

**Week Liturgy:** Monday to Friday, 9:00 am  
**Sacrament of Reconciliation:**  
Saturday, 4:00 pm  
**Sunday Liturgy:** Saturday Vigil, 5:00 pm  
Sunday, 8:30 am, 10:00 am  
and 12 noon

#### Ministry Centre Hours

**Monday to Thursday:** 9 am to 4:30 pm  
**Friday:** 9 am to 3 pm  
**Closed for lunch:** 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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### Sacramental Preparation 2019-2020 at St. Bonaventure Parish

The following information meetings are for parishioners of St. Bonaventure's Church.

#### Preparation for First Reconciliation and First 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 will be 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 22nd, 1:15 to 2:45 pm,**
- or
- **Tuesday, September 24th, 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 will be important for **you and your son or daughter** to attend **one** of the following Parent-Youth Confirmation Information Meetings held in the Main Hall of the Parish Centre to learn about the preparation process, registration, and celebration of Confirmation:

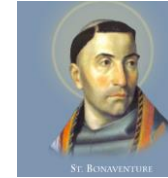
- **Sunday, October 6th, 1:15 to 2:30 pm,**
- or
- **Tuesday, October 8th, 7:00 to 8:15 pm**

#### 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 more easily participate. We believe that the Lord is present when we gather for worship and when the Scriptures are proclaimed. We help our children encounter the Lord, interiorize the message of the Sunday Gospel, and pray together. We hope this experience of the Liturgy will lead our children into full, active, and conscious participation during the Mass as they get older, to which we are all called. **This ministry is geared to children from age 4 to age 9. The volunteers will resume the Liturgy of the Word with Children at the 10:00 am Mass this Sunday, 15th September.**

## THE FRANCISCAN CHURCH OF ST. BONAVENTURE

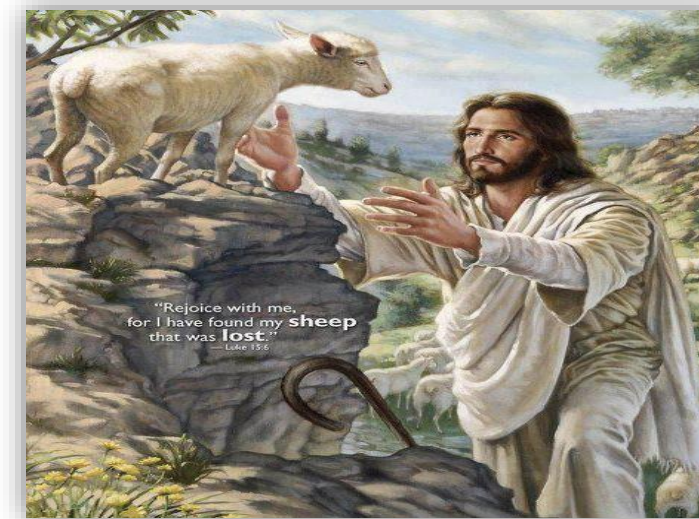
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YOU ARE ALWAYS WELCOME AT ST. BONAVENTURE

**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 15, 2019**  
**Twenty-Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time**



#### Lost Sheep

Today's liturgy is about the lost sheep, the people who "have become depraved," the criminals and doers of evil who have offended against God and society. These are the lost people who are like the prodigal son, wasting everything they have on dissolute living. They present a challenge to us just as the prodigal son presented a challenge to his family.

The message today's liturgy is forgiveness, leaving the ninety-nine sheep in the wasteland and following the lost one until he is found. Our model is the father of the prodigal son, who forgives the past and welcomes his dead son back to life. Our task is to reconcile, for "the Good News of reconciliation God has entrusted to us."

It is contrary to the spirit of this liturgy to lock people up in prison and on death row and forget about them. Our task of reconciliation involves making it possible for the most "lost" human beings to rise "and go to my Father."

We worship God by professing our belief that "Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners." We worship God by rejoicing in the salvation of the lost sheep.

U.S. Bishops, [Statement on Capital Punishment](#), 1980:11. Now published in book form, To Love and Serve: Lectionary Based Meditations, by Gerald Darring.

#### And Now, A Word from Our Patron Saint

Humans do not fear a powerful army as much as the powers of evil fear the name and protection of Mary.

*St. Bonaventure*

**Join our Parish:** Pick-up a registration form at the back of 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 Dennis](#) or [Friar Peter](#) at least one year before the desired date. Couples need to participate in a Marriage Preparation Course.

**Religious Life:** Discerning a call to the consecrated religious life 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](mailto: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 51 ~ I will leave this place and go to my Father.*

**This Week in Our Parish Hall**

**Community Life**

**Mass Intentions**

September 16	Monday	9:00 am	†Ruth Hartman
September 17	Tuesday	9:00 am	†Carmelo Schiavone
September 18	Wed.	9:00 am	Students, Teachers & Staff (School Mass)
September 19	Thursday	9:00 am	†Marie Calderone
September 20	Friday	9:00 am	Brothers, Sisters and Benefactors of the OFM †Richard DeNatale †Mary Njoku †John & †Peidade Claro †Nan McNally †Maria Lopez Artiaga †Elizabeth Young
September 21	Saturday	5:00 pm	†Laurence Higgins
September 22	Sunday	8:30 am	†Norman Taban-Ud
		10:00 am	†Aileen Moore
		12:00 pm	†Monique Popiel

**Prayer Intentions:**

Sanctuary Lamp: Personal Intentions

Vigil Lamp: †Dr. Nancy Fernandes

**For the Sick:** Beatriz Ortega, Michelena Oakes, Douglas Woollings, Margaret Fernando, Josephine Jenkinson, Christine Wojnicki, Alfonz Pavli, Raymund Fung, Kay Corner, Dorothy Lord, Mary Jane Coronado, Mabel Lim, Fernando DiBona, Pina Aristodemo and Carol Marchant.

**For the Deceased:** George D'Silva

**Monday, September 16**

7:00 pm Secular Franciscans Meeting/Francis Room

**Tuesday, September 17**

7:00 pm Confirmation Catechist Meeting/Boardroom

**Wednesday, September 18**

7:00 pm Alcoholic Anonymous/Francis Room

7:00 pm GRASP/Oak Room

**Saturday, September 21**

9:30 am Christian Meditation/Oak Room

9:30 am Al Anon Group/Bonaventure Room

5:00 pm Fr. Peter jubilee celebration/Church then Main Hall

**Sunday, September 22**

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

1:15 pm CWL – Talk by Sister Francis, CPS/Francis Room

**News from the Society of St. Vincent de Paul**

*In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us that the Shepherd rejoices when He finds one lost sheep. The story teaches us that nothing and no one is insignificant to God who is compassionate and loving to all.*

Is there a neighbour or friend of yours who is in temporary need because of a loss of a job or an illness? Please leave a message at the Ministry Centre for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul...we want to help!

**Secular Franciscan Meeting**

**The Secular Franciscan meeting will be Monday, September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 7:00 pm, Francis Room.**

**Casseroles for the Good Shepherd Centre**

This month's deadline is **September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2019**. Drop off your casseroles at the Ministry Centre. If you can spare some time to make a casserole each month, contact **Eva Trace at 416-447-3040. (to get your pan and recipe)**

**The Catholic Women's League** invites all members and parishioners to a talk by Sister Francis on Sunday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> at 1:15 pm in the Francis Room.

Sister Francis, CPS Missionary Sisters of the Precious Blood, is a dynamic and engaging speaker who will have us all laughing and enjoy listening to her tell us of her life journey which led her to become a nun. She says, "When is the last time you had a good laugh? Did you know God has a sense of humour?" Come and enjoy a good laugh with Sister Francis.

**St. Michael's College School Open House**

The Office of Admissions of St. Michael's College School is now considering applications for September 2020. St. Michael's College School is Ontario's only independent Catholic school for young men from Grade 7 to Grade 12. Open houses for prospective students and their families will be held on Thursday, October 17 and Tuesday, October 22 from 7:30 to 9:30 pm. Please register at [ApplySMCS.com](http://ApplySMCS.com).  
Location: St. Michael's College School, 1515 Bathurst Street Toronto ON. M5P 3H4 (at St. Clair Avenue West)

**St. Bonaventure's Ministry with Maturing Adults  
New Fall Series of Topics, 2019**



Ministry with Maturing Adults invites a deepening awareness of the depths of our spiritual life as we grow into the fullness of our wisdom years. The program offers an exploration of relevant and thought-provoking topics led by a variety of presenters. All are welcome, please come and participate in this most satisfying program. We are pilgrims together!

We will meet on **Tuesday, September 24 at 9:30 to 11:30 am in the Main Hall**. We begin with coffee, tea and treats.

**September 24 – "Deepening our Creativity" an exciting and stimulating workshop with Katie Marshall Flaherty**

Katie Marshall Flaherty is an award-winning poet and writer. She has over 30 years experience in animating and facilitating interactive and inspirational workshops in writing, editing and poetry writing, fiction and memoir.

**Other Tuesdays Dates: October 8<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>;  
November 5<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>.  
Mark your calendar!**

For more information please contact Maureen McDonnell, [maureen@st-bonaventure.ca](mailto:maureen@st-bonaventure.ca)

**Theology and Tea**

The next T&T will be **Thursday, September 26<sup>th</sup> after the 9:00 am Mass in the Francis Room.**

All are welcome, bring a friend and spirit of holy adventure to explore and appreciate God's presence in our world and in one another. Come and enjoy how God enters our life and we embrace the gift.

**Computer Assistance for Seniors**

Senator O'Connor College School is commencing their Cyber Seniors' Program on Wednesday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> at 3:00 pm in the School Library. The program is run by student volunteers and is designed to assist seniors with computer/internet related questions or get them started with basic skills. The School is located at 60 Rowena Drive, off Victoria Park between Lawrence and Ellesmere. All are welcome to attend. Contact Anna Szumilas teacher/librarian at 416-393-5505.

Congratulations to Orfelina Millan of Orfe Eco-Art Program. She will receive the Climate Arts Awards in recognition of her creative work. She will be presenting at the CBC Glenn Gould studio during TIFF, Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup> at 1 pm.

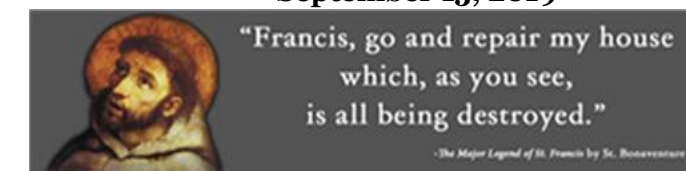
**And Now, A Word from Our Pastor**

When exam time came around in the seminary, we friars would pray to a member of our Franciscan Friars Conventual Order. His name was St. Joseph Cupertino (September 18 is his saint's day) and he is the patron saint of students. Joseph lived in the 17<sup>th</sup> century and struggled with his studies. It was the custom for professors to give their students a list of 50 questions to research; their final exam would be one of those questions. Joseph said a Hail Mary and studied only one of the questions. Wouldn't you know it? That was the exact question for his final exam, and he passed with flying colors.

We friars prayed to Joseph, but some of us found out the hard way that we needed to study a lot more than he did! So, students, at exam time when you pray, St. Joseph Cupertino will do his part, but you need to do your part. "St. Joseph Cupertino pray for me and help me to study well. Amen."

Congratulations to *Mila Maria Belmonte, Aryanna Gabrielle Dela Cruz, James Aaden McNeilly, Benjamin Leonardo Penney, Leo Christopher Young* who were given new birth by water and the Holy Spirit and welcomed into God's Holy People through Baptism.

**Vocation Seeds~ 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
~ September 15, 2019**



God is the Father with the open arms. Who will preach this Good news of reconciliation? Consider service as a priest or deacon, brother or sister. If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, visit the website: [www.vocationtoronto.ca](http://www.vocationtoronto.ca); [www.franciscans.org](http://www.franciscans.org) or speak with one of the friars.

**Please join us on Saturday, September 21<sup>st</sup> at the 5:00 pm Mass as we mark Fr. Peter's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ordination to the priesthood. Following the Mass, we will have a reception to congratulate Fr. Peter in the Parish Hall.**

**Stewardship: A Way of Living**

**September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Offertory Collections**

**Thank you for your generous donations.**

Regular Collection ..... \$ **9,348.00**

Pre-Authorized Giving ..... \$ **2,926.00**

Donate Now ..... \$ **328.00**

**The final total for our 2019 ShareLife Campaign is \$111,578.90. Congratulations! We have surpassed our goal of \$110,000. Thank you so much for your generosity!**

**Hurricane Dorian**

In an effort to support those have been most directly impacted by Hurricane Dorian, the Archdiocese of Toronto is accepting funds that will be sent through our Catholic Relief Partners. Contributions can be made through our parishes and through the Archdiocese of Toronto online portal at [www.archtoronto.org](http://www.archtoronto.org).

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

1. Online through the Archdiocese of Toronto website.
2. By phone through the Development Office 4169343411
3. Through the parish, making cheques payable to:  
Name of Parish-2019 Hurricane Dorian-Disaster Relief







