



*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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*The Epiphany of the Lord
January 8, 2023*

Bonnie News

Franciscan Church of St. Bonaventure



*Giotto di Bondone, c.1266/67- 1337, Adoration of the Magi (detail), Scrovegni Chapel,
Padua, Italy, c.1304-6 AD.*



THANK YOU!

The Friars and the Pastoral Staff extend many thanks to all those who served in various liturgical ministries throughout the Christmas Season, especially those Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Ushers/Greeters and Music Ministers who served on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. You helped our parish worship the Lord well. We also wish to express our sincere gratitude for the kindness and generosity you, dear parishioners, showed us this Christmas Season. Thank you for your festive greetings and gifts. Your thoughtfulness is much appreciated.

LITURGY & SACRAMENTS

THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, January 9	9 AM	† Hugh Canning (father and son)
Tuesday, January 10	9 AM	† Alejandra Ramos
Wednesday, January 11	9 AM	† David Tomcik
Thursday, January 12	9 AM	† Frank Szauer
Friday, January 13	9 AM	The Parishioners
Saturday, January 14	5 PM	† Grazia Maida
Sunday, January 15	8:30 AM	† Nimfa Chua
	10 AM	† Mary Veronica Kolesar
	12 PM	Sharon Cecilia Cherry
Sanctuary Lamps are offered for:	† Doris Mary Tanter † Barry Beatty † Frank Szauer	

CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: A NEW TIME AND PLACE FOR CONFESSIONS

Confessions are heard on a weekly basis on Saturdays from 9 to 10 am in the Mary Chapel. In addition, during our monthly Eucharistic Adoration (first Monday of each month) confessions are heard 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.

LITURGY OF THE WORD WITH CHILDREN

Sundays at the 10 a.m. Mass for children ages 4 to 9 (older children who “missed out” the past two years due to pandemic restrictions may participate.) A parent is welcome to accompany a child who is too shy to participate on their own.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION FOR THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Registration for the Sacrament of Confirmation this Winter-Spring 2023 season is now closed.

HELPING OTHERS

Epiphany Today we remember the three wise men from the East who came to pay homage to the infant Jesus, bringing Him rich gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. The gifts we bring—our time, service, and some share of what we earn for the work we do—are equally precious in His sight.

CASSEROLES FOR GOOD SHEPHERD REFUGE

"Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food?" Matt. 25:37

Bake a casserole at home to feed the hungry through Good Shepherd Refuge. If you would like to join this ministry, contact casseroles@st-bonaventure.ca or call the office 416-447-5571. Pans and a choice of recipes are provided. Kindly remember to record the information requested on the pan lid label.

Next due date to drop off your casseroles at the Ministry Centre is January 22, 2023.

Office hours for casserole drop off: Monday to Friday from 10 am to 4 pm and Sunday 10 am to 2 pm.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL



Please assist Vincentians to lift the burdens of others, especially those who struggle to afford the basic necessities of life, and to refresh them with humble care and service.

Your donations to our three poor boxes and through Canada Helps do make a difference. Thank you! Online donations can be made securely through the following link: <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/society-of-st-vincent-de-paul-st-bonaventure-conference/>

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:

+ Gerald Desjardins, + David Hui, + Teresa Brown, + Patricia Docherty, + Nina Jagaric, + FlordeLiz Noriel, + Donna McGuinness, + Claudine Fox, + Anita Baker, + Cecily Foss, + Madeline Fotyi, + Anthony Narayan, and + Dennis Szechy

We also pray for the repose of the soul of Barry Beatty, brother of parishioner Bernadette Walsh.

<https://www.woodfuneralhome.ca/obituaries/Barry-Beatty?obId=26817442>

May heaven be theirs and may peace be to those who mourn their passing.

PRAYER NETWORK REQUESTS

Network members pray daily for the intentions which are held in confidence. Let the Prayer Network know when a situation is resolved, and members will offer prayers of thanks.

New members are welcome! Call Teresa Krijgsman with your intentions: 416-444-4719.

EPIPHANY HOUSE BLESSING FOR 2023: 20 +C +M +B +23



It has been a tradition in several European cultures to pray a particular blessing over the home on the Feast of the Epiphany. Known colloquially as 'chalking the door' this Epiphany blessing is one way that families and individuals can invite God's blessing into their home and family life throughout the year.

To ask this blessing of God for your home and family you'll need a piece of chalk, any color, and the short blessing liturgy.

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The blessing is very simple. It involves a short reading from scripture, the tracing of "20 +C +M +B +23" (without the quotation marks) by a family member over the lintel of the main entrance to the home (inside or outside are equally fine options), and a short, shared prayer at the end.

- The numbers are for the current year. The letters C, M, B have two meanings:
- They are the initials of the traditional names of the three magi: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar.
- They also abbreviate the Latin words *Christus Mansionem Benedicat*, which stands for "May Christ bless the house."

The "+" signs represent the cross, a reminder that it is through Christ's Passion, death and resurrection that all grace flows and that it will be our family's willingness to share each other's crosses throughout the year that will be the greatest source of blessing for all who abide in and enter our homes.

The Blessing: All gather near the main entrance to the home. Begin with the Sign of the Cross +.

Leader: "Peace be to this house and to all who dwell here, in the name of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Reader:

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea,
in the days of King Herod,
behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying,
"Where is the newborn king of the Jews?

We saw his star at its rising
and have come to do him homage."

After their audience with the king they set out.

And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them,
until it came and stopped over the place where the child was.

They were overjoyed at seeing the star,
and on entering the house

they saw the child with Mary his mother.

They prostrated themselves and did him homage.

Then they opened their treasures
and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod,
they departed for their country by another way.

The word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God

Using the chalk, write on the outside of your house or inside above the main entrance:

20 +C + M + B +23

As you inscribe this, you may speak the words "*Christus Mansionem Benedicat*" or simply say "*May Christ bless this house*". End with the following, brief prayer:

All: Lord God of heaven and earth, you revealed your only begotten Son to every nation by the guidance of a star. Bless this house and all who live here and all who visit. May we be blessed with health, kindness of heart, gentleness and the keeping of your law. Fill us with the light of Christ, that our love for each other may go out to all. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

This traditional home blessing is a wonderful way to engage the whole family, your friends and even neighbours in seeking the graces they need for the coming year. The inscription above the door will also become an interesting conversation piece throughout the year. As friends and family members come and go be sure to welcome their questions about this unique set of symbols. May your 2023 be truly blessed!

MINISTRY WITH MATURING ADULTS

Ministry with Maturing Adults
Nurturing Our Spirituality in the Second Half of Life



The Franciscan Church of St. Bonaventure
TUESDAY MORNINGS: Gatherings on ZOOM at 10:00 - 11:30 am.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86571777096?pwd=dIBZbktkQW9EcDN4TGRYT3BZTTRZUT09>

GATHERING in Winter 2023

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| January 10 | TOPIC: History of St. Bonaventure
Presenters: Carol and Bob Adams
Ann Fellin
Céline Massaroni
Charon Leon |
| February 14 | TOPIC: Ireland in Pictures and Food
Presenters: Richard Strange and Curtis McDonnell |
| March 14 | TOPIC: God's Surprising Grace
Presenter: Viola Athiade |
| April 11 | TOPIC: Healing Power of Laughter
Presenter: Alain Côté and MMA Members |
| May 9 | Visioning for MMA Community Blessings and Closing |

Check the "Bonnie News Bulletin" for registration for entire series:

<http://www.st-bonaventure.ca>



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Please don't forget to notify us if you have a
change in address or phone number.
admin@st-bonaventure.ca

REFLECTION

...wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.' ~ Matthew 2:1-2

"The star came to rest above the place where the child was. At the sight of it the wise men were filled with great joy" and that great joy should fill our hearts as well. It is the same as the joy the shepherds received from the glad tidings brought by the angels. Let us join the wise men in worship and the shepherds in giving glory to God. Let us dance with the angels and sing: "To us is born this day a saviour who is Christ the Lord. The Lord is God and he has appeared to us," not as God which would have terrified us in our weakness, but as a slave in order to free those living in slavery. Could anyone be so lacking in sensibility and so ungrateful as not to join us all in our gladness, exultation, and radiant joy?

This feast belongs to the whole universe. It gives heavenly gifts to the earth, it sends archangels to Zechariah and to Mary, it assembles a choir of angels to sing, "Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth." Stars cross the sky, wise men journey from pagan lands, earth receives its saviour in a cave. Let there be no one without a gift to offer, no one without gratitude as we celebrate the salvation of the world, the birthday of the human race. Now it is no longer, "Dust you are and to dust you shall return," but "You are joined to heaven and into heaven you shall be taken up." It is no longer, "In sorrow you shall bring forth children," but, "Blessed is she who has borne Emmanuel and blessed the breast that nursed him." "For a child is born to us, a son is given to us; and dominion is laid upon his shoulder."

~ St. Basil the Great, Homily 2 on Christ's Origin, PG 31, par. 1472-1476.

May the Lord bless you and keep you!