"Let us give thanks to the Lord, Our God" Lord God of all Creation, we give you thanks not only with our lips, but with our heart and mind and soul. Every day is a gift. Each day is a blessing. Open our eyes to see your living presence in each other. Help us grow stronger each day, in faith, hope, and love. We ask you this through Jesus Christ Our Lord who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, forever and ever. Amen.



**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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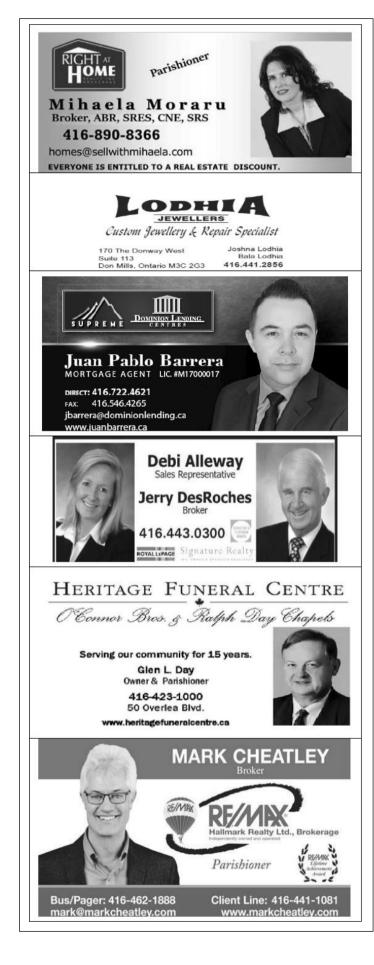
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YOU ARE ALWAYS WELCOME AT ST. BONAVENTURE

**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 8, 2017** The Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time



Matthew 21:33-43

**A True Vineyard** 

The church is the vineyard of the Lord. It has been placed by God "on a fertile hillside: he spaded it, cleared it of stones, and planted the choicest vines."

Unfortunately, what grows in this vineyard is often not a crop of grapes but wild fruit, of no use to the master.

We have within our community a good share of selfishness, power grabbing, and shortsightedness. The very same social ills that we see in the world at large can be found right here within our own community: racism, sexism, economic injustice, and marginalization.

We pray that God "forgive our failings." We hope that God will "take care of this vine, and protect what your right hand has planted." The challenge is for us to become a true vineyard of the Lord, free of all the sinful conditions that we lament in the world. We work for the day when Christians will form a Christian community united in love and service.

Vatican II, Decree on Ecumenism, 1964:4; Gerald Darring

Now in book form, To Love and Serve: Lectionary Based Meditations, by Gerald Darring





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 Zoe Duffy at 416-449-3054

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

# Psalm 80: The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.

#### **Mass Intentions**

Oct. 9	Monday	9:00 am	†Alicja Karwowska
Oct. 10	Tuesday	9:00 am	<sup>†</sup> Mary Carpenter
Oct. 11	Wednesday	9:00 am	†Theo Verbeek
Oct. 12	Thursday	9:00 am	†Edward Haigh
Oct. 13	Friday	9:00 am	The Friars; Vocations
			Thanksgiving Int.
			Liza Fuentes
			Lynn Heymen
Oct. 14	Saturday	5:00 pm	†Mackie Ortega
Oct. 15	Sunday	8:30 am	<sup>†</sup> Gervais Lewis
	1	10:00 am	Int. of Parishioners
	1	12:00 pm	<sup>+</sup> Luz Maria Castillo

#### **Prayer Intentions**

Sanctuary Lamp: †Tina Lamantia

Vigil Lamp:	Andrew Family			
For the Sick:	Cathy Valenti, Weston Druery,			
	Teresita Peiris, Mark Reffle,			
	Clement Leung, Jamal Ramani,			
	Mabel Lim, Reita Williams,			
	Lina Cornacchio, Dorothy Lord,			
	Bernie Hanrahan & Raymond Daly			
For the Deceased: Simonne Beirne				

#### Stewardship: A Way of Living

#### **October 1st Offertory Collection**

Thank you for your generous donations. Regular Collection: \$ 10,475.25 St. Clare Inn Offering: \$4,348.35 Needs of the Canadian Church: \$ 213.00 Pre-Authorized Giving: \$ 2,906 Donate Now: \$ 328

#### **Second Collection:**

October 22 - World Mission Sunday

#### **Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Dealing with injustice**

**Reading I** Isaiah 5:1-7 (the vineyard song) **Reading II** Philippians 4:6-9 (joy and peace in Christ) Matthew 21:33-43 (parable of the tenants) Gospel Jesus said, "Therefore I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that will produce its fruit." (Matthew 21:43)

- Adult: How have you used your talents and abilities well for the Reign of God?
- Child: What can you do in your week to help the love of God grow in the world?

#### This Week in Our Parish Monday, October 9- Thanksgiving Day Ministry Centre is Closed

Tuesday, October 10

7:00 pm Bible Study Group/Oak Room 7:00 pm CWL Executive Meeting/Bonaventure Room

- Wednesday, October 11
- 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
- Sacramental Prep.- Sacrament of Confirmation, 7:00 pm Parent-Youth Information Night/Main Hall

## Saturday, October 14

9:30 am Christian Meditation Group/Oak Room

## 9:30 am Al-Anon Group/Bonaventure Room

#### Sunday, October 15

1:15 pm Sacramental Prep.- Sacrament of Confirmation, Parent-Youth Information Session/Main hall

### 'Theology and Tea' is back

Friar Mark is back in town. After a departure of seven years the itinerate friar wants to offer some Spiritual Theology to the folks at St. Bonaventure. He would like to rekindle the former experience and a renewal of "Theology and Tea".

Before all of this begins Friar Mark will spend some time away in reflection and preparing for a shared time together. He is recommending that we begin on Thursday. October 26th after the morning Mass. It will be every other Thursday thereafter: November 9<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>; December 7<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>, mark your calendars. All are welcome!

#### Humanitarian Relief-Mexico, Caribbean

Hurricanes Irma, Jose, Maria destroyed thousands of homes, businesses and churches and left thousands of people without water, shelter or power throughout the Caribbean. As well a massive earthquake hit Mexico City. The situation remains grave for the injured and displaced.

In an effort to support people in that region who have been impacted by these disasters, the Archdiocese of Toronto is accepting funds that will be sent through Catholic relief channels.

Those wishing to help may do so in the following ways:

- Online through the Archdiocese of Toronto website: www.archtoronto.org
- By phone through the Development Office 416-934-3411

#### **Secular Franciscan Meeting**

There will be a Secular Franciscan meeting **Monday**, October 16 at 7:00 pm, Francis Room.

#### **Canadian Food for Children**

On October 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> weekend we will be accepting donations of sugar to support the work of Dr. Simone.

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

October 24 (Tuesday, 9:45 am in the Francis Room) Programme Topic: Spirituality of De-cluttering, Sara Brown Crowder, Speaker, Author of "House Heal: Transform your Life through the **Power of Home**"

October 31 (Tuesday, 9:45 am in the Francis Room) **Programme Topic:** 

Supporting Inter-Generational Relationships-Tending our Legacy - M. McDonnell & Guest from Cyber Seniors

All are welcome! Please invite your friends and neighbours to share in this new series of presentations.

There is no monetary cost for this program. For more information maureen@st-bonaventure.ca or phone 416-447-5571 ext. 550

#### News from the St. Vincent de Paul Society

"Give something. however small. to the one in need. For it is not small to one who has nothing. Neither is it small to God if we have given what we could." ~ St. Gregory Naziazen

Your generous donations have allowed us to serve those in need in our community by spending \$17,815.00 (to date this year) on charitable works, such as: grocery gift cards for food; gift cards and vouchers for children's clothing and footwear; beds; transportation; medical and summer program costs not covered by another source; and assistance to the 21 homes run by Central. Certain donated, gently used or unused household items, children's book and toys, bedding and suitable articles of clothing have also gone directly to families and/or persons in need of those items. Thank you!

#### **Casseroles for the Good Shepherd Centre**

The deadline for this month's casseroles is **Sunday**, October 22<sup>nd</sup>. If you can spare some time to make a casserole each month, contact Eva Trace at 416-447-3040

#### 100th Anniversary of the Apparition of Our Ladv of Fatima

Friday, October 13th will be the 100th anniversary of the apparition of Our Lady of Fatima. Please come and join us after the 9:00 am Mass to pray the Rosary with Litany in honour of Our Lady.

#### **CWL Annual Flea Market**

The CWL will be holding the annual flea market, in the Parish Hall from 9:30 am on Saturday, October 21st. Donations will be gratefully accepted on October 19 & 20. Please see the bulletin board at the back of the church regarding volunteers, raffle tickets and for more information.

#### Liturgy of the Word with Children: Sundays at the 10 am Mass

Through the dedication of volunteers, we are fortunate to be able to invite children to celebrate the Liturgy of the Word in a way in which they can participate. We believe that the Lord is present when we gather for worship and when the Scriptures are proclaimed. By providing a separate celebration of the Liturgy of the Word with children, we help our youngest parishioners encounter the Lord, interiorize the message of the Sunday Gospel, and pray together. We hope that this ageappropriate experience of the Liturgy will lead our children into full, active and conscious participation during the Mass, to which we are called.

#### We provide this ministry to children from age 3 (preschool) to age 9 (grade 4).

Volunteers are needed! Are you a person of praver? Do you seek the Lord within the Scripture? Are you at ease in the presence of children? Are you comfortable in front of a group? Do you have a couple of hours once or twice a month to prepare for the Liturgy of the Word? Are you a young person that would like to read the scriptures, sing, or play an instrument? Are you able to gently assist with keeping a prayerful atmosphere? Then, you may have the gifts necessary to serve in a variety of ways within this ministry. Please contact Greg at the Ministry Centre 416-447-5571 ext. 258, to learn more. Volunteer screening is required.

#### **Preparation for Confirmation**

In September 2015, the age to prepare for and celebrate Confirmation was lowered to 12 in the Archdiocese of Toronto. If your child is baptised Roman Catholic and 12 years old (grade 7) or older, then it will be important for you and your son or daughter to attend one of the following parent-youth Confirmation information sessions held in the Parish Centre.

- Wednesday, October 11th from 7 to 8:30 pm, or
- Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup> from 1:15 to 2:30 pm

#### Knights of Columbus - Culture of Life Program

The knights of Columbus wish to thank the parishioners for their contribution to the Roses for Life Program. We received a total of \$250.00 which will be donated to Sisters of Life.

#### **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend** October 20-22, 2017 (Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre, Mississauga)

Worldwide Marriage Encounter is a weekend getaway that helps married couple rediscover themselves as individuals and as a couple. The format helps couples communicate openly and honestly without group sharing, therapy or counselling. For more information and application, please go to www.wwme.org of contact: Gerard & Marge McCauley at gerard.marge@rogers.com or 905-792-1925