

Regular Ministry Centre Hours:
Monday to Thursday: 9 am to 4:30 pm
Friday: 9 am to 3 pm
Closed for lunch: 12:30 to 1:30 pm
Saturday: 2:00 pm to 6:30 pm
Sunday: 9:30 am to 1:30 pm

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Week Day Liturgy:
Monday to Friday, 9:00 am
Sacrament of Reconciliation:
Saturday, 4:00 pm
Sunday Liturgy: Saturday Vigil, 5:00 pm
Sunday, 8:30 am, 10:00 am
and 12 noon

St. Michael's College Scholarship

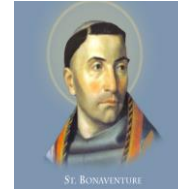
The Toronto Diocesan Council yearly offers the St. Michael's College Scholarship with the aim of providing higher education for deserving young women. The value of this one-time, non-renewable scholarship is \$3,000. The awarding of the scholarship is based on a number of factors – eligibility, first choice of college, and high mid-average marks on admission. Financial need is a consideration. 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. Eligible candidates must complete an application and submit a letter of introduction and any other supporting documentation that will demonstrate eligibility. Applications for the St. Michael's College Scholarship should be directly to Donna Capobianco – CWL Diocesan Level on or before May 31, 2020. For application and more detailed submission information, email Celine Massaroni at cmassaroni10@sympatico.ca



Come join us for our 8th Annual Spring Gala Fundraiser and help raise money and awareness for St. Clare Inn. Our gala is on Saturday April 18, 2020 at the Donalda Club. The night will be filled with lively entertainment, delicious food and much, much more! Dinner is included along with live and silent auctions. Tickets are available at www.stclareinn.org. We hope to see you there!

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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.

February 23, 2020

The Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time



In the Gospel Reading this week Christ is asking us to *love* those who hurt us. How is love shown to a person by helping him towards hell?

So, in exhorting us to turn the other cheek Christ is not commanding us to be an enabler of people doing bad things. He is exhorting us to love even over our enemies *as ourselves*. If we love our enemies in this way, we will want to help them be what we ourselves want to be: people trying to love and obey Christ.

So, think of Christ's command to turn the other cheek this way.

Ordinarily, a person given to evil will become worse and worse if he thinks he can hurt others with impunity. That is why to threaten him with reprisal is to tug him back from his own moral destruction. But sometimes a person is so sunk in evil that no threat of punishment would deter him. And then your best bet is to let him hit you again. If he does, he may finally understand the evil in himself and hate it. This attitude of turning the other cheek, expressed a non-violent resistance.

... The power of prayer will do two things for our enemies: it will change that person for the better and it will make us become more like children of our heavenly Father

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And Now, A Word from Our Patron Saint

Holiness without charity is like a lamp without light.

St. Bonaventure

Join our Parish: Pick-up a registration form at the back of 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 Dennis or Friar Peter at least one year before the desired date. Couples need to participate in a Marriage Preparation Course.

Pastoral Care: Ministers of the Eucharist bring Communion to the homebound. Contact the Ministry Centre to make arrangements.

Religious Life: Discerning a call to the consecrated religious life please see one of the friars.

Spiritual Direction: Contact Friar Mark at friarmsted2015@gmail.com

Prayer Network: Members pray daily for intentions held in confidence. For prayer request contact - Sybil Leacock at 416-751-0350.

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

Mass Intentions

Mon. Feb. 24	9:00 am	†Ivy Lyn
Tues. Feb. 25	9:00 am	†Peter Glowczewski
Wed. Feb. 26	9:00 am	†Fr. Boniface Reinhart
(with ashes)	10:15 am	School Mass
	7:00 pm	Int. of the Parishioners
Thurs. Feb. 27	9:00 am	†Fr. Ramon Torres
Fri. Feb. 28	9:00 am	The Friars †Mina Kapadia †Michael Creedon †Anne Hatamaa †Jack & Lorrain Shea †Shirley & Fran Christie
Sat. Feb. 29	5:00 pm	Int. of Brian VanSteen
Sun. Mar. 01	8:30 am 10:00am 12:00pm	Int. of the Parishioners †Peter Glowczewski †Harry Knaapen

Prayer Intentions

Sanctuary Lamp	Personal Intentions
Vigil Lamp	†Peter Glowczewski

For the Sick

Anita Baker, Nirmalee De Silva, Yuk Ling, Michael Morra, Ebherhardt Leithner, Sean Morra, Margaret Fernando, Margaret Wood, Alfonz Pavli, Raymund Fung, Dorothy Lord, Neil McDonald, Jurie Cuapero Marcos, Denise Baranecki and Estela Gabriel

Stewardship: A Way of Living

February 16th, 2020 - Offertory Collections
Thank you for your generous donations.

Regular Collection \$ **8,561.20**
 Pre-Authorized Giving \$ **2,926.00**
 Donate Now \$ **328.00**

Canadian Food for Children

On **February 29th and March 1st, 2020** weekend we will be accepting donations of **oil** to support the work of Dr. Simone.

Theology and Tea

The next T&T will be **Thursdays, March 5th & 12th; April 02, 23 & 30, 2020** after the 9:00 am Mass in the Francis Room. All are welcome, bring a friend and spirit of holy adventure to explore and appreciate God's presence in our world and in one another.

Secular Franciscan Meeting

The Secular Franciscan meeting will be **Monday, February 24th, 2020** at 7:00 pm, Francis Room.

Monday, February 24th

6:30 pm Sparks & Brownies/Main Hall
 7:00 pm Secular Franciscan Meeting/Francis Room

Tuesday, February 25th

7:00 pm Bible Study Group/Oak Room
 7:00 pm Sacramental Preparation-Confirmation Session-Group A /Main Hall

Wednesday, February 26th

7:00 pm Alcoholic Anonymous/Francis Room
 7:00 pm Sacramental Preparation-Confirmation Session-Group B/Main Hall

Friday, February 28th

9:30 am Station of the Cross/Church

Saturday, February 29th

9:30 am Al Anon/Bonaventure Room
 9:30 am Christian Meditation Group/Oak Room
 2:00 pm Sacramental Preparation-Confirmation Session-Group C/Main Hall

News from the Society of St. Vincent de Paul

In today's Gospel, Jesus challenges us by saying: "You must be perfect as your heavenly Father is perfect."

This month, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to assist families and persons in need by distributing grocery gift cards, and providing personal contact and support. Thank you! Those in need of assistance may contact us by calling 416-447-5571 ext. 570.

Casseroles for the Good Shepherd Centre

This month's deadline is **February 23, 2020**. Next month's deadline is March 22nd, 2020. Drop off your casseroles at the Ministry Centre. If you can spare some time to make a casserole each month, contact **Eva Trace** at **416-447-3040**.

Knights of Columbus – 2020 Ontario Charities

Lottery Tickets are now available at the Ministry Centre. Tickets are \$5.00 each with 500 prizes available to be won. The proceeds go to support the Ontario Special Olympics, Arthritis Society and Local Charities in our Community.

11th Annual Dynamic Women of Faith Catholic Women's Conference

Saturday, March 28, 2020 – 8:30 am to 4:00 pm
 At Le Tre Port Banquet Hall, 1075 Queensway East, Mississauga, ON., L4Y 4C1

Speakers and Topics

-Kimberly Hahn ~ The Joys and Sorrow of Mary; Women of Wisdom: Sharing Heart to Heart
 -Colleen Carroll Campbell ~ The Heart of Perfection
 -Dorothy Pilarski ~ One Mother's Heart

Register at www.dynamicwomenfaith.com and for more information contact 416-907-1042

Nurturing our Spirituality in the Second Half of Life
Seeking a More Contemplative Way of Life



2020 Winter Programme

Tuesday Mornings; Coffee & Treats 9:30 to 11:45 am

Dates and Programme Topics:

- March 03** ~ Contemplating the wisdom of Sr. Nuala Kenny – By Maureen McDonnell
- March 10** ~ Exploring obstacles to and challenges in maintaining a contemplative practice in everyday life. By Odilie Gaudet and Maureen McDonnell (Spiritual Directors and Retreat Facilitators)
- March 31** ~ Understanding the Contemplative Dimension of Christianity. By Kathy Murta, interfaith facilitator at the Loretto Mary Ward Centre
- April 21** ~ Orfe Eco-Art: Join our Journey of Discovery. By Orfe Millan Orfe strives to teach children and adults love for our beautiful planet and create, through different artistic techniques and the use of recycled materials, magical and wonderful worlds, as they explore and discover the potential of their creativity.
- May 12** ~ Franciscan Contemplative Tradition – Br. Ignatius Feaver, O.F.C., Cap. And luncheon – A Celebration of Community

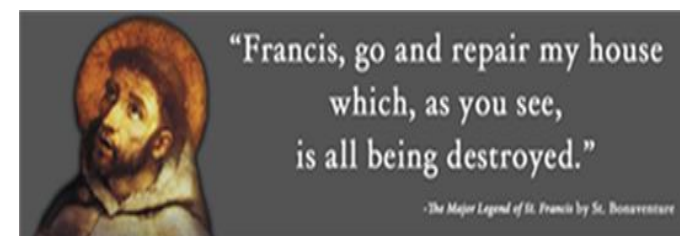
There is no monetary cost for this program. For more information: Maureen@st-bonaventure.ca or call Maureen McDonnell at 416-447-5571 Ext 550

Ash Wednesday

On **February 26th**, Ash Wednesday, we will have Mass at **9:00 am** and **7:00 pm**. We will also have a School Mass at **10:15 am with the students and staff of St. Bonaventure School**. The marking with ashes will occur at the three masses.

And Now, A Word from Our Pastor

Following his election, Pope Francis stood on a balcony overlooking a sea of people in St. Peter's Square. His first words weren't "The Lord be with you" or even "God bless you." Pope Francis simply said, "Good evening." It sounds strange, but was it? When Jesus met the woman from Samaria at the well, He didn't start by saying: "Let's talk about your relationship with God." He said: "Please give me a drink of water." Jesus engaged the lady in a basic human conversation, literally where she was- at a well. Hearing His request, she became intrigued; people usually shunned her, Jesus didn't. She felt drawn to Him. Pope Francis imitates Jesus; he meets people where they are. He expresses simple human sentiments; he pays attention to them. A priest who has known him for years said: "Pope Francis is without attitudes (when he meets people) because he is authentically involved with the person who is in front of him." And people are attracted to Pope Francis and through him to the Lord; he imitates. What a great example. What a great relief. To bring Jesus to others and others to Jesus we don't need theological skills or just the right words. We only need to pay attention to the other, meet them where they are, and treat them as they are- fellow children of God.



Vocation Seeds
Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 23, 2020

"Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect." Do you feel called to help people get closer to God? If you think God is calling you to be a priest, deacon, brother or sister, visit www.franciscans.org; www.vocationtoronto.ca or speak with one of the friars.

