

Ministry Centre Hours

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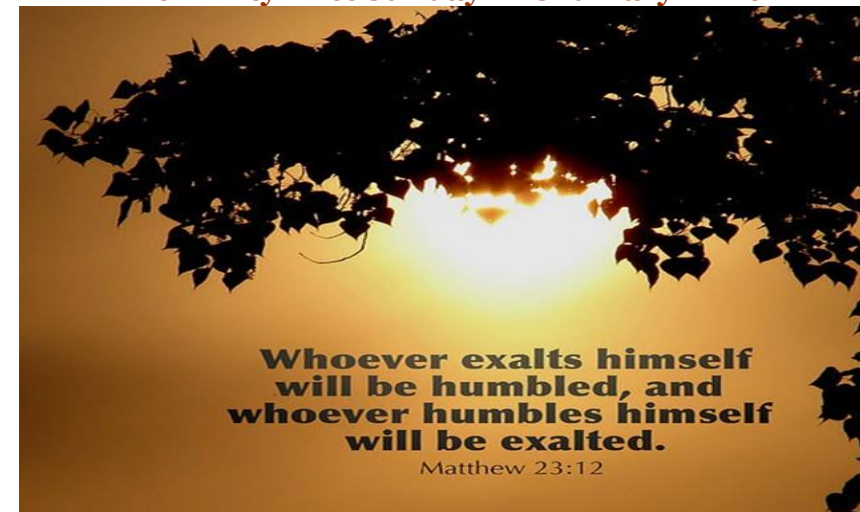


YOU ARE ALWAYS WELCOME AT ST. BONAVENTURE

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.



November 5, 2017
The Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time



Whoever exalts himself
will be humbled, and
whoever humbles himself
will be exalted.

Matthew 23:12

Matthew 23:1-12

Sincerity of heart

In today's gospel Jesus denounces the Pharisees and scribes for practising a superficial faith that is overly concerned with how they are seen by others.

For whom do we make our displays of faith? Do we practice our piety out of joy at what the Lord has done for us? Or out of fear of social rejection; a desire to win the praise and good opinion of others; or merely to attract attention?

In asking us to examine the motivations behind our actions, God helps us to realize more deeply who the object of our worship is: others, ourselves or God? Today, God invites us to free ourselves from our pride and make him the object of our worship.

So, when we feel the temptation to keep one eye open during the prayers at Mass to spy which of our friends bothered to show up, or recite the Creed a little louder than the person sitting next to us, let us remember that today's celebration of Mass is about honouring our Lord.

Cheridan Sanders, Toronto, ON.

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 other 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 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 deaconate 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

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

Funeral: Please contact the Ministry Centre and we will assist you in planning the liturgical services.

Psalm 131: In you, Lord, I have found my peace.

Mass Intentions

Nov. 6	Monday	9:00 am	†Michael Vincent Chua
Nov. 7	Tuesday	9:00 am	†Alfred Chaisson
Nov. 8	Wednesday	9:00 am	†John Dias
Nov. 9	Thursday	9:00 am	†Alicja Karwowska
Nov. 10	Friday	9:00 am	Brothers, Sisters and Benefactors of the OFM The Friars Special Intentions Thanksgiving Int. for Dena Sulay
Nov. 11	Saturday	5:00 pm	†Dolan Fernandes
Nov. 12	Sunday	8:30 am	Int. of Parishioners
		10:00 am	†Hans Wontorra
		12:00 pm	†Jan Benedict Niera

Prayer Intentions

Sanctuary Lamp: James and Martha Shortt

Vigil Lamp: †Alicja Karwowska

For the Sick: Roger Payette, Weston Druery, Teresita Peiris, Mark Reffle, Clement Leung, Pat O'Connor, Cathy Valenti, Lina Cornacchio, Michael Morra, Dorothy Lord, Raymond Daly & Fr. George D'Souza
For the Deceased: †Jamal Ramani

Stewardship: A Way of Living October 29 Offertory Collection

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Regular Collection: \$ 8,022.95

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Second Collection:

November 19 – The Shepherd's Trust

Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time Sincerity of heart

Reading I Malachi 1:14b-2:2b,8-10 (punishment for imperfect sacrifices)

Reading II 1 Thessalonians 2:7b-9,13 (Paul's sincerity)

Gospel Matthew 23:1-12 (hypocrisy of the scribes and Pharisees)

Jesus said, "Therefore, do whatever they teach you and follow it; but do not do as they do, for they do not practice what they teach." (Matthew 23:3)

Adult: Is there an area of your life in which you sometimes feel like a hypocrite?

Child: Why is it important for you to live according to how you believe?

This Week in Our Parish

Monday, November 6

6:30 pm Brownies/Francis Room
6:30 pm Sparks/Bonaventure Room
7:00 pm First Reconciliation Session 3-Group A/
Main Hall

Tuesday, November 7

7:00 pm First Reconciliation Session 3-Group B/Main Hall
7:00 pm Bible Study Group/Bonaventure Room
7:00 pm Secular Franciscan Order Council Meeting/
Boardroom

Wednesday, November 8

1:00 pm Ministry of Maturing Adults, Life Story Writing/
Bonaventure Room
7:00 pm Alcoholic Anonymous/Francis Room
7:00 pm Grasp/Oak Room
7:00 pm Catholicism Film Series/Main Hall

Thursday, November 9

9:30 am Theology and Tea/Francis Room

Saturday, November 11

9:30 am Christian Meditation Group/Oak Room
9:30 am Al-Anon Group/Bonaventure Room
2:00 pm First Reconciliation Session 3-Group C/Main Hall

Remembering Our Loved Ones

As is the tradition, a "Book of the Deceased" will be placed in the church by the baptismal font. Here one may enter the name(s) of non-parishioners who have died during the year to be remembered in prayer.

**Happy are those who have died in the Lord.
Let them rest from their labours, for their
good deeds go with them. ~ Revelation 14.13**

All Souls' Prayer

Into your hand, O Lord we humbly entrust our brothers and sisters. In this life, you embraced them with your tender love. Deliver them now from every evil and bid them enter eternal rest.

The old order has passed away; welcome them then into paradise, where there will be no sorrow, no weeping nor pain, but the fullness of peace and joy with your Son and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever.

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine on them. May they rest in peace. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen

Irish Choral Society Presents "Feeling Groovy" November 10 at 7 pm, Main Hall, Tickets \$20

A concert of choir & solo music based on the hits of the 70's. Call 416-759-2124 for tickets & information.

Parish Calendar

Please check the bulletin insert for the many Upcoming Events in the parish.

Community Life

Ministry with Maturing Adults "Spirituality and Healthy Vibrant Living in the Second Half of Life"

Mark these dates for November, the last two Tuesdays of the month.

November 21st, "Discerning the Fruits of the Spirit in the Midst of the Challenges and Joys of Everyday Life" – M. McDonnell

November 28th, "Prayer in the 21st Century – Transformation Through Cosmic, Lectio & Visio Divina Forms of Prayer" – M. McDonnell

Contact Maureen McDonnell for more information at maureen@st-bonaventure.ca or call 416-447-5571 ext. 550

**News from the St. Vincent de Paul Society
The Realist Adjusts the Sails:
The pessimist complains about the wind. The optimist expects it to change. And the realist adjusts the sails. ~ William Arthur Ward**

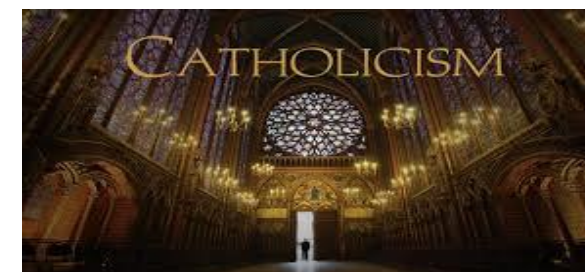
How many times have you been called upon to adjust your sails because of changing life circumstances: ill health, loss of a loved one, no job or poor job prospects, lack of affordable housing and/or daycare? Your donations enable us to assist others in adjusting to "poverty" as one single mom recently described her situation.

CWL request for items for Christmas Gift bags for the Ladies of the Good Shepherd Centre

Your donations to this worthy cause, which are much appreciated, can be placed in plastic shopping bags in boxes at the back of the church. The deadline to hand in bags is the weekend of November 25/26.

Background to Liturgy of the Word with Children:

Last week, we began to explore the celebration of the Liturgy of the Word with Children by concentrating on liturgical worship as a central aspect of our Catholic identity. This week, let's focus on an important element of liturgical worship, namely: participation. When each of us participates in our communal act of worship, we experience the Presence of Christ, especially through the Word and the Eucharist. This active encounter imbued with God's grace changes us bit by bit into Christ's likeness. Active participation in the sacred liturgies forms us in our identity as the beloved of God and empowers us bring this Good News into the world. Please read the article "Our Call to Participation" by Kristopher W. Seaman, inserted in this bulletin.



Catholicism is a ground-breaking Documentary Film Series created and hosted by **Bishop Robert Barron**. Journey with Bishop Robert Barron as he illustrates the truth, goodness and beauty of the Catholic Faith in an epic media experience. **The series continues this Wednesday, November 8th at 7 pm at St. Bonaventure Church in the main hall.**

Theme: *That Than Which Nothing Greater Can Be Thought: The Ineffable Mystery of God*

Bishop Barron considers St. Anselm's description of God as "that than which nothing greater can be thought," and goes on to explain St. Thomas Aquinas' arguments which support the claim that God truly exists. He also speaks from the Catholic tradition about the nature of God and the challenging question of evil and the existence of God.

Theology and Tea

Thursday November 9th, 9:30 to 11:00 am, Francis Room. It will be every other Thursday thereafter: November 23rd, December 7th and December 21st. Mark your calendars. All are welcome to attend!

Paul's Basilica Taize Prayer Service: Remembrance Sunday, November 12, 2017 – 3.30 to 4.30 pm

St. Paul's Basilica 83 Power St., Toronto
St. Paul's Basilica Parish invites you to meditative scripture-based prayer and music in the Taize tradition. Join us in celebrating "Do this in Remembrance of Me" through contemplative song, scripture and silence. All are welcome. Social and light refreshments to follow. RSVPs appreciated. **EMAIL:** stpaultaize@gmail.com **WEBSITE:** www.stpaulsbasilicaparish.com

The Catholic Teaching on Euthanasia Wednesday, November 15, 2017 – 7 pm

Catholic Information Centre, 830 Bathurst St., Toronto
St. Peter's Parish invites you to attend a discussion evening on "The Catholic Teaching on Euthanasia: Guidelines for the Celebration of the Sacraments with Persons and Families Considering or Opting for Death by Assisted Suicide or Euthanasia." Facilitated by Dr. Moira McQueen, LLB, MDiv, PhD, Director of the Canadian Catholic Institute for Bioethics and Fr. Michael McGourty, Pastor of St. Peter's Parish. For more information, please call Fr. Michael McGourty at 416-534-4219, ext. 211.

