

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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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.



September 16, 2018

The Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Genuine Service of Others

The First Reading is from the third song of the Servant of Yahweh found in the book of Isaiah. Service is a theme of this liturgy, which links it to the theme of peace. After asking God to “give peace and to hear the prayers of your servant,” we pray that God will “show us how great is the call to serve, that we may share in the peace of Christ.”

The service that our faith calls for is genuine service, the actual performance of deeds that benefit those in need. James talks about this kind of service: what good is it, he asks, if we wish others well “but do not meet their bodily needs.”

The problem with commitment to genuine service of others is that it threatens the people of this world, who do not want to carry the burden of caring for people who have nothing to wear and no food for the day. The result is that those who work for peace in society by serving the needy must suffer.

Peter did not understand this principle at first, thinking that liberation could come without the need for suffering. Jesus has to correct him and teach him God’s standard: the Christian life of service amounts to carrying one’s cross in the footsteps of Jesus. The struggle for justice is no party!

Inspired by no earthly ambition, the Church seeks but a solitary goal: to carry forward the work of Christ Himself under the lead of the befriending Spirit. And Christ entered this world to give witness to the truth, to rescue and not to sit in judgment, to serve and not to be served.

Constitution on the Church in the Modern World, 1965:3
Now published 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 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 Teresa Krijgsman at 416-444-4719

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

Psalm 116 ~ I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.

Mass Intentions

Sept. 17 Monday 9:00 am † Caroline Elizabeth Will
 Sept. 18 Tuesday 9:00 am St. Bonaventure's students, teachers, and staff
 Sept. 19 Wednesday 9:00 am † Venette Padden
 Sept. 20 Thursday 9:00 am † Alejandro Rosario
 Sept. 21 Friday 9:00 am The Friars
 † Anna Meyer
 † Nick Fernandes
 † Kevin DeGrace
 † Serina Lloren
 † Ruth Caverley
 † Joseph Fotyi
 Sept. 22 Saturday 5:00 pm † Laurence Higgins
 Sept. 23 Sunday 8:30 am † Margaret Lamantia
 10:00 am † Aileen Moore
 12:00 pm Intentions of the Parishioners

Prayer Intentions

Sanctuary Lamp: †Mike and †Mary Koska

For the Sick:

Tony Guiney, Alfonz Pavli, Ashley Devlin, Joan Pape, Maggie Marquis, Raymund Fung, Teresita Peiris, Alice Eaglen, Joe Pimenta, Kay Corner, Dorothy Lord, Patricia DiBona, Michael Morra, Mary DiGregorio, Mabel Lim, Roger Payette and Elisabetta Schiavone

Celebrate the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi Blessings of Animals



Sunday, October 7th, 2:00 pm, in the courtyard of the Church. One of the most popular celebrations surrounding the feast of St. Francis is the annual blessing of animals. Come and bring your pets for a special blessing.

The Feast of St. Francis, Thursday, October 4th.

Come and celebrate with the Friars at the 9:00 am Mass with the St. Bonaventure School. Refreshments will follow in the Parish Main Hall.

The Transitus Celebration is on October 3rd at 7:00 pm at St. Philip Neri Church.

This Week in Our Parish

Monday, September 17

6:30 pm Brownies/Main Hall
 6:30 pm Sparks/Bonaventure Room
 7:00 pm Secular Franciscans Meeting/Francis Room

Tuesday, September 18

9:30 am Ministry with maturing Adults for the Second half of life/Francis Room
 7:00 pm Bible Study/Oak Room

Wednesday, September 19

7:30 pm Alcoholic Anonymous/Francis Room

Saturday, September 22

9:30 am Al Anon Group/Bonaventure Room
 9:30 am Christian Meditation Group/Oak Room

Sunday, September 23

1:15 pm First Reconciliation/First Communion Information Meeting/Main Hall

Theology and Tea

To all theological tea drinkers, T&T:

Let's start our time together this semester with a special session on our Church and the dominant issue of the abuse and cover-ups. We need to talk and pray, not to solve, but to understand the tension and climate in the Church today.

We will begin our investigation September 27th after Mass at 9:30 am. Bring a friend, or even an enemy, if you wish.

See you soon, ~ *Friar Mark*

The **FLEA MARKET** is the signature event of the St. Bonaventure Catholic Women's League which supports various charities. You may want to start putting away gently used items to donate: clothing, housewares, china, linens, small appliances, toys, small furniture that can be taken in a car, sports equipment, electronics, books (NO magazines, textbooks, encyclopedias, video or audio tapes please!), jewellery and holiday items.

WE DO NOT ACCEPT: mattresses, baby furniture and baby equipment or plants.

Items, including preserved goods (jam and jellies), can be dropped off from 9:30 am to 6:00 pm on Thursday, Oct. 18th and on Friday, Oct 19th from 9:30 am to 8:30 pm. All baked goods should be dropped off on Friday, Oct. 19th and Saturday, Oct. 20th morning in the Parish Hall.

Contact: Elfrieda Soans at 416-424-4984 and Judy Beca at 416-447-1711

Community Life

Sacramental Preparation 2018-2019 at St. Bonaventure Parish

The following information meetings are for parishioners of St. Bonaventure church.

Preparation for First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion

Roman Catholic children may begin to be prepared to celebrate their First Reconciliation (Confession) and First Communion around the age of 7. If you are the parent of a 7-year-old child (in grade 2), or older, who is baptised Roman Catholic, then it is important for you to attend one of the following parent information meetings in the Main Hall of the Parish Centre to learn about the preparation process, registration, and celebration of these Sacraments:

- Sunday, September 23rd from 1:15 to 2:45 pm, or
- Tuesday, September 25th from 7:00 to 8:30 pm

Preparation for Confirmation

In September 2015, the age when youth may begin to prepare for and celebrate Confirmation was lowered to age 12 in the Archdiocese of Toronto. If your child is baptised Roman Catholic and 12 years old (grade 7) or older, then it is important for you and your son or daughter to attend one of the following parent-youth Confirmation information sessions held in the Main Hall of the Parish Centre to learn about the preparation process, registration, and celebration of Confirmation:

- Sunday, October 14th from 1:15 to 2:30 pm, or
- Tuesday, October 16th from 7:00 to 8:30 pm

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

September 18 ~ Love at the Heart of the Cosmos:

What is the meaning of *Evolutionary Consciousness* in the writings of Sr. Ilia Delio? Today more than ever we need to understand and grapple with the profound link between science and religion. Franciscan Sister Ilia Delio in her writing as a scientist and as a theologian invites us to ponder how *love* is at the heart of the ever-expanding cosmos. ~Presentation by **Maureen McDonnell**.

Flyers with the dates and programme topics are available at the back of the church for you to take home! 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

Ministry with Maturing Adults Life Stories Program

A small-group Life Stories program will be offered in the Bonaventure Room for 8 consecutive Wednesday afternoons from Sept. 26 until Nov. 14, 2018. Time: 12:45 – 2:45 pm. Participants write and share stories about their lives. See brochures at the back of the church for more details. Cost: \$25. Preregistration required. To register, call Gisela Cote at 416-447-5571 Ext. 560

And now, a word from our Pastor:

Our prayers and support go to Ken, (Yiming) Christina, (Jialin) Gary and David whom we welcomed into the Order of Catechumens on Sunday. They are on their faith journey toward the Sacraments and full membership in our Catholic Church. We are honored that they wish to join us and congratulations to us, St. Bonaventure Parish. Our catechumens' desire to join us is a testimony to the strong faith and witness of our community.

Our thanks to the Knights of Columbus for sponsoring our parish barbeque. It was a wonderful opportunity to gather as friends in faith. Thank you to the Catholic Women's League for sponsoring the Red Sand Project and calling us to prayer and action on behalf of those enslaved by human trafficking.

News from the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Remember the more you give yourselves to others, the more you will receive and be happy! ~ Pope Francis

For those who took home information about our Society after Omar Ellis' presentation on Sunday and wish to become more involved as a volunteer, please phone Jack or Judy at 416-390-9495 to give us your name, phone number and email if you didn't already sign up. Alternatively, you may leave your application at the Church Ministry centre and we will get in touch with you. Our next meeting is October 17, 2018, 7:15 pm, Bonaventure Room. Special Request: A single mother with three preschoolers would like a working DVD player. The TV only brings in one station.

God's Invitation, Our Response: Catechumens in our Midst

The parish community has an important responsibility to support these men and women --- Catechumens --- as they are initiated into Christian discipleship. Sponsors from the parish promise to accompany the Catechumens during this period of formation, which normally lasts at least a year. Nevertheless, all of us are called to pray for our Catechumens, show them much hospitality, and give witness to what God is doing in the midst of our great parish and the world at large.

During the 10:00 am Mass this Sunday, September 16th, we will accept **Christina, David, Gary, and Ken** into the Catechumenate. May God continue to bless them on their journey of faith. May God bless us as we support them.

Stewardship: A Way of Living

September 9th Offertory Collections

Thank you for your generous donations.

Regular Collection:..... \$ **8,850.75**
 Maintenance Fund Offering \$ **3,605.30**
 Pre-Authorized Giving:..... \$ **2,926.00**
 Donate Now:..... \$ **328.00**

Second Collection:

September 30 ~ Needs of the Canadian Church Offering

October 07 ~ St. Clare Inn Offering

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (September 16) Faith and Works

Faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead. But someone will say, "You have faith and I have works." Show me your faith apart from your works, and I by my works will show you my faith. (James 2:17-18)

Isaiah 50:4-9a – Salvation through the Lord's servant

James 2:14-18 – Faith and good works

Mark 8:27-35 – First teaching of the Paschal event and the doctrine of the cross

Adults: Why should faith always lead to good works?

Kids: What good works can you do to show your Faith in Jesus?

Secular Franciscan Meeting

There will be a Secular Franciscan meeting *Monday, September 17, 2018 at 7:00 pm, Francis room.*

