

*Third Sunday of Advent  
December 11, 2022*



*Growing  
in Spirit,  
Community,  
and Service*

# Bonnie News

*Franciscan Church of St. Bonaventure*



Because Christmas is almost here  
Because dancing fits so well with music  
Because inside baby clothes are miracles.

Gaudete

Because some people love you  
Because of chocolate  
Because pain does not last forever  
Because Santa Claus is coming.

Gaudete

Because of laughter  
Because there really are angels  
Because your fingers fit your hands  
Because forgiveness is yours for the asking

Because of children  
Because of parents.

Gaudete

Because the blind see.  
And the lame walk.

Gaudete

Because lepers are clean  
And the deaf hear.

Gaudete

Because the dead will live again  
And there is good news for the poor.

Gaudete

Because of Christmas  
Because of Jesus  
You rejoice.

*“Gaudete” by Brian Reynolds, S.J.*

## *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*

*Tuesday & Thursday*

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FRIAR EMMANUEL'S ORDINATION TO THE DIACONATE

“May he in this life imitate your Son, who came, not to be served but to serve,  
and one day reign with him in heaven.”

~ from the *Prayer of Consecration, Ordination of a Deacon.*

**Congratulations Friar Emmanuel on your Ordination to the Diaconate  
at the Franciscan Church of the Assumption in Syracuse, New York.**

Please keep Friar Manny in prayer as he serves the Lord and His People as a friar-deacon.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR...

Friar Manny was ordained a deacon on Saturday, 10 December at 10:30. I am pleased - and I know that many of you are as well - that Manny will return to Toronto shortly after his ordination to share the first month of his ordained ministry with us before he returns to the United States to continue his vocational journey. Let us remember Friar Manny in our prayers at this time.

Friar Manny has discerned a call to the priesthood and has trained accordingly. Church law requires that he be ordained a deacon prior to being ordained to the order of presbyters (a priest). Thus, he is being ordained as a “transitional” deacon. There are also “permanent” deacons, namely deacons who do not intend to become priests. They may already be married, or they may be single. (Once ordained they are unable to marry or remarry). Permanent deacons render a variety of services: faith formation, family ministry, ministry of stewardship, bereavement, etc. They also participate in the liturgical life of the Church in various ways.

Perhaps some of the men of this parish have considered becoming a deacon? Perhaps you have a name or two that you would recommend for the diaconate? You might want to share it with him? Give it a thought and a prayer.

*Fr. Thomas Reist*

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

**THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD**

**Saturday, December 24, 2022**

4:00 PM - Children's Mass

7:00 PM - Carols begin at 6:30 PM

10:00 PM - Carols begin at 9:30 PM

**Sunday, December 25, 2022**

10:00 AM

12:00 Noon

**THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY,  
THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD**

**Saturday, December 31, 2022**

5:00 PM

**Sunday, January 1, 2023**

8:30 AM

10:00 AM

12:00 Noon



Mass will be celebrated December 26<sup>th</sup> through 30<sup>th</sup> at 9 AM.

**ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS EVENTS**

<p><b>Knights of Columbus Christmas Fundraiser</b>                  Make a \$25 donation and receive a lovely Panettone.                  Available after all the weekend Masses Church, 7:30 PM</p> <p><b>Sunday, December 11, 2022:</b>                  CWL Advent Luncheon                  Main Hall, 1 - 3 PM</p>	<p><b>Tuesday, December 13, 2022:</b>                  MMA Session with Fr Thomas Reist, Zoom at 10 AM</p> <p><b>Wednesday, December 14, 2022:</b>                  Advent Day of Confessions                  9:30 -10:30 AM, 1- 2 PM, 7 - 8 PM</p> <p><b>Sunday December 18, 2022</b>                  Sunday Coffee, after the 10 AM Mass</p>
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**VOLUNTEERS**

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR VARIOUS MINISTRIES!**

We invite you to share your gifts and talents with the parish community. If you would like to volunteer or have any questions, please call 416-447-5571. We are actively looking for:

<b>Lectors</b>	<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	<b>Ministers of Hospitality</b>
<b>Children’s Liturgy</b>	<b>Rosary Apostolate</b>	<b>Altar Servers</b>
<b>Casserole Makers</b>	<b>CWL New Members Welcome</b>	<b>Knights of Columbus New Members Welcome</b>

**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.

**Volunteers are needed to celebrate Liturgy of the Word with Children!** Kindly send an e-mail with your name and contact info to [admin@st-bonaventure.ca](mailto:admin@st-bonaventure.ca). We will contact you to answer any questions you may have and provide training. Volunteer screening with a police background check is mandatory for this ministry.

**CALLING ALL CASSEROLE MAKERS!**

**“Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food...?” (Matt. 25:37)**  
 If you are interested in making a casserole in support of the Good Shepherd Centre, please email: [casseroles@st-bonaventure.ca](mailto:casseroles@st-bonaventure.ca) or call the office at 416-447-5571 to add your name to our list.  
 Please **return** your casseroles to the Ministry Centre **before December 12, 2022.**

**HELP NEEDED TO DECORATE THE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS**

We are looking for some help to decorate the church for Christmas. Are you artistic and creative? Are you interested in floral design? This might be a great opportunity to get involved in the community. Please email [admin@st-bonaventure.ca](mailto:admin@st-bonaventure.ca) if you are interested and would like more information.

LITURGY & SACRAMENTS

THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, December 12		9 AM	† Tony Saler
Tuesday, December 13		9 AM	† Shuk-Chun Wong
Wednesday, December 14		9 AM	† Bronislaw Cebula
Thursday, December 15		9 AM	† David Hui
Friday, December 16		9 AM	The Friars The Parishioners Intentions of Emilia Andy-Eke † Aileen Moore
Saturday, December 17		5 PM	† Pat MacDonald
Sunday, December 18		8:30 AM	† Nimfa Chua
		10 AM	† Alicja Karwowska
		12 PM	† Dibscoro Panita
Sanctuary Lamps are offered for:			Intentions of Arthur Foster † Sarah Greenwell Friar Emmanuel Wenke

CHRISTMAS EVE CHILDREN'S CHOIR: CALLING ALL CHILDREN AGED 4 TO 12 YEARS

We would like to have a children's choir for the 4:00 PM Mass on Christmas Eve. All children aged 4 to 12 years, accompanied by their parents, can meet after the 10 AM Mass for a short practice on: December 11 and December 18.

NUESTRA SEÑORA DE GUADALUPE ~ DECEMBER 12

In Advent of 1531, an Aztec peasant named Juan Diego (whose birth name in the Náhuatl language was Cuautlatohua) saw an astonishing sight—a radiant woman clothed in the stars, with the moon at her feet. She bore the appearance of a Central American indigenous person, and she was dressed in native garb. She even wore the traditional sash of a pregnant woman. This was a paradoxical image, for at the time when the Lady of Guadalupe manifested herself, the indigenous people were deeply oppressed by their Spanish conquerors. Their everyday experience was one of profound powerlessness. Indigenous women, especially, were treated cruelly.

The woman spoke to Juan Diego tenderly, calling him her beloved son. The peasant went to his bishop, but the bishop did not think it possible that the Queen of Heaven would appear to a poor man on a barren hillside. As a sign of her presence for the skeptical bishop, the Lady left her glorious image on Juan Diego's cloak [tilma] of agave cactus cloth. At her request, a church was built at the site where she had appeared [Tepeyac]—near modern-day Mexico City. Pilgrims come from many nations to honour her there, especially on her feast day, December 12.

The oppressed indigenous people recognised Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe as a promise of justice and a cause for hope. Peace treaties have been signed in the basilica that bears her name. She is the patron saint of Mexico, and she is honoured as Patroness of the Americas.



## NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER AND SOLIDARITY WITH INDIGENOUS PEOPLES ~ DECEMBER 12

The Canadian Catholic Indigenous Council, founded by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB) in 1998, proposes that the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe be a National Day of Prayer in Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples. All are invited to join their Indigenous sisters and brothers in a special way this day through prayer and acts of solidarity.

*God of power and mercy, you blessed the Americas at Tepeyac with the presence of the Virgin Mary of Guadalupe. May her prayers help us to accept each other as brothers and sisters. Set your justice in our hearts that your peace will reign in the world. Our Lady of Guadalupe, pray for us!*

(from *Blessings and Prayers for Home and Family*, CCCB)

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

**Confessions will be 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.

## ADVENT DAY OF CONFESSION - WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2022

Advent Day of Confession for our parish is Wednesday December 14, 2022. Sacrament of Reconciliation is offered at the following times, in the church: 9:30 to 10:30 AM, 1:00 to 2:00 PM, 7:00 to 8:00 PM

## SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION FOR THE SACRAMENTS OF RECONCILIATION AND EUCHARIST

Registration to prepare children for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist this Winter-Spring 2023 season is now closed.

## SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION FOR THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

**Tuesday, December 27 is the deadline** to register youth (ages 12 and up/Grade 7+) to prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation this Winter-Spring 2023 season. Please ensure your child's registration form is dropped off to the Ministry Centre (through the mail slot to the left of the glass doors) no later than Tuesday, December 27. If you were not able to attend one of the information sessions, please contact Greg no later than December 13 so that you can be informed about the program and receive a registration package.

## HELPING OTHERS

**Third Sunday of Advent** Each of us has his or her own role to play in the coming of the kingdom of God. John the Baptist was called to be the herald of the Messiah, preparing the way of the Lord. To what is the Lord calling me?

## ADVENT GIVING TREE

Help a neighbour in need during this Advent season. Our benefactors this year are:

**Greenview Retirement Lodge, Society of St. Vincent de Paul, A Refugee Family  
The Sisters of Life, Young Mother's Program**

Their missions include serving women who are vulnerable to abortion, giving them the support and resources to be able to choose life for themselves and their children. The gifts are for the young mothers to be with maternity clothes and personal items. For more information, <https://sistersoflife.org/what-we-do/pregnancy-help/>

**Please return items for the Giving Tree by December 11.**

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

**Christmas Food Drive in Support of The Good Shepherd**  
**December 3<sup>rd</sup> to December 19th**



The Knights of Columbus is asking for donations of non-perishable items for the Christmas Season. Collection baskets will be placed at the back of the church. Thank you in advance for your kind donations! **Most wanted Items:**

<b>Soups &amp; Stews</b>	<b>Tuna</b>	<b>Past Sauce</b>	<b>Beans &amp; Chick Peas</b>
<b>Vegetables</b>	<b>Tomatoes</b>	<b>Cereal</b>	<b>Pasta</b>
<b>Salmon</b>	<b>Chocolate Bars</b>	<b>Granola Bars</b>	<b>Cookies</b>

*Socks are also in high demand during this this time of year.*

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL



The Bible reminds us that it's not enough to have prayerful empathy for the suffering. Our prayers are important, but they must also lead to action. God calls us to come together to feed the hungry, tend to the sick, and lend a helping hand to those who have fallen on hard times.

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 CanadaHelps 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/>

UPCOMING EVENTS

THEOLOGY & TEA ON ZOOM

Join friar Mark for Theology & Tea on Zoom on Thursday mornings at 10 a.m.

Mark your calendars for the next session:

December 22

Email [Theology-Tea@st-bonaventure.ca](mailto:Theology-Tea@st-bonaventure.ca) to register.

MINISTRY WITH MATURING ADULTS ON ZOOM - FALL SESSIONS 2022

Virtual Meetings are on Tuesdays at 10 a.m.

Next Session, Tuesday December 13, 2022

Join a Session with Fr. Thomas Reist - Topic: TBA

Email [mma@st-bonaventure.ca](mailto:mma@st-bonaventure.ca) to register and to receive the Zoom link.

SUNDAY COFFEE - DECEMBER 18, 2022, AFTER THE 10:00 AM MASS

Please join us for Sunday Coffee after the 10 AM Mass.  
All Are Welcome!

## 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, and + Nina Jagaric

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 Julie Flood with your intentions: 416-391-0238.

## PRAYING WITH AN ADVENT WREATH

### A Prayer for the Third Sunday of Advent

Lord God, may we, your people, who look forward to the birthday of Christ, experience the joy of salvation and celebrate that feast with love and thanksgiving. We ask this through Christ our Lord. ~AMEN.

## ONLINE ADVENT RETREAT

Pray-As-You-Go will be offering another Advent retreat weekly podcast titled: “Down To Earth”.

You may access it at <https://pray-as-you-go.org/series/57-downtoearthadvent2022>

## POEM

### MAKING THE HOUSE READY FOR THE LORD

BY Mary Oliver (1935-2019)

Dear Lord, I have swept and I have washed but  
still nothing is as shining as it should be  
for you. Under the sink, for example, is an  
uproar of mice – it is the season of their  
many children. What shall I do? And under the eaves  
and through the walls the squirrels  
have gnawed their ragged entrances – but it is the season  
when they need shelter, so what shall I do? And  
the raccoon limps into the kitchen and opens the cupboard  
while the dog snores, the cat hugs the pillow;  
what shall I do? Beautiful is the new snow falling  
in the yard and the fox who is staring boldly  
up the path, to the door. And still I believe you will  
come, Lord: you will, when I speak to the fox,  
the sparrow, the lost dog, the shivering sea-goose, know  
that really I am speaking to you whenever I say,  
as I do all morning and afternoon: Come in, Come in.

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## REFLECTION

**“Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?” - Matthew 11:3**

“Was [John the Baptist] disturbed by the behaviour of Jesus, who did not really fit the figure of the ‘Messiah-Judge’ that he had imagined? And this in spite of his assured witness to the one who stood before him and whom the Spirit pointed out to him (John 1:29-34)? These questions do not matter much....One thing remains: Jesus’ response to John’s emissaries reveals to us the signs that point to the coming of the kingdom and the presence of the one whom the prophets announced.”

- from *“Days of the Lord: The Liturgical Year”* Vol. 1., Collegeville, MN: The Liturgical Press, 1991, pg. 105.

“For many people life is a struggle. At its worst, it is a struggle to survive, at its best, a struggle to become totally true. In its essence, joy celebrates triumph. But it is not victorious over others, or over the world; it takes no account of hostility. Joy, in itself, is victorious over defeat; for in that joy-filled moment, and forever after in memory, we have risen above the struggle and entered into victory. Joy assures us that it will most certainly *be* victory, and it allows us to taste of it beforehand.”

- Sister Wendy Beckett, *“Meditations on Joy”* Mississauga: Fenn Publishing, 1995, pg. 30.

***May the Lord bless you and keep you!***