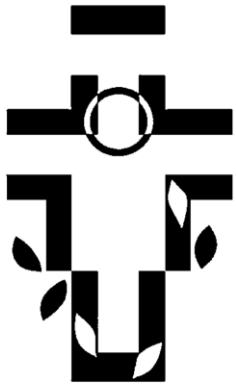


*Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 14, 2024*



*Growing
in Spirit,
Community,
and Service*

Mass Times

Sunday Eucharist

*Saturday Vigil: 5 pm
Sunday: 8:30 am, 10 am
and 12 noon*

Weekday Eucharist

9 am: Monday to Friday

***Sacrament of
Reconciliation***

Saturday: 9 to 10 am

Ministry Centre

Hours

*10 AM– 4 PM
Monday, Wednesday,
Friday
and by appointment on
Tuesday & Thursday*

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Bonnie News

Franciscan Church of St. Bonaventure



Saint John the Baptist pointing out Christ as the Lamb of God (1500-1510), by anonymous Master of the Saint John Altarpiece, Netherlands Oil on panel. © Philadelphia Museum of Art.

*Beginnings—
just tiny stirrings
which disturb our even surface,
prodding us into new and different shapes...
claiming their place
on our horizons—
stretching us
where we would not go—
yet we must.
Driven by life forces
deeper than our dreams,
we dare to rise
and grasp towards
the new young thing—
not yet born—
but insistent—
like a tight seed bursting
for life,
carrying within it
all the power
of a woman's
birthing thrust.*

From Edwina Gateley, There Was No Path So I Trod One (1996, 2013)

FROM THE PASTOR ~ PASTORAL LETTERS

On occasion, I receive requests to submit a pastoral letter that is part of the application process for positions in the Catholic School Boards. This kind of letter presupposes that the applicant is a parishioner of St. Bonaventure and that I have sufficient knowledge of his/her practice of the Catholic faith to speak to the suitability of the applicant to work in Catholic education. For this reason, prospective applicants need to submit their request for a pastoral letter to me at least six months prior to the submission of their application. Suitability to work in Catholic education calls for a certain level of involvement in the life of the parish. Those seeking a pastoral letter should consider volunteering in one of the ministries of the parish. ~ Friar Tom

LITURGY & SACRAMENTS

THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, January 15	9 AM	† Joyce Wells
Tuesday, January 16	9 AM	† Barry Beatty
Wednesday, January 17	9 AM	† Deanna Andrew
Thursday, January 18	9 AM	† Louis and Marie Fung
Friday, January 19	9 AM	† Ellen Marie Hughes † Joan Bent † Jeanette Valeriote † Noreen Lobo The Parishioners
Saturday, January 20	5 PM	† Evangeline Beltran
Sunday, January 21	8:30 AM	The Parishioners
	10 AM	Intentions of Joan Watson
	12 PM	† Francisco Robles
Sanctuary Lamps Bl. Sac. Bl. Sac. O.L. Chapel		† Victor & Deanna Andrew
		† Jean-Gabriel Castel
		† Raymond Fung

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Confessions are heard on a weekly basis on Saturdays from 9 to 10 am in the Mary Chapel. In addition, confessions are heard on the first Monday of the month from 1 to 2 pm. Finally, you can always make an appointment with Fr. Peter or Fr. Tom to celebrate this Sacrament in which we encounter our merciful God.

800TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NATIVITY SCENE AT GRECCIO ~ PLENARY INDULGENCE



On the occasion of the 800th anniversary of "Christmas at Greccio" as experienced by St. Francis of Assisi, the Apostolic Penitentiary grants a plenary (full) indulgence to all the faithful who, from December 8, 2023 (Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary) to February 2, 2024 (Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord) visit and pray before a Nativity scene in a church entrusted to the Franciscan friars.

By pausing in devout prayer before a nativity scene in a church served by Franciscans, the faithful may obtain the plenary indulgence for themselves or the souls of the deceased under the following usual conditions:

The faithful must, in addition to being in the state of grace:

- have the interior disposition of complete detachment from sin, even venial sin;
- have sacramentally confessed their sins;
- receive Holy Communion;
- pray for the intentions of the Holy Father.

The parish's Nativity scene has been moved to Our Lady's Chapel, where it will remain until February 2.

ORDINARY TIME: WINTER



What do the words *Ordinary Time* mean? Dorothy Day said, “The words ‘Ordinary Time’ in our prayer books put me in a state of confusion and irritation. To me, no time is ordinary.” She was right. The *Ordinary* in Ordinary Time refers to ordinal – counted – time, not to a lack of something to celebrate. The Roman document, *General Norms for the Liturgical Year and Calendar*, says: “Apart from those seasons having their own distinctive character [Advent, Christmastime, Lent, Triduum, and Eastertime], 33 or 34 weeks remain in the yearly cycle that do

not celebrate a specific aspect of the mystery of Christ. Rather, especially on the Sundays, they are devoted to the mystery of Christ in all its aspects.” (#43)

How do we celebrate “the mystery of Christ in all its aspects”? We gather every Sunday. Sunday is our original feast day. Christians have gathered every Sunday – the day of Christ’s resurrection, the first day of the week – ever since there were Christians.

Each year there are two blocks of Ordinary Time, one in the winter between Christmastime and Lent, and the other in summer and fall, from Pentecost through Christ the King. When we gather on Sundays in Ordinary Time, as always, we hear the scriptures proclaimed. We systematically read through the gospels. The first readings from the first testament of the Bible were chosen for their relationship to the gospel passages. The second readings come from the various letters of the second testament of the bible. The mystery of Christ “in all its aspects” unfolds.

What is the heart of our Sunday celebration? We do our eucharist; that is, we do our thanksgiving. We praise and thank God for all creation; we pray for the whole world, as we remember Christ’s life, death and resurrection. We share the bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ. We are sent forth to be the body and blood of Christ in our homes, our workplaces, our neighbourhoods, our towns, our cities, our country, our world.

“What happens in our churches every Sunday is the fruit of our week. What happens as the fruit of the week past is the beginning of the week to come. Sunday is simultaneously a point of arrival and departure for Christians on their way to the fullness of the kingdom. This is not ordinary at all. This is the fabric of Christian living.” (*Saint Andrew Bible Missal* [Brooklyn: William J. Hirten Co., 1982.]

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PRAYER



In our charity we remember those who are ill and all who have requested a remembrance in our prayers.

We commend to the Lord the members of our parish who died recently:

+ *Jim Meyer*, + *Marjorie McGinty*, + *Gerry Devlin*, + *Alice Eaglen*, + *Deanna Andrew*, + *Norman Bell*,
+ *Jean-Gabriel Castel* and + *Romi Walsh*.

PRAYER NETWORK REQUESTS

Network members pray daily for your prayer intentions which are held in confidence. New members are welcome! Please call Teresa Krijgsman at 416-444-4719 with your prayer intentions or if you would like to join the prayer network.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY ~ JANUARY 18-25

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is celebrated around the world from January 18 to 25. This universal week of prayer encourages Christians of all denominations to pray that all may be one, as Christ desires. The theme for this year is based on Luke 10:27: *You shall love the Lord your God...and your neighbour as yourself.* A resource for personal or group prayer titled "Eight Days of Prayer," containing daily Scripture readings, reflections, discussion questions, and prayers, may be downloaded from:

<https://www.weekofprayer.ca/sites/default/files/8%20Eight%20Days%20of%20Prayer%202024%20WPCU.pdf>

HELPING OTHERS

CASSEROLES FOR THE GOOD SHEPHERD REFUGE

In December the Good Shepherd received 42 casseroles from the Bonnie Cooks.

Now, 2024 gives the opportunity to begin again with the commitment of helping to feed those in need of a hot meal. We need more cooks to reach a goal of 50 casseroles each month. A BIG THANK YOU to all those faithful cooks who have provided a casserole either monthly or whenever possible. It all helps.

In these cold winter days hungry people find a warm place, to eat a hot meal at the Good Shepherd. Please be a part of this mission of mercy. Pans and recipes pans are available in the cupboard at the back of the church. Remember to sign for the pans you need.

FOOD DRIVE FOR THE GOOD SHEPHERD CENTRE

The weekly food drive at St. Bonaventure Church helps provide meals for the homeless and at-risk individuals in our community. The Food Drive for the Good Shepherd was started a year ago. With the support and generous food donations from our parishioners and the children of St. Bonaventure School. So far this year we have sent ten thousand lbs. of food to the Good Shepherd to help feed the hungry. Wow!!!

Thank you. Thank you, to all our parishioners and the children of St. Bonaventure for your generous donations.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL



SERVING IN HOPE. Vincentians 'Serve in Hope' because we are called to bring the love of God and the compassion of Jesus to people in need. St. Vincent said, "God demands first the heart, then the work". It is only with our heart that we can bring compassion, respect and devotion to members of our community who are vulnerable and marginalized.



By visiting people in need in their homes and walking alongside to guide them to resources to break the cycle of poverty, we give them hope for the future. Your generous donations to our poor boxes and through Canada Helps do help us make a difference. Thank you!

Our confidential helpline is: **416-447-5571 Ext. 570.**

In addition to donating through our poor boxes located at our three main exits, online donations can be made securely through our QR code or the following link:

<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/society-of-st-vincent-de-paul-st-bonaventure-conference/>

UPCOMING EVENTS

MINISTRY WITH MATURING ADULTS

Nurturing Our Spirituality in the Second Half of Life With a Focus on Care of the Body, Mind and Spirit

Coffee and Conversation: 9:45 - 10:00 am

Meeting: 10:00 - 11:30 am



**January 16, 2024: Following the Star - Reflections on Epiphany and the Journey of the Three Wise Men
Facilitated by Trena Finnegan, Coordinator, Ministry with Maturing Adults**

The morning will include presentation, music, prayer, small group sharing and a time for reflection.

**January 30, 2024: Practical Spirituality from the perspective of a Permanent Deacon
Presented by Deacon Peter Lovrick, D.Min. M.A. B.A.**

Loving God, Church and Family and how to navigate through these in our challenging times. Please bring your bible and rosary if you can!

Dcn Peter Lovrick was ordained to the Sacred Order of Deacons in 2002 after four years in formation at St Augustine Seminary. In addition to serving various parishes in the Archdiocese of Toronto, he has served as the Director of Diaconate Formation at St. Augustine Seminary from 2010 to 2022. He is the professor of Homiletics at the seminary teaching Introduction to the Homily, Advanced Homiletics, and the Homiletics Practicum. He is a frequent webinar presenter on Homiletics out of Los Angeles, California. He is a writer for various publications and maintains a YouTube channel on preaching Better Catholic Preaching.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST - SUNDAY FEBRUARY 11, 2024



The Knights of Columbus will be hosting the annual Pancake Breakfast/50-50 Raffle/40 cans for Lent on Sunday 11th February 2024 from 9:00 am.

Tickets will be available for purchase at all masses starting Saturday Jan 27, 2024, and at the parish office. Looking forward to seeing everyone there!

2024 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES AVAILABLE FOR PICK-UP

The 2024 offertory envelopes are available for pick-up in the back of the church.

We are no longer mailing out the offertory envelopes.

If you are currently neither using envelopes nor enrolled in Pre-Authorized Giving (PAG), please consider doing so. You will receive a tax receipt for your donations.

Contact the ministry centre for more information, 416-447-5571.

As we prepare for the upcoming tax season, please inform us of any changes to address.

Thank you for your continued support of the parish!

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Casseroles for the Good Shepherd Centre, contact
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REFLECTION

“He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, ‘You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas’ (which is translated Peter).” ~ John 1:42

Another naming is represented in the Gospel. John the Baptist points to Jesus. Jesus is waiting for standers-by to notice him and get interested. They follow and Jesus says bluntly, “What are you looking for?” There are several layers to this question. The plain meaning is, “What’s up? Why are you following me?” But the depth charge is there too, the same one that finally shook Samuel loose: “Are you looking for God? Is that your hunger? Is there something about me that answers the deep desire of your heart?” They stammer. They give some kind of reply. “Well, uh, well, um, where, where are you staying?” Jesus replied as he does to you and me: “Come and see.”

They do go and see, spending the day with him. One of them, Andrew, runs to get his brother Simon, shouting, “we have found the Messiah”! They run back to Jesus and the most important event in Simon’s life takes place: Jesus gives him the name *Cephas* (Peter), a new deep identity for him. The word *Cephas*’ base meaning is “the rock.” Jesus must have seen innermost stability in him. Peter could never have become fully himself if someone had not named him all the way to his depths. The same goes for Samuel. God can call any of us by a name that reaches all the way down into our souls, to a place that we do not even know about! Our job is to begin hearing and to grow.

Must it always be God or Jesus who calls our name in order for us to become ourselves? Couldn’t a psychologist do it, or a spouse, or a dear friend who believes in us? Yes, of course, each of these know us and beckon us to be ourselves. But only God can know our very deepest desires, and only God can satisfy the one that is the most precious in each of us: the reaching out for that person we want most and for whose sake we love others. Jesus God.

Do you sense in your insides a kind voice whispering such an invitation, calling you by your real name, calling you to be an ally of the Christ of God?

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May the Lord bless you and keep you!