

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
Sunday: 9:30 am to 1:30 pm

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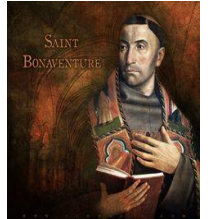
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YOU ARE ALWAYS WELCOME AT ST. BONAVENTURE

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.



October 28, 2018
The Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Do you know what you want? Sometimes we act like we want things that we do not need, which might be harmful for us. Or are we blind because we have not thought it through, are being impulsive, or have not dug deep enough into our heart and soul to see what we want.

Try keeping it simple – an act that requires confidence and humility.

Bartimaeus follows this principle. He knows what he wants – his sight. He has faith that he will get his sight even before he asks for the miracle from Jesus. He casts aside his cloak – hardly an act of a blind person who could not find anything within reach. Jesus uses the same economy; he cures Bartimaeus and reveals the key to the cure.

How many of us cling to things that interfere with getting closer to God? Often, we wear them like a cloak – envy, gluttony, greed or avarice, lust, pride, sloth and wrath. These sins are often confused with what we need and want, and we sometimes try to justify hanging onto them. But in the end, we find that they distance us from God.

The miraculous key that Jesus identified is faith. Do we have the courage to fling off the cloak? It is that simple – faith can help us find the way when we are blinded by confusion over what is important. Faith will save us.

Patrick M. Doyle
Carleton Place, Ontario

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 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 Dennis or 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 diaconate 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

Spiritual Direction: Contact Friar Mark at friarmsted2015@gmail.com

Prayer Network: Members pray daily for intentions held in confidence. Contact Nimfa Chua at 416-447-5571 ext. 222

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

Psalm 126 ~ The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

This Week in Our Parish Hall

Community Life

Mass Intentions

Oct. 29 Monday 9:00 am P. Chevrier
Oct. 30 Tuesday 9:00 am Thanksgiving Int. of Wendy-Anne Smith
Oct. 31 Wednesday 9:00 am † Alanna Snell
Nov.01 Thursday 9:00 am † Peter Glowczewski
Nov.02 Friday 9:00 am Vocations
†Lourdina Figueiredo
†Robert Callahan
†Elaine Cappadocia
†Cook de Wild
Nov.03 Saturday 5:00 pm † Mackie Ortega
Nov.04 Sunday 8:30 am Intentions of the Parishioners
10:00 am Cyril and Merle Castelino
12:00 pm Thanksgiving Int. of the Osuji Family

Prayer Intentions

Sanctuary Lamp: † Baby Josiah Warkentin

For the Sick:

Randolph Fung, Cathy Valenti, Tony Guiney, Alfonz Pavli, Joan Pape, Maggie Marquis, Raymund Fung, Teresita Peiris, Kay Corner, Joe Pimenta, Dorothy Lord, Patricia DiBona, Michael Morra, Mary DiGregorio, Mabel Lim, Liliana De Las Mercedes Vazquez, & Elisabetta Schiavone

For the Deceased: Raymond Dwarto

Monday, October 29

6:30 pm Brownies/Main Hall
6:30 pm Sparks/Bonaventure Room

Tuesday, October 30

9:30 am Ministry with Maturing Adults-Spirituality for the Second Half of Life/Francis Room
7:00 pm Bible Study/Oak Room
7:00 pm Community Share Food Bank Meeting/Bonaventure Room

Wednesday, October 31

12:45 pm Ministry with Maturing Adults- Life Story Writing/Bonaventure Room
7:00 pm GRASP/Oak Room
7:30 pm Alcoholic Anonymous/Francis Room
Thursday, November 1st
7:00 pm CWL General Meeting/Francis Room
7:00 pm Knights of Columbus Executive Meeting/Bonaventure Room

Saturday, November 3rd

9:30 am Christian Meditation/Oak Room
9:30 am Al Anon Group/Bonaventure Room
5:30 pm – 7:00 pm Confirmation Registration/Bonaventure Room

Sunday, November 4th

9:30 am – 1:30 pm Confirmation Registration/Bonaventure Room

Theology and Tea

Next T & T will be on Thursday, November 8th and 22nd after the 9:00 am Mass in the Francis Room. The sessions are open to all parishioners and their friends.

Casseroles for the Good Shepherd Centre

Next month's deadline is November 25th. If you can spare some time to make a casserole each month, contact Eva Trace at 416-447-3040.

Canadian Food for Children

On November 3rd and 4th weekend we will be accepting donations of **canned tomato paste** to support the work of Dr. Simone.

Thank You!

The CWL wish to Thank all those who helped, volunteered, participated and supported our Flea Market: The Friars, The Knights of Columbus, The CWL members, parishioners, family members and friends.

Catholic Women's League (CWL) General Meeting

All ladies, members and non-members, are invited to the CWL meeting, followed by **CPR Instruction**, a very important life skill for all.

On **Thursday, November 1st at 7:00 pm** after a brief meeting, all present will be taught how to administer CPR. Come and learn how to save the life of a loved one. The instructor will be Jude Andrew, an instructor Supervisor at Workplace Medical Corp., with First Aid training and professional training and coaching. He is currently with the Canadian Red Cross.

**St. Bonaventure's Ministry with Maturing Adults
A Spirituality for the Second Half of Life
Embracing Wholeness and Challenge**

October 30 ~ Overview of Alzheimer's Disease and other Dementias.

Presentation by Nouchine Davarpanah, Public Education Coordinator, Alzheimer's Society of Toronto.

Each of us knows someone or of someone close to us that has been touched by a dementia. This event is for anyone interested in understanding Dementias and Alzheimers Disease. Please invite neighbours, friends and family to this foundational presentation and dialogue with Nouchine Davarpanah

All are welcome! There is no monetary cost for this program. For more information contact Maureen McDonnell at 416-447-5571 ext. 550 or maureen@st-bonaventure.ca

News from the Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Rediscover the Joy of Giving

To do good without counting the cost, even when unasked, even when you gain nothing thereby, even if it is unpleasant. That is what God wants. He, who became small for our sake, asks us to offer something for the least of his brothers and sisters. Who are they? They are those who have nothing to give in return, the needy, the hungry, the stranger, the prisoner, the poor (cf. Mt. 25: 31-46). ~Pope Francis

Please remember the poor as you leave mass. Thank you.

Remembering Our Loved Ones

On the weekend of **November 3rd and 4th**, we will remember especially our parishioners who died during the past year. Family members have been contacted and asked to bring a lit candle forward during the litany of names. **Family members are asked to make themselves known to one of the ushers when you arrive at Mass.**

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

And now, a word from our Pastor:

"May I come to the altar of God, the God who is my joy and delight" (Psalm 43.4)

Congratulations and many thanks to *Arabella Beltran, Anthony Audiencal, John Aukley, Dominique Leduc, Beatriz Rosa and Victoria Smith*. Last Saturday Fr. David and I travelled to St. Paul Basilica where Bishop Kasun presented these young people with Altar Servers awards for their ministry to us during the Liturgy. Young ladies and gentlemen we thank you for your ministry and for your example. We're very proud of you. Thanks also to their parents, to Kevin Valor, our Altar Server Coordinator and to the Serra (Vocations) Club, who sponsored the event.

Recently, Fr. Peter and I participated in a Priests' Seminar for the Archdiocese. The theme of the gathering centered on the call that all of us have received in Baptism to serve God and others. In addition to the thought-provoking presentations and discussions, it was a great opportunity to share with other priests the good things that are happening here at St. Bonaventure.

~ Fr. Dennis

Christmas Gift Bags for the Ladies at the Good Shepherd Centre

Every year the CWL has the tradition of collecting items for Christmas gift bags for the ladies at the Good Shepherd Centre.

Items to put in the bag: hats, gloves, scarves, warm socks, shampoo & conditioner, tissue packages, toothpaste & toothbrush, Soap or bodywash, pen & notepad, chocolates or hard candy. (or see the bulletin board for details)

Deadline to hand in the bags is the weekend of December 1st and 2nd. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

'Vocation Seeds'

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time - October 28, 2018
The blind beggar Bartimaeus would not listen to the many people scolding him to be quiet but shouted all the louder in prayer "Son of David, have mercy on me!" Only then did Jesus call him over and answered his need. Bartimaeus becomes a powerful example of how persistent we must be in prayer when we are asking God to show us His Will for our lives. And then, ask Him for the grace to accept it. If you feel God is offering you the grace of a Church vocation, visit the website: www.vocationtoronto.ca; www.franciscans.org or speak with one of the friars.

Stewardship: A Way of Living

October 21st Offertory Collections

Thank you for your generous donations.

Regular Collection:..... \$ **7,689.20**
World Mission Sunday \$ **2,568.05**
Pre-Authorized Giving:..... \$ **2,926.00**
Donate Now:..... \$ **328.00**

Second Collections:

November 4 ~ Maintenance Fund Offering

November 18 ~ The Shepherds' Trust

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (October 28th)

The Eyes of Faith

Jesus said to him, "Go, your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed Him on the way. (Mark 10:52)

Jeremiah 31:7-9 – The restoration

Hebrews 5:1-6 – Jesus, the high priest

Mark 10:46-52 – The Blind Bartimaeus

Adults: What Have your eyes of faith helped you see in a new way?

Kids: What do you like most about the story of Bartimaeus? Why?

