

First Sunday of Advent
November 27, 2011

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ADVENT & CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

SUNDAYS OF ADVENT 2 TO 5 PM	2 pm: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 4 pm: Evening Prayer, a liturgy of gratitude and praise, followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18 2 PM	Anointing of the Sick During mass there will be an individual anointing of all who would like to receive the Sacrament.
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9 7:30 PM	Christmas, Just Like the Ones We Used to Know The St. Michael's Choir School Alumni present an evening of Christmas favourites; a donation of \$10 is suggested.
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15	Concert & Live Nativity 6:30 pm: St. Bonaventure School Concert 7:30 pm: Live Nativity outdoors followed by hot chocolate & cookies.
MONDAY, DECEMBER 19 7:30 PM	Advent Reconciliation Service A joyful communal celebration of God's mercy.
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10 9:30 AM	CWL Advent Retreat An inspirational preparation for the Advent season with Friar Canice.
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11 1 PM	CWL Advent Tea All women in the parish are invited to participate and to bring a gift of hats, gloves and/ mitts for the women at the Good Shepherd Centre.



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YOUTH MINISTRY

Casting Call for Live Nativity Pageant

Sunday, December 4, 3 pm

All youth are welcome to join us for pizza and to audition for our annual Christmas pageant, a tradition started by St. Francis in Greccio, Italy. Francis wanted to make the extraordinary experiences of the first Christmas accessible to everyone so he borrowed some animals and straw to set up a scene representing Jesus' birth. Come and be part of this very special St. Bonaventure parish tradition.



Contact jonathan@st-bonaventure.ca or visit us on facebook.com/bonaventure.youth

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.

The Archdiocese of Toronto requires that couples who intend to marry contact their parish at least one year prior to the expected wedding date. The bride or groom must be a registered member of St. Bonaventure and practice their faith on a regular basis. We strongly encourage couples to contact the Ministry Centre before setting any dates.

Advent Meditation Series

Wednesdays, 7 pm– 9:00 pm

Scarboro Missions is offering this special series free of charge. www.scarboromissions.ca

Inquiries: 416-261-7135 ext 266/239 , terryg@scarboromissions.ca.

YOUTH FAITH FORMATION

Celebrating First Reconciliation

We congratulate our First Communion candidates as they celebrate First Reconciliation this weekend. Let us pray for them as they take this important step on their faith journey.

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

Good Shepherd Centre Casseroles: Provide a Meal Program

If you have the time and resources to make one casserole a month, you can help feed the homeless. The volunteers who cook for the Provide-A-Meal program provide more than 100,000 main course servings every year. They help Good Shepherd Centre serve over 400,000 meals and snacks a year to those most in need.

Every day of the year, Good Shepherd Centre serves meals free of charge and without distinction to anyone in need. Guests include:

- homeless individuals
- people who live in single rooms with only a hotplate for cooking
- travellers in distress
- recently arrived refugees
- seniors, the disabled, and other people on fixed incomes who may be forced to choose between housing and food.

If you can give a few hours a month to make a casserole, contact Eva Trace, 416.447.3040.

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Knights Advent Sock Drive

The Knights need donations of new, unwrapped socks for the guests at the Good Shepherd Centre. Please place your donations in the box marked "Advent Sock Drive" at the back of the church.

STEWARDSHIP

Offertory Collection - Week of November 20

Offertory Collection: \$ 9492

Pre-authorized Giving Donations: \$3311

Weekly Expenses: \$13,937

Thank you for your generous donations.

Caring for Our Future Second Collection

December 4, 2011

The second collection next weekend will be in support of our Capital Campaign, *Caring for Our Future*. If you have not had the opportunity to participate in our campaign, we invite you to be part of our parish's commitment to maintain and renew our spiritual home. For those who have already given or pledged, we invite you to participate if you can add to your previous gift.

Support Those Who Support Us

Consider supporting our generous patrons who advertise in our parish bulletin. Their financial support helps to defray the costs of printing the weekly bulletin.

COMMUNITY LIFE

Franciscan Ministries Christmas Cards

Your generous support of Christmas card sales raised \$100 for St. Clare Inn where homeless women are given an opportunity to rebuild their lives. Cards are available at the Ministry Centre; 5 cards for \$10, 10 cards for \$15 and 20 cards for \$25.



Thanks to the Eagle Scouts

Our baseball diamond is now safer, thanks to the Eagle Scouts who added the new section of fence behind the baseball diamond where the ground had eroded. The new fence will provide a barrier to the exposed area and improve safety for our players. The cost was completely funded by the Eagle Scouts and the work was done by volunteers. Thanks to the Uehling family for all their planning and hard work on this project.

Prayer Requests

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

Campaign Life Coalition – Supporting Life from Conception to Natural Death

Christmas Cakes

Delicious cakes in beautiful tins are available in 1.5 lb (\$15) and 2 lb (\$22) tins. To place an order, contact Joan Pape, 416.444.6981 before December 15. All proceeds support Campaign Life.

Defunding Abortion

Campaign Life invites parishioners to petition the Legislative Assembly of Ontario to remove funding for abortions under the Ontario Health Insurance Plan. The petition is on the bulletin board in the church.

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Mass of Comfort & Light

December 4, 5 pm, Holy Rosary Church, 354 St. Clair Avenue West

Recognizing that this time of year can be difficult for many who are struggling with loss and loneliness, Catholic Family Services of Toronto Foundation invites all parishioners to a celebration of hope and community. Light refreshments will be served after the Mass.

39 THINGS TO DO FOR ADVENT! BY FR. TOM ROSICA, CSB

1. Mend a quarrel.
2. Build peace.
3. Seek out a forgotten friend.
4. Dismiss suspicion and replace it with trust.
5. Write a love letter.
6. Share some treasure.
7. Give a kind answer even though you would like to respond harshly.
8. Encourage a young person to believe in him/herself.
9. Manifest your loyalty in word and deed.
10. Find the time.
11. Make time.
12. Forego a grudge.
13. Forgive an enemy.
14. Celebrate the sacrament of reconciliation.
15. Listen more.
16. Apologize if you were wrong.
17. Be kind even if you weren't wrong.
18. Try to understand.
19. Flout envy.
20. Examine the demands you make on others.
21. Think first of someone else.
22. Appreciate.
23. Be kind.
24. Be gentle.
25. Laugh a little.
26. Laugh a little more.
27. Deserve confidence.
28. Take up arms against malice.
29. Decry complacency.
30. Express gratitude.
31. Go to Church.
32. Stay in Church a little while longer than usual.
33. Gladden the heart of a child.
34. Take pleasure in the beauty and wonder of the earth.
35. Speak your love.
36. Speak it once again.
37. Speak it even more loudly.
38. Speak it quietly.
39. Rejoice, for the Lord is near!

LITURGY		THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH		COMMUNITY LIFE	
9:00 am	† Carmelina Iamonaco	Monday November 28	6:00 pm 6:15 pm 7:00 pm	Sparks/Francis Room Brownies/ Bonaventure Room Youth Leadership/Ministry Centre	
9:00 am	† Rod Walsh	Tuesday November 29	9:30 am 7:30 pm	Theology & Tea/Francis Room Small Faith Sharing/Bonaventure Room	
9:00 am	† Robert Brooks	Wednesday November 30	7:00 pm 7:00 pm 8:00 pm	Inquiry Meeting/Oak Room Christopher Leadership/Bonaventure Room Alcoholics Anonymous/Francis Room	
9:00 am	† Betty Frezell	Thursday December 1	7:00 pm 7:30 pm	Brownies/Bonaventure Room In Search of God/Francis Room	
9:00 am	† Elizabeth Stracey	Friday December 2			
9:00 am 4:00 pm 5:00 pm	Vocations Reconciliation † Bridget & Alex Blasby	Saturday December 3	9:30 am 10:00 am	Christian Meditation/Oak Room Al-Anon/ Bonaventure Room	
8:30 am 10:00 am 12:00 pm 2:00 pm 4:00 pm	† Bill Young † Fr. Olson Parishioners Adoration Time Evening Prayer	Sunday December 4	11:00 am 3:00 pm	Sunday Coffee/Main Hall Casting Nativity Pageant/Main Hall	

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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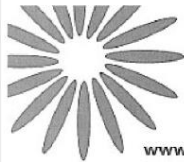
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