The final Sacrament Preparation meeting will take place on Tuesday, November 22, at 7 pm. First Communion candidates will celebrate First Reconciliation on Saturday November 26, at 10:30 am. Candidates need to be at the church by 10:15 am.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Knitting for the Homeless

There was an overwhelming response to our youth knitting initiative to bring warmth to the homeless this winter. Over 40 members of our parish, of all ages, gathered last Thursday evening to learn to knit. Please plan to return your scarf by Friday, January 13, 2012. In the meantime, anyone who needs a little extra help can drop by the Ministry Centre or contact Jonathan. Thanks to all knitters and tutors.

Feeding the Hungry

Members of our youth and other parishioners gave of their time last Saturday to load a 20 foot shipping container at the Canadian Food for Children warehouse which will be sent to the needy in the Philippines.

Contact jonathan@st-bonaventure.ca. Visit us at facebook.com/bonaventure.youth

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

Offertory Collection

Thank you for your generous donations of \$11,151 last week. Last week's expenses were \$10,708.

Shepherd's Trust Collection

Many thanks for your generous donations of \$8202.

Casseroles for the Hungry

If you can give a few hours a month to make a casserole, contact Eva Trace, 416.447.3040. Casseroles are due by Sunday, November 27.

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COMMUNITY LIFE

Right to Life Thanks You

Your generous support of Christmas card sales raised \$500 to protect the rights of the unborn.

CWL News & Events

The CWL will enrol new members, and renew current memberships after all masses November 20 & 27. Membership in the CWL is an opportunity to share faith and fun with other Catholic women. Contact: Linda Etzkorn: 416.510.0264

Prayer Requests

Call Patricia Floros, 416.444.0424 or Friar Boniface, 416.447.5571, for private prayer.

Church Bulletin Boards

If you have information that you want to share with other parishioners, such as posters for the bulletin boards, brochures and other materials, it is important to *check with Friar Paul first*. Please bring the materials to the Ministry Centre.

Mark Your Calendar

Christmas Concert, Friday, December 9, 7:30 pm

The St. Michael's Choir School Alumni will join us for an evening of beautiful music.

Annual Christmas Pageant, Thursday, December 15, 7:30 pm

We recall the first Christmas with live animals and children playing the parts in the Nativity story. The evening begins with a concert performed by students from St. Bonaventure School, the pageant follows outside and we end with cookies and hot chocolate for everyone. Please plan to join us!



LITURGY		THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH		COMMUNITY LIFE
9:00 am	† Yvonne Grant	Monday November 21	6:00 pm 6:15 pm 7:00 pm 7:30 pm	Sparks/Francis Room Brownies/ Bonaventure Room Youth Leadership/Ministry Centre Secular Franciscans/Francis Room
9:00 am	† Bill Harper	Tuesday November 22	9:30 am 7:30 pm 7:00 pm	Theology & Tea/Francis Room Small Faith Sharing/Bonaventure Room Reconciliation Preparation/Francis Room
9:00 am	† Rupert Figuero	Wednesday November 23	7:00 pm 7:30 pm 7:00 pm 8:00 pm	Inquiry Meeting/Oak Room Vision of the Gospels/Main Hall Christopher Leadership/Bonaventure Room Alcoholics Anonymous/Francis Room
9:00 am	† Claude Thomson	Thursday November 24	7:00 pm 7:30 pm	Brownies/Bonaventure Room In Search of God/Francis Room
9:00 am	† John Cope	Friday November 25		
9:00 am 10:30 am 4:00 pm 5:00 pm	† Betty Frezell First Reconciliation Reconciliation † Juliana Oliveira	Saturday November 26	9:30 am 10:00 am	Christian Meditation/Oak Room Al-Anon/ Bonaventure Room
8:30 am 10:00 am 12:00 pm	Parishioners † Catherine Kerr † Jeffrey Lobo	Sunday November 27	11:00 am	Family Wreath Making/Parish Centre

Sanctuary Lamps: Raul & Raquelyn Laureta

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THOUGHTS ON GRATITUDE

Why show gratitude? Is it just the right thing to do, or does it have some other intrinsic value? Demonstrating sincere gratitude takes energy and thought; having an attitude of gratitude requires the conscious effort of being thankful. How can practicing gratitude have a permanent effect on you and those around you?

When someone expresses thankfulness, it impacts the receiver, and has benefits for the one giving thanks. Recognizing the blessings in life and acting upon them regularly increases awareness and appreciation. Sharing gratitude improves the quality of life because it can only result in positive emotions.

Learning to appreciate what we have also makes life more valuable and meaningful.

Being Grateful to Those Who Light the Flame: Albert Schweitzer, the Nobel Peace Prize recipient, said, “At times our own light goes out and is rekindled by a spark from another person. Each of us has cause to think with deep gratitude of those who have lighted the flame within us.” Everyone hits rough spots -some people seem to survive avalanches - but often, people are sent our way to rekindle our faith and keep us from despair. Who are the people in your life who deserve gratitude for supporting you when you needed it most?

Being Thankful For a New Opportunity: Each day we’re given a new chance to make a difference in the world. Until we are gone, there is always hope of finding happiness. Meister Eckhart, a German theologian from the 13th century, wrote: “If the only prayer you said your whole life was ‘thank you’ that would suffice.” By maintaining an attitude of gratitude with

each new day, we develop the habit of appreciating what we have instead of dwelling on what we don’t have. It brings more peace and joy because our outlook begins on a positive note. We also handle challenges differently if we begin with an appreciative mindset.

Modeling Gratitude Saying “thank you” isn’t tough for most people. Modeling a spirit of gratitude takes much more effort, and a shift in thinking is the first step.

Acting on thoughts of gratefulness is more challenging. People who model gratitude don’t take others for granted. They don’t

make assumptions about how other people should treat them or what others should do for them. They don’t walk around with a sense of entitlement, feeling they are owed more from the world.

Sometimes we get so focused on our “rights” that we forget to be gracious and appreciative of what we have. When modeling gratitude, we develop an awareness of appreciating small everyday experiences. For example, we might to when traffic is slow, making it hard to get to work on time. However, do we appreciate days when the lights seem to all work in our favour? Frustration comes from unmet expectations, but gratitude results in not having expectations and truly finding the joy in whatever comes our way.

Modeling gratitude will attract others to us and improve our overall attitude. Children who observe grateful parents learn to be thankful. Bosses who demonstrate a spirit of gratitude will find that their employees are more grateful. As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them.

God gave you a gift of 86,400 seconds today. Have you used one to say "thank you?"

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
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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
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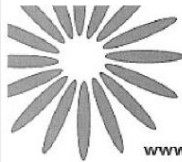
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