

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
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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.

April 1st, 2018

Easter Sunday – The Resurrection of the Lord



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

Private Prayer: Contact Friar Boniface at
416-447-5571 ext. 500

Spiritual Direction: Contact Friar Mark at
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Prayer Network: Members pray daily for intentions held in confidence. Contact Mary Cushing at
416-445-1403

True Joy

The Psalm for Easter Sunday says, “This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.” Above all days, Easter is a day of joy.

But what is joy? The answer St. Francis gave to this question is famous. St. Francis said to his Brother Leo, “When we come to [our house] St. Mary of the Angels, soaked by the rain and frozen by the cold, all soiled with mud and suffering from hunger, and we ring at the gate of the place and the brother porter comes and says angrily: ‘Who are you?’ And we say: ‘We are two of your brothers.’ And... he does not open for us, but makes us stand outside in the snow and rain, cold and hungry, until night falls – then if we endure all those insults and cruel rebuffs patiently, ... oh, Brother Leo, ... perfect joy is there!” *

Whatever we think of St. Francis’ explanation of perfect joy, Easter reminds us that Francis’ kind of joy is not the end of the story. At Easter, we celebrate the other kind of joy, the kind each of us longs for, when every tear is wiped away, and there is no sorrow anymore – no more suffering from weather or hunger or hurtful human beings. When we ourselves rise to meet our risen Lord, in that bright morning we will hear him say, “Come away, beloved. The winter is past; the rain is gone, and the flowers return to the earth.” (Song of Songs 2:10-12) In the loving union of that encounter, all the heartbrokenness of our lives will be redeemed. *That* will be perfect joy.

If all we had was the joy St. Francis describes, our courage might fail us in this life. Easter celebrates now the perfect joy waiting for us when we and all creation are reborn with our resurrected Lord into the everlasting love of God. *This* is the day that the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Elenore Stump

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Mass Intentions

Apr. 2	Monday	9:00 am	No Morning Mass – Easter Monday
Apr. 3	Tuesday	9:00 am	†Alberto Bacardi
Apr. 4	Wednesday	9:00 am	†Shirley Ainsworth Felthman
Apr. 5	Thursday	9:00 am	†Vasile Butnaru
Apr. 6	Friday	9:00 am	Vocations Special Intentions Thanksgiving Intentions of Pinlac family Antonio & Cirillo Barbaro Margaret Kerk Avril Yearwood
Apr. 7	Saturday	8:00 pm	Int. of the Parishioners
Apr. 8	Sunday	8:30 am	†Clemente & †Jimmy Chua
		10:00 am	†Carmela Morra
		12:00 pm	Ahamad & Look Foe Family

Prayer Intentions

Sanctuary Lamp 1: Anita Sioson
Vigil Lamp: Pamela A. Mantaring

For the Sick: Weston Druery, Frankie Horgan,
Emily Chan, Keith David, Dorothy Lord,
Roger Payette, Mary DiGregorio, Cathy Valenti,
Teresita Peiris, Vivienne Brown, Lucy DiBona,
Raymond Fung, Pat O'Connor, Patricia DiBona,
Michael Morra, Lina Cornacchia and Kay Corner

Stewardship: A Way of Living

March 25 Offertory Collection

Thank you for your generous donations.

Regular Collection: **\$ 9,766.05**

Flowers for Easter Offering: **\$ 45.00**

ShareLife Collections: **\$ 2,380.00**

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

Donate Now: **\$ 328.00**

Second Collection:

April 8th – Maintenance Fund Offering

Living the Gospel: 2018 Parish Campaign

Easter Sunday – April 1st, 2018

Living the Gospel by evangelizing our faith in the greater world

Gia Lao parish resides in the mountainous Diocese of Xuan Loc in Vietnam. Its parishioners, mostly poor, work on the hillside farms. The pastoral Mission Fund, with the support of ShareLife, provided a one-time grant so the parish could acquire resources it could not otherwise provide. This includes bibles and hymnals, along with training for 60 catechists, who lead marriage preparation and catechism classes. With your support, Gia Lao Church is bringing faith to a community in the greater world.

**April 22nd is the next ShareLife Sunday.
Please give generously.**

This Week in Our Parish

Monday, April 2nd

Easter Monday – Ministry Centre is Closed

6:30 pm Sparks/Bonaventure Room

7:00 pm Brownies/Francis Room

Tuesday, April 3rd

7:00 pm Bible Study/Bonaventure Room

7:00 pm Sacramental Preparation – Sacrament of
Confirmation-Group A/Main Hall

Wednesday, April 4th

7:00 pm Sacramental Preparation – Sacrament of
Confirmation-Group B/Main Hall

7:00 pm Alcoholic Anonymous/Francis Room

7:00 pm GRASP/Oak Room

Thursday, April 5th

9:30 am Theology and Tea/Francis Room

7:00 pm Knights of Columbus Executive Meeting/Oak
Room

Saturday, April 7th

9:30 am Christian Meditation Group/Oak Room

9:30 am Al-Anon Group/Bonaventure Room

2:00 pm Sacramental Preparation – Sacrament of
Confirmation-Group C/Main Hall

Easter Sunday

Made new by Christ

Clean out the old yeast so that you may be a new batch, as you really are unleavened. For our paschal lamb, Christ, has been sacrificed. (1 Corinthians 5:7)

Acts 10:34a, 37-43 – Peter's discourse

Colossians 3:1-4 – Mystical death and resurrection

John 20:1-9 – Peter and the disciple at the tomb

Adults: What change could the hope of the resurrection of Christ inspire you to make?



In Jesus, love has triumphed over hatred, mercy over sinfulness, goodness over evil, truth over falsehood, life over death.

That is why we tell everyone: "Come and see!"

In every human situation, marked by frailty, sin and death, the Good News is no mere

matter of words, but a testimony to unconditional and faithful love; it is about leaving ourselves behind and encountering others, being close to those crushed by life's troubles, sharing with the needy, standing at the side of the sick, elderly and the outcast... "Come and see!" Love is more powerful, love gives life, love makes hope blossom in the wilderness.

~ **Pope Francis, 2014 Easter Message** ~

The **Resurrection** is the new creation, the great feast, the ark come through the blood, a rich pasture, a lover's garden, the eternal palace, the heavenly temple, and the city that has awaited our return for years.

Remember that it is Easter. You stand before God in the risen Christ, among Christ's people. You are baptized. Let the words become a doorway into the feast, which is filled with Christ.

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Community Life

Ministry with Maturing Adults

Living out Spirituality in the Second Half of Life

Tuesday Mornings Coffee and Treats 9:30- 11:30 am
in the Francis Room

All are Welcome! St. Bonaventure's Parish, 1300 Leslie St.

**April 24 Special Event with luncheon
(9:30 – 12:30)**

There is no monetary cost for this program. For more information maureen@st-bonaventure.ca or call at **416-447-5571 ext. 550**

Healing Life's Hurts Through Forgiveness

Wednesdays, 1:00 – 2:30 pm in the Bonaventure Room

Ginny Doty will be offering a *new program: Healing Life's Hurts Through Forgiveness*. The program starts **April 18th to May 30th**. Early registration is encouraged, as space is limited. Program will be offered to neighbouring Catholic parishes. To register and for more information contact: **Ginny at 416-447-5571 ext. 560**

An Urgent Appeal and Invitation from the Society of St. Vincent de Paul

In order to continue the charitable works of our Society in St. Bonaventure Parish, we will need more members. Membership consists of two types: auxiliary and full. Our next meeting is **April 18, 2018, 7:30 pm**, Bonaventure Room. Come and see how you can make your life a gift of charity for others. Please **call Jack or Judy at 416-390-9495** to confirm your attendance and/or for more information.

Society of Saint Vincent de Paul "**Bundle Up**" Collection at **St. Bonaventure Church** will be on the **weekend of April 14th and 15th**. Please let those gently used items you can do without benefit our neighbours in need.

Theology and tea

Next **T & T** will be on **Thursday, April 5th after the 9:00 am Mass**, and alternating Thursdays thereafter. The sessions are open to all parishioners and their friends.

U of T, St. Michael's College Scholarship

The Toronto Diocesan Council of the Catholic Women's League of Canada is offering a scholarship of \$3,000 which is open to any young woman who is of Catholic faith, who is completing her secondary school education, and who has indicated on her application to the University of Toronto that St. Michael's College is her first choice. The applicant must be entering the Faculty of Arts and Science in one of the following areas of study: Commerce, Computer Science, Humanities and Social Sciences or Sciences. The applications must be submitted by May 31, 2018. For further information, contact Céline Massaroni, Health and Education Convener of St. Bonaventure Parish CWL, at 416-447-5571.

Canadian Food for Children

On **April 7th and 8th** weekend we will be accepting donations of **pasta** (macaroni, spaghetti...) to support the work of **Dr. Simone**.

An Easter Table Blessing

*O Lord, you are our light and salvation.
You are the stronghold of our lives.*

*The brightness of the resurrection of Christ
has shattered the darkness of our world
and made our faces glow with new life*

He has bestowed through the Holy Spirit.

*As we share these Easter gifts of food and drink,
grant that we may dwell in your presence all the
days of our lives and one day behold your beauty
in heaven, where you live and reign as one God,
forever and ever. Amen.*

FROM THESE THY GIFTS: A COLLECTION OF SIMPLE MEAL PRAYERS BY
MARK G. BOYER

Divine Mercy Sunday

St John Paul II designated the Sunday after Easter as the Feast of Divine Mercy Sunday, all are welcome to join in Divine Mercy prayers April 8th at 3:00 pm in the church.

Join the Kolbe 'Know Your Faith' series for a 5-week study on "**The Psalms: The School of Prayer – Part II**". Through prayer, study and informative DVDs deepen your awareness of God's merciful love in your own lives. Classes begin Tuesday April 10th, 7-9 pm at Holy Cross Parish or Saturdays April 14th, 9:45 am to noon at Blessed Trinity Parish. Go to www.kolbeapostolate.com for more details.



OH, WHAT A NIGHT!

A Night in Support of St. Clare Inn

Saturday, April 28, 2018, 7:00 pm- The Donalda Club
Delicious Food, Great Entertainment, A Live & Silent Auctions... And So Much More. Tickets are \$85 and can be purchased online at www.stclareinn.org or at the Parish Ministry Centre. **Tickets are on sale at the back of the church after each Mass on April 7th and 8th weekend.**

Knights of Columbus 2018 Charities Lottery

The Knights of Columbus 2018 Charities Lottery Tickets (500 Prizes valued at over \$500,000) will be available at the Parish Office in support of the Special Olympics Ontario, The Arthritis Society and local Charities. Tickets are \$5.00 each and will be Drawn July 12, 2018. Tickets are limited and sale ends mid June.

Casseroles for the Good Shepherd Centre

The deadline for next month's casseroles is Sunday, **April 22nd**. Can you spare some time to make a casserole? Contact Eva Trace at **416-447-3040**.

