

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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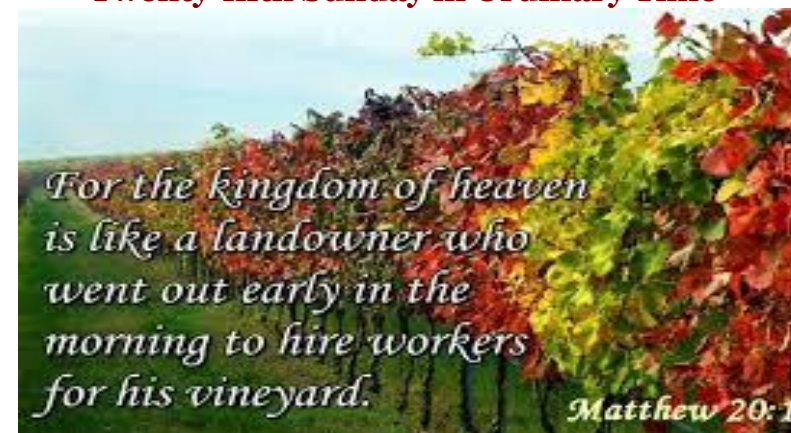
YOU ARE ALWAYS WELCOME AT ST. BONAVENTURE

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 24, 2017

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Matthew 20. 1-16

The people who came late had the same right to a decent life as those who had worked all day, so they are all treated equally. Nothing is taken from anyone, but all are treated in accord with their dignity, their right to a decent life. Such is God's justice. "My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord." Perhaps we would have a better world if we were to adopt some of God's ways. After all, "the Lord is just in all his ways," and that is something which cannot be said of all our ways.

"Father, guide us according to your law of love." Free us from our law of vindictive justice.

Biblical justice is more comprehensive than subsequent philosophical definitions. It is not concerned with a strict definition of rights and duties, but with the rightness of the human condition before God and within society. Nor is justice opposed to love; rather, it is both a manifestation of love and a condition for love to grow.

U.S. Bishops, [Economic Justice for All](#), 1986:39; Gerald Darring

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 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 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

Prayer Network: Members pray daily for intentions held in confidence. Contact Nimfa Chua at 416-447-5047

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

The Lord is near to all who call on him. (Psalm 145)

Mass Intentions

Sept. 25 Monday	9:00 am	†Chuk Wang Chan
Sept. 26 Tuesday	9:00 am	†Margaret Lamantia
Sept. 27 Wednesday	9:00 am	†Dina Barata
Sept. 28 Thursday	9:00 am	†Chidalu Martins
Sept. 29 Friday	9:00 am	Thanksgiving Int. Int. of Parishioners Souls in Purgatory †Raymond Farrell †Ted Burns
Sept. 30 Saturday	5:00 pm	†Claude Thomson
Oct. 1 st Sunday	8:30 am	†Yong Soo Kim
	10:00 am	†Joseph Mascarenhas
	12:00 pm	†Peter Glowczewski

Prayer Intentions

Sanctuary Lamp: †Salvatore Vella

For the Sick: Cathy Valenti, Weston Druery, Teresita Peiris, Mark Reffle, Clement Leung, Jamal Ramani, Gabrielle Suthers, Mabel Lim, Reita Williams, Lina Cornacchio, Dorothy Lord, Bernie Hanrahan, and Raymond Daly

For the Deceased: Friar Justin Biasi, OFM Conv.

Stewardship: A Way of Living

September 17 Offertory Collection

Thank you for your generous donations.

Regular Collection: \$ 9,527.25

Maintenance Fund Collection: \$ 3,828.00

Donate Now: \$ 328

Pre-Authorized Giving: \$ 2,906

Second Collection:

October 1st – St. Clare Inn Offering

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time God's generosity

Reading I Isaiah 55: 6-9 (seeking the Lord)

Reading II Philippians 1:20-24,27 (spreading the gospel)

Gospel Matthew 20:1-16 (the laborers in the vineyard)

The landowner said "Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?" (Matthew 20:14-15)

Adult: What lessons do you draw from today's Gospel? How has God been generous to you in this way?

Child: Who is generous to you, even when you do not always deserve it?

Celebrate the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi

Blessings of Animals



Sunday, October 1st, 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.

Transitus Service. This year the Transitus Service will be held at **St. Philip Neri Church, 2100 Jane Street on Tuesday, October 3rd at 7:00 pm.** We invite you to join the Friars and Secular Franciscans as we celebrate the ancient custom of recounting the life and death of St. Francis of Assisi.

Feast of St. Francis. Wednesday, October 4th.

Come and celebrate with the Friars at the 9:00 am Mass.

Interfaith Prayer Service for Peace: "Name(s) of God" in Different Faith Traditions. Thursday, October 5th, 7:00 pm at St. Philip Neri Parish, 2100 Jane Street. Join Bishop Robert Kasun and other religious leaders for this prayer service. For more information and to RSVP please contact Vivian Kwok vkwok@archtoronto.org 416-934-3440 ext. 527 or Br. Alan Gaebel alan.gaebel@gmail.com 416-241-3101 ext. 245

This Week in Our Parish

Monday, September 25

6:30 pm Brownies/Francis Room

6:30 pm Sparks/Bonaventure Room

Tuesday, September 26

9:45 am Ministry of Maturing Adults, Spirituality & Healthy Living in the Second Half of Life/Francis Room

7:00 pm Bible Study Group/Oak Room

7:00 pm Sacramental Preparation-Parent Meeting/Main Hall

7:00 pm CWL General Meeting with speaker/Francis Rm.

Wednesday, September 27

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

Saturday, September 30

9:30 am Christian Meditation Group/Oak Room

9:30 am Al-Anon Group/Bonaventure Room

1:00 pm Sacramental Preparation-Parent Meeting/Francis Room

5:00 pm Sacramental Preparation-Registration/Francis Rm.

Sunday, October 1st

8:30 am Sacramental Preparation-Registration/Bonaventure Room

2:00 pm Blessing of the Animals/Church Courtyard

Volunteers Needed!

We have a number of people who are not able to come to church and miss being able to receive Our Lord. These people who live in their homes or in the nursing/senior residences near the church. If you are able to give or spend 15-30 minutes of your time to bring them Holy Communion, please contact Friar Peter at the Ministry Centre 416-447-5571 ext. 233. Volunteer screening is required.

Community Life

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 age-appropriate 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 prayer? 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 mandatory.

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 15th from 1:15 to 2:30 pm

Knights of Columbus – Culture of Life Program

The knights of Columbus will be selling **Roses (Stickers)** after each Mass on **September 30th/October 1st weekend** as part of their Culture of Life Program. This is in aid of millions of babies whose lives have been lost to abortion and proceeds will be donated to Sisters of Life or any registered charities protecting the unborn.

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

St. Bonaventure's Ministry with Maturing Adults presents a *new six-part series*. "Spirituality and Healthy Vibrant Living in the Second Half of Life"

Programme Topic: It's All God, Anyway: Poetry for the Everyday, Jennifer (Jinks) Hoffmann, Poet and Author

Tuesday, September 26th, 9:45 to 11:30 am in the Francis room. **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

St. Vincent de Paul (24 April 1581 – 27 September 1660) was a French Roman Catholic priest who dedicated himself to serving the poor. He is venerated as a saint in the Catholic Church and the Anglican Communion. He was canonized in 1737. He was renowned for his compassion, humility and generosity.

Vincent is the patron of all works of charity. A number of organizations specially inspired by his work and teaching and which claim St. Vincent de Paul as their founder or Patron, are grouped in a loose federation known as the Vincentian Family.

Among these organizations is the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul, a charitable organization dedicated to the service of the poor, established in 1833 by French university students, led by the Blessed Frederic Ozanam. The Society is today present in 132 countries.

CWL General Meeting

The CWL invite all women of the parish to a **General Meeting on Tuesday, September 26, at 7:00 pm in the Francis Room.**

The highlight of the meeting will be the opportunity to listen to a dynamic, exciting, and humorous motivational speaker, singer and musician, **Suzanne Baresich**, who specializes in Christian events with a focus on Women's Ministry. She shares her own story with the gospel in a beautifully woven tapestry of humour, words, music and pictures. The event welcomes all women of all ages.

CWL Annual Flea Market

The CWL will be holding the annual flea market, our major fundraising project, in the Parish Hall from 9:30 am on Saturday, October 21st. Donations will be gratefully accepted on October 19 & 20. Now is the time to consider clearing out those unused items. Details to follow later.

100th Anniversary of the Apparition of Our Lady 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.

