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## **CELEBRATING FRANCISCAN WEEK**

Join our parish celebrations for the feast of St. Francis of Assisi.

### **Welcoming the Pilgrim Cross**

*Saturday, October 1, 5 pm*

Our parish community will welcome a special Franciscan "Pilgrim Cross" during the first week in October. The cross which was hand painted by one of the friars, is travelling throughout the two east coast Conventual Franciscan Provinces of Immaculate Conception and St. Anthony of Padua. The friars invite all to join them in prayerful support of the success of an important moment in the history of the Conventual Franciscans; the union of these provinces into one new province in 2014. The pilgrimage symbolizes a uniting of all ministries in these provinces to create a new entity for worship and service in the 21st century. A special prayer is available for recitation during our Eucharistic celebrations and for you to pray throughout the week at home, work or at times when you might reflect on the importance of the friars in our faith journey.

### **Town Hall Meeting**

*Sunday, October 2, 1 pm*

This is a time for listening and reflecting together on how to move forward as a parish community. Friar Paul will share

some of the fruit of the work already begun in conjunction with parish staff and our pastoral council in visioning the future. It will also be an opportunity for parishioners to express their hopes and aspirations for building the Kingdom of God here in our midst.

### **Annual Blessing of Animals**

*Sunday, October 2, 2 pm*

Bring your winged, gilled and four legged creatures as we pause to thank God for the wonder of all creation, especially for the companionship and blessings we share in through God's gifts.

### **Transitus Service**

*Monday, October 3, 7:30 pm*

This remembrance celebration is a long standing special moment of prayer which recalls the passing of Francis from this life to the gift of eternal life. We recall the great gift of Francis' life and blessing to the Church, as well as his witness and proclamation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the world. You are asked to please bring one can of soup as an offering for our local food bank.

### **Feast of St. Francis Liturgy**

*Tuesday, October 4, 7:30 pm*

We will gather for coffee, tea and dessert following our celebration.

### **CWL Regional Meeting & Liturgy**

*Wednesday, October 5, 7:30 pm*

The Catholic Women's League will have an opportunity to share the significance of the Pilgrim Cross with their guests.

### Installation Mass

Saturday, October 8, 5pm

The Most Reverend William McGrattan, Auxiliary Bishop, Archdiocese of Toronto will be the principal celebrant for the formal installation of our new pastor, Friar Paul. Our community will join in worship as we thank God for the continuing gift of the Holy Spirit given to us through the life and example of faith and joyful hope witnessed here by the Conventual Franciscan Friars. This special liturgy will include a formal transition and recognition ceremony which recalls the witness role of the pastor together with parishioners as faithful witnesses to the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the Church.

### LITURGY

The choirs for the 10 am and noon mass welcome new members. Contact Richard Foty, rfofy@st-bonaventure, 416.447. 5571, ext. 510

### PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

#### Are You Grieving a Loss?

September 22 to October 28, 7:30 pm

Join our Bereavement Support Group for individuals and families. Contact: Mildred Cope 416.445.8850

#### Casseroles for the Hungry

Casseroles are due Sunday, September 25. If you can help feed the hungry, contact Eva Trace, 416.447.3040.

### YOUTH FAITH FORMATION

#### Sacramental Preparation Begins

Tuesday September 27, 7 pm

Young parishioners who want to celebrate the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Communion need to register now. Registration forms are at the back of the church.

### ADULT FAITH FORMATION

#### Theology & Tea

Tuesdays, 9:30 am

The weekly discussion focuses on preparing for the 50th anniversary of Vatican II.

#### Regis College Windows on Theology

The Continuous Learning Series will present four non-credit courses, including an online offering, "Preparing Hearts, Minds and Places: Welcoming the New Roman Missal"

[www.RegisCollege.ca/Windows](http://www.RegisCollege.ca/Windows)

### COMMUNITY LIFE

#### Skill Development Workshops at the Parish

*Life Skills for Women: Sept. 21 to Oct.26, 7:30 pm*

Explore assertiveness, self-esteem, healthy boundaries and anger. Contact: Ginny Doty 416.444.6841.

*Christopher Leadership: Sept. 21 to Dec., 7 to 10 pm*

Enhance your leadership, communication skills, and confidence. Contact: 416.410.7776,

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#### Prayer Requests

Call Flora Wilson, 416.445.0487, or Friar Boniface, 416.447.5571, for private prayer.

LITURGY		THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH		COMMUNITY LIFE	
9:00 am	The Friars	<b>Monday</b> <b>September 19</b>	7:00 pm 7:30 pm	Youth Leadership/Ministry Centre Secular Franciscans/Francis Room	
9:00 am	† Nello Altomare	<b>Tuesday</b> <b>September 20</b>	9:30 am 7:30 pm	Theology & Tea/Francis Room Small Faith Sharing/Bonaventure Room	
9:00 am	† Aldo Cralli & Fiorinda Delnim	<b>Wednesday</b> <b>September 21</b>	7:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:30 pm 8:00 pm	Inquiry Meeting/Old Friary Christopher Leadership/Bonaventure Room Life Skills for Women/Oak Room Alcoholics Anonymous/Francis Room	
9:00 am	† Margaret Lamantia	<b>Thursday</b> <b>September 22</b>	6:00 pm 7:30 pm	All Candidates Meeting/Main Hall Bereavement Support/Oak Room	
9:00 am	† Stan Rankin	<b>Friday</b> <b>September 23</b>	6:00 pm	Family Pasta Dinner/Main Hall	
9:00 am 4:00 pm 5:00 pm	Intention of Donor Reconciliation † Vince O'Neill	<b>Saturday</b> <b>September 24</b>	9:30 am 9:30 am 10:00 am	Pastoral Council/Main Hall Christian Meditation/Oak Room Al-Anon/ Bonaventure Room	
8:30 am 10:00 am 12:00 pm	Parishioners † Louis Pomeroy Victor Andrew	<b>Sunday</b> <b>September 25</b>			

The Priest, extending his hands, greets the people, saying:

The Lord be with you.

The people reply:

And with your spirit.

This greeting is made several times during Mass. It comes, of course from the Latin, 'Dominus vobiscum' and it has been used at Mass since earliest times.

It is a Jewish greeting that is found many times in the Bible. Sometimes it is used to promise that God shall be with someone (Amos 5:14) or a prayer that he will protect or help (Joshua 14:12). It can be used to say hello or goodbye (Ruth 2:4, 1Samuel 17:37, 20:13). In Latin it can be taken as meaning both a prayer that God should be with others or a confident statement that he is present among them.

'The Lord be with you' is used at Mass at certain important moments when prayer, a reading or an action is about to happen. It is a greeting that helps us to focus on our beginning something. We respond, affirming that God is indeed present and that we are ready to proceed - that we are all involved in what is going to happen.

Above all it is about the presence of the Lord. It can occur at four important moments in the Mass to help us think about the presence of Christ.

At the beginning of Mass, we remember that we gather in the presence of Christ ('where two or three are gathered together in my name' Matt 18:20),

At the proclamation of the Readings, we remember Christ speaks to us in the Word. At the beginning of the Eucharistic Prayer, when Christ becomes present among us as we share in his sacrifice under sacramental signs.

At the end of Mass, Christ is with us as we glorify him by our lives and witness.

There should be a joy about this greeting and response that can be easily lost. They are acclamations that Christ is present with us in our celebration. If the Lord is with us then we should rejoice. A hope is expressed that he will accompany us in this sacred action. As we enter the sacred mysteries, the Saviour joins us.

**Q** Think about/discuss our awareness of how Jesus is present with us in these different ways.

And with your spirit

The response 'And with your spirit' to 'The Lord be with you' is part of a Jewish greeting used in the Bible and in the Mass from earliest times.

Think carefully about the way the word 'spirit' is being used. It means the whole of us. It sums up all that makes us truly human. Made in the God's image, we are creatures with a body who have a spiritual destiny.

In the Apostles' Creed we say we believe 'in the resurrection of the body'. Here we are talking about our bodies that will be raised like Jesus'. Our bodies help us to know who we are. Looking in the mirror it is those eyes we recognise, that face we know. Our features, the lines formed by laughter or sorrow, the hair (or lack of it!) and much more record who we are and what has happened to us. Remember Saint Thomas wanting to put his finger into the holes made by the nails and the spear so that he would know that it really was Jesus.

Our bodies are part of what will be redeemed. They change and decay but the fact that we have one is part of what makes us ourselves. It is not a question of shape or size. People are no less human if they lose a limb or are tiny in the womb.

But it would be impossible to be a human being if we had never in some way had a body.

When we use this word 'spirit' we should also think about what each of us shall be eventually. When Saint Paul explained the resurrection of the body in his first letter to the Corinthians (Chapter 15) he likened our death to a seed being planted to emerge as something so much greater than what was laid in the earth. A simple physical body is laid to rest but a spiritual, life-filled body will be raised.

In our reply we say that the Lord is with the priest who has greeted us in every aspect of who he is. The priest is really saying this about us as he says 'the Lord be with you'.

Also we are praying that the Lord may be with the priest in every aspect of his life and who he is and who he will be. It applies to all of us too. Using the word 'spirit' reminds us that we are thinking about who we are and who we shall be.

Should the priest say 'the Lord be with your spirit' to recall that this spiritual aspect applies both to priest and people? Unfortunately it would unravel a greeting taking us back to the Church's beginning. There is graciousness in this Hebrew greeting. One person mentions the Lord's presence and the other adds more. There is much to be said for preserving this ancient example of Middle Eastern charm and good manners.

*The above is based on a series of resources produced by the Liturgy Office of the Bishops' Conference to accompany the introduction of the 3rd edition of the Roman Missal © 2011 Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales.*

### **Roman Missal Workshops**

If you would like to learn more, the Archdiocese of Toronto is offering the following workshops at no charge. Call 5416.934.3400 ext. 523 for further information.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Parish</b>
Tuesday, September 20	7:30 - 9:30 pm	Holy Family, Whitby
Thursday, September 22	2:00 - 4:00 pm	St. Monica's, Toronto
Monday, September 26	7:30 - 9:30 pm	St. Gregory, Etobicoke
Saturday, October 1	10:00 - 12 noon	St. Andrew Kim, North York
Saturday, October 1	10:30 - 12 noon	St. Margaret's, Midland
Wednesday, October 5	7:30 - 9:30 pm	Annunciation Parish, Toronto

Contact the Ministry Centre to register.

## 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.

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SUNDAY 9:00 am - 1:30 pm - Limited Services  
WEB SITE: [www.st-bonaventure.ca](http://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](http://Franciscans.org) for information on vocations to religious life and priesthood

**Justice, Peace & Creation**

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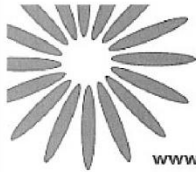
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