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WEEKDAY LITURGY: Monday to Friday, 9 am
SATURDAY: 9 am
PUBLIC HOLIDAYS: 9 am
RECONCILIATION: Saturday, 4 pm
SUNDAY LITURGY
Saturday Vigil: 5 pm
Sunday: 8:30 am, 10 am, 12 noon

MINISTRY CENTRE HOURS

Monday to Thursday: 9 am to 4:30 pm
Friday: 9 am to 3 pm
Closed 12:30 pm to 1:30 pm
Saturday: 2 pm - 6:30 pm
Sunday: 9 am - 1:30 pm

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NOVEMBER 27, 2016

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

*Stay awake!
For you do not know
on which day
your Lord will come.*

Matthew 24:42

*Advent is a time of expectant preparation
for the celebration of Christmas. We
observe it as a season of prayer, fasting and
repentance – the ways Christians “start
over.”*

*The words of the prophet Isaiah tell of the
coming of a judge who will help people
from all nations to surrender their weapons
and make peace. And in that peace, we are
told to choose light over darkness. That
light is the coming of Christ, for whom we
“must be ready, for the Son of Man is
coming at an unexpected hour.”
Indeed – a message of HOPE – the coming
of a SAVIOUR and the key to preparing for
eternity.*

~ Patrick M. Doyle, Carleton Place, ON

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon. Nov. 28 9:00 am †Leila Maria Brandão
Cavalcanti
Tues. Nov. 29 9:00 am †Rod Walsh
Wed. Nov. 30 9:00 am †Agnes Ravindran
Thurs. Dec.01 9:00 am †Peter Glowczewski
Fri. Dec.02 9:00 am †Mr. & Mrs. E. Haigh
Sat. Dec.03 9:00 am The Friars
Vocations
†Tugomir Jakos
†Maria Luisa Feruglio
†John Dewar
†Christina O’Doherty
†Josephine Badali
†Patricia Holmes
†C.A. Boreham
†Edna Clemow
†Martha Kokot
†Olinda D’Souza
Sat. Dec. 03 5:00 pm †Mark VanSteen
Sun. Dec. 04 8:30 am †Bertha D’Souza
10:00 am †Adrian Catenacci
12:00 pm Parishioners

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Sanctuary Lamp: Elena Pappalardo

Vigil Lamp: Dave Prendi

For the Sick: Burke Seitz, Peter Holloway,
Kay Corner, Elena Pappalardo,
Eileen Velazquez, George Joel,
Martin Young & Geraldine Daly,

Join our Parish: Pick-up a registration form at the
church, Ministry Centre or download online.

Pastoral care: Ministers of the Eucharist bring
Communion to the homebound. Contact the
Ministry Centre to make arrangements.

Prayer Network: Members pray daily for
intentions held in confidence. Contact
Lois Theriault at 416-447-7466

Private Prayer: Contact Friar Boniface at
416-447-5571 ext. 500



*Let us go rejoicing to the house of the
Lord.
~ Psalm 122*

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday, November 28

6:30 pm Sparks/Bonaventure Room
6:30 pm Brownies/ Francis Room
7:30 pm Adult Choir Practice/Church

Tuesday, November 29

7:00 pm The Community Share Food Bank
Meeting/ Bonaventure Room
7:00 pm Bible Study Group/Oak Room

Wednesday, November 30

6:00 pm CWL - Bags for the Ladies of Good
Shepherd Centre/Main Hall
6:30 pm GRASP Group/Oak Room
7:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous/Francis Room
7:30 pm Family Choir Practice/Church

Saturday, December 3

9:30 am Christian Meditation/Oak Room
9:30 am Al Anon Group/Bonaventure Room
3:30 pm Rosary Apostolate/Bonaventure Room

Advent is...waiting in joyful hope!

The four-week season of Advent celebrates this
anticipated mystery of Christ’s return and gives us the
vision we need to live as disciples who eagerly await
the Lord’s coming. The celebration of Advent helps us
to expand the meaning and vision of our lives, so that
we are not ends in ourselves, but a people who seek
Christ as our hopeful end and joyful fulfilment.
Take time to reflect prayerfully on the meaning of
Advent by reading and pondering the scripture
readings of the day.

**First Sunday of Advent: Putting on the light
of Christ**

Reading I Isaiah 2:1-5 (Zion, the messianic
capital)
Reading II Romans 13:11-14 (Christian use
of time)
Gospel Matthew 24:37-44 (the need for
watchfulness)

Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on
the armor of light. (Romans 13:12b)

Adult: What will you do during Advent so that
others can see that you have put on the
light of Jesus Christ?

Child: What will you do during Advent so that
others can see the light of Jesus in you?

Lighting Prayers

First Week of Advent

*Almighty God, wake us up and remind us to be
watchful and aware. As we light this candle, we
ask that you help us live the way Jesus taught us
to live, always doing what is right and loving.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord,
who we know is coming soon. Amen.*

STEWARDSHIP - A WAY OF LIVING November 20 Offertory Collection

Thank you for your generous donations.

Regular Collection: **\$8,242**

Shepherd's Trust: **\$600**

Maintenance Fund: **\$1,005**

Donate Now: **\$328** Pre-Authorized Giving: **\$2,906**

Second Collection for the Maintenance Fund

There will be a second collection **December 3rd & 4th weekend** for the maintenance of the church.

COMMUNITY LIFE

News from the St. Vincent de Paul Society

"In a world which has been damaged by the virus of indifference, the works of mercy are the best antidote." -Pope Francis

If you would like to help our friends in need this Christmas, please take a mercy in Motion tag from the "Giving Tree" or an envelope from one of our poor boxes. Your donations will help with groceries and a personal gift card from either Winners, Walmart or Shoppers Drug Mart. The children we serve will also receive donated toys and items from the Toronto Firefighters. Thank you for your continuing support and generosity.

Casseroles for the Good Shepherd Centre

The deadline for this month casseroles is **Sunday, November 27, 2016**. If you can spare a few hours, contact Eva Trace, 416.447.3040.

Canadian Food for Children

December 3 and 4, 2016

We will be accepting donations of **soap** to support the work of Dr. Simone.

CWL Elections

The CWL of St. Bonaventure is now accepting nominations for the 2017-2018 Executive Council. Nomination forms can be found at the entrance of the church by the bulletin board along with instructions, a list of eligible members, and a ballot box. **Nominations close Sunday, December 4th, 2016 immediately after the noon mass.**

CWL Advent Luncheon and Celebration of 60th Anniversary

Sunday, Dec. 11, 1- 4 pm, Parish Main Hall

All CWL members who have renewed their membership are invited to our Advent Luncheon and Celebration of our 60th Anniversary. There will be raffles. Membership renewal envelopes, with instructions, are available at the front entrance of the church. These can be placed in the collection basket or left at the parish office.

Knights of Columbus Sock Drive

The Knights of Columbus, St. Francis Council 5080 welcome donations of new, heavy duty, warm socks, mitts and underwear for the Good Shepherd Centre. Please place your donations in the box marked "Advent Sock Drive" at the back of the Church. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Spiritual Growth in the Second Half of Life

Tuesdays, 10 am, December 6 & 13 at Francis Room, hosted by Maureen McDonnell, D. Min., Maturing Adults Minister.

2017 Dates and Programme Topics

January 17: The Path to Spiritual Awakening- Opening ourselves to the practice of Contemplative Dialogue

January 24: Communal Discernment: How do we nurture our community spiritual identity in our second half of life?

February 14: Images of God and images of Aging- How are these connected in me?

February 21: Aging and Wisdom: What qualities do you look for in a wise person?

March 7: Aging Well: Generativity: an essential Dimension to successful aging; What is my legacy?

April 4: Be well, Be Wise and Be Holy; Spirituality of Aging Savouring the Fruits of Awareness, Reflection and Action

Mark these dates of next gatherings on your calendar. To register call 416-447-5571 Ext. 550 or email at maureen@st-bonaventure.ca



CHRISTMAS MARKET

Saturday, December 3, Francis Room after the 5 p.m. Mass

Sunday, December 4, Main Hall after each Mass

- ♦ Christmas cards sold in support of various ministries: Franciscan Ministries; Knights of Columbus and Toronto Right to Life.
- ♦ Christmas Cakes, in support of Campaign Life Coalition will be available for sale: Small (600 Gm) - \$15; Large (1 Kg) - \$25; Abbey Gift Basket - \$25
- ♦ Hand-made wooden crafts for sale, in different designs and sizes by Deisy Sosa (artist)

Annual Christmas Concert

"Christmas, Christmas time is near!"

Come join the **Seraphim and Cherubim Chorus'** singing the Christmas songs you love as part of their **That's Christmas to Me! Concert series**. A mix of old favourites and twists on classic! Please join us at **St. Bonaventure on December 9th at 7:30 pm**. Tickets available at www.seraphimandcherubim.ca and at the Parish office (Adult-\$20.00 & Child-\$5.00). Proceeds in support of Camp Winston, camp for children with complex neurological disorders.

"Giving Tree" ~ First Sunday in Advent

Bring the spirit of Christmas to someone in need. We invite you to take an 'ornament' from our 'Giving



Tree'. The back of the ornament will indicate the type of gift needed. We appreciate you returning your gift as soon as possible so that we can ensure all requests for help are answered - **December 17/18** at the latest. Your gifts will support those who seek help through **St. Vincent de Paul Society, The Community Share Food Bank, residents at Thompson House Retirement Home and Greenview Lodge Nursing Home**.

Baking for the Homeless - Youth Event

Saturday, December 10, 2016, 1:00- 5:00 p.m. at the Francis Room/kitchen

We will be baking and decorating Christmas themed baked goods for the homeless. Grade 6 and older. If you wish to attend, please RSVP to: pdosman@st-bonaventure.ca. Snacks and drinks are provided for those who wish to attend and please let us know if you have any dietary restrictions. Parents are welcome as well. For information regarding upcoming Youth Ministry events and activities please check out the Youth Ministry Blog:

<http://stbonaventureyouth.blogspot.ca/>

Administration

We are preparing the 2017 Offering envelopes. Please contact the Parish Office with any address changes so we can update our records.

Euthanasia/Assisted Suicide - Did You Know?

Since Canada legalized euthanasia/assisted suicide in June 2016, 374 people across the country have already died by lethal injection. Meanwhile, only 30% of Canadians have access to quality palliative care. Visit www.CanadiansforConscience.ca to learn more and write directly to the Ontario government (see insert for sample letter to legislators).

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