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WEEKDAY LITURGY: Monday to Friday, 9 am
SATURDAY: 9 am
PUBLIC HOLIDAYS: 9 am
RECONCILIATION: Saturday, 4 pm
SUNDAY LITURGY
Saturday Vigil: 5 pm
Sunday: 8:30 am, 10 am, 12 noon



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**First Sunday of Lent
February 14, 2016**



**Man does not live by bread alone, but by
every word that comes from the mouth
of God**
~Matthew 4.4~

Lenten Schedule

Lenten Series - "Having Mercy"

Wednesday evenings 7 - 8 pm, Main Hall
February 24, March 2, 9, 16, 23

During this Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy, Pope Francis is inviting the Church to reflect on the ways that God is merciful toward us, and for all of us to grow in mercy toward one another as sons and daughters of our Father in heaven. What does mercy look like? We see it in Jesus: the reflection of the Father. On five Wednesday evenings during Lent, let's explore together the ways that Jesus responded in mercy to the five basic relationships that we all have in common with each other. Come explore these "roots of mercy"; let's see where our conversation and the Spirit of God lead us! All welcome.

Stations of the Cross

Will be at 9:30 am on the Fridays of Lent.

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon. Feb. 15 9:00 am †Mary Seitz
Tues. Feb. 16 9:00 am †Cajetan DeSilva
Wed. Feb. 17 9:00 am †Roberto Santos
Thurs. Feb. 18 9:00 am †Mary Cockburn
Fri. Feb. 19 9:00 am †David Tomcik
Sat. Feb. 20 9:00 am †Giovanni Circella
†Mary Murray
†Fr. John Geary
†Roberto Pico
†Dorothy Bennett
†Aide Kavanagh
Brothers, Sisters and
Benefactors of OFM
Sat. Feb. 20 5:00 pm †Frank Covello
Sun. Feb. 21 8:30 am Thanksgiving
10:00 am †Aileen Moore
12:00 pm Parishioners

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Sanctuary Lamp: Wes Ong
Vigil Lamp: Andrew Family
For the Sick: Deacon Sal Badali,
Francisco Jimenez,
Leonel & Judith Alvarez
For the Deceased: †Carl Hibbelin

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

Prayer Network: Members pray daily for intentions held in confidence. Contact: Sr. Adua Zampese at 647-343-1340

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

SOCIAL MINISTRY

Eucharistic Ministers Needed

For years I felt that Eucharistic ministers were special people worthy of that ministry in the church and could not see myself (full of faults and questions) being one of them. Until one day I had this urge to apply. I believe the Lord was pushing me to participate more actively in the life of St. Bonaventure. It has been now four years. I feel very blessed for serving the church in this manner and a greater communion with my fellow ministers and all that come to receive Christ's Body and Blood.

These are the words of one of the regular Eucharistic ministers. She, and all her fellow ministers, have made and continue to make a wonderful contribution to St. Bonaventure's parish community.

We are currently in need of additional Eucharistic ministers at all masses and invite parishioners to consider this ministry of service to our community. For information call Carole Clune at 416-445-5713.

This Week in Our Parish

The Ministry Centre will be closed on Monday, February 15 for Family Day.

Monday, February 15

6:30 pm Secular Franciscan Meeting/Francis Room

Tuesday, February 16

10:00 am Spiritual Growth in the Second Half of Life/Francis Room
7:00 pm Sacrament of Confirmation Preparation/Main Hall
7:30 pm Bible Study Group/Oak Room

Wednesday, February 17

6:30 pm GRASP Group/Oak Room
7:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous/Francis Room
7:00 pm St. Vincent de Paul Society Meeting/Bonaventure Room

7:00 pm Sacrament of Confirmation Preparation/Main Hall

7:30 pm Family Choir Practice/Church

Saturday, February 20

9:30 am Christian Meditation/Oak Room
9:30 am Al Anon Group/Bonaventure Room
1:00 pm Sacrament of Confirmation Preparation/Main Hall

FAMILY OF FAITH CAMPAIGN

We have reached the end of an extremely successful campaign! Our parish families' outpouring of generosity and sacrifice is astounding and inspiring. On behalf of the parish, and all the volunteers who assisted with the Family of Faith campaign, thank you for your prayers and support of this historic effort! Thank you for your generous pledges and your thoughtful prayers! We could not have done it without you.

Parish Goal	Current Total	Goal
\$960,000	\$1,245,170	130%

TAX RECEIPTS

Tax Receipts for the Family of Faith Campaign will be issued by the Archdiocese of Toronto on February 16, 2016.

Parish tax receipts for weekly donations, PAG, second collections, and donations to ShareLife made through the parish, will be issued and mailed on February 16, 2016.

Receipts for Donate Now and ShareLife donations made by credit card will be issued and mailed out by the Archdiocese of Toronto before February 28, 2016.

MINISTRY CENTRE HOURS

Monday to Thursday: 9 am to 4:30 pm
Friday: 9 am to 3 pm
Closed 12:30 pm to 1:30 pm
Saturday: 2 pm - 6:30 pm
Sunday: 9 am - 1:30 pm

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Pre-Authorized Giving: \$3,175

COMMUNITY LIFE

The Ministry Centre is closed February 15, 2016
Monday, Family Day.

News from the St. Vincent de Paul Society

"How far that little candle throws his beams! So shines a good deed in a weary world." ~William Shakespeare, 1564-1616, British Poet, Playwright, Actor.

The Gospel of compassion and reconciliation is "fulfilled" every time we act selflessly. Whether we can contribute to or hold a poor box, whether we know how to comfort and listen and console, whether we can collect and share material goods for our friends in need... whatever gifts and graces we possess can work great and wondrous things when done in the Spirit of the God who came to set us free.

Ministry with Maturing Adults

Tuesday mornings 10:00 am, Francis Room

Feb. 16 & 23, March 15 & 22.

Spiritual Growth in the Second Half of Life.

Topics: Caregiving, Walking by Faith, Our Life Story, Growth in Wisdom, Prayer and A Lifelong Mission. Facilitator: Sister Mary Rose Marrin, CSJ

Casseroles for the Good Shepherd Centre

The deadline for this month's casseroles is Sunday, February 21. If you can spare a few hours to make a casserole each month, contact Eva Trace at 416-447-3040.

Secular Franciscan Meeting

There will be a Secular Franciscan meeting Monday, February 15 at 6:30 pm, Francis room.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend

February 19-21, Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre, Mississauga.

Celebrate your love and take a fresh look at your marriage! A Weekend of discovery...a lifetime of love! This is a weekend getaway that helps married couples rediscover themselves as individuals and as a couple. Info www.wwme.org or contact Gerard & Marge McCauley at Gerard.marge@rogers.com or 905-792-1925

Women's Lenten Retreat Weekend

February 19-21, 2016 at Queen of Apostles, Mississauga. Retreat begins at 8:00 pm Friday and concludes with Mass Sunday noon, followed by lunch. Call 905-278-5229 for more information or to register.

Men's Lenten Day of Retreat

February 27, 2016, Saturday, 9:30 am-2:30 pm At Queen of Apostles renewal Centre, Mississauga. Deacon Doctor Greg DeMarchi will preach on the theme: "God's mercy as an entrance to prayer and spiritual life." Coffee & muffin on arrival & lunch is included. To register please call 905-278-5229.

Learn About Hawaiian Culture and Dance

February 21 to May 8. Classes on Sunday afternoons for 10 weeks. Recital is May 14. Children: 2-3 pm; Teens: 3-4 pm; Adults: 4-5 pm. To register contact Linda Etzkorn at 416-510-0264 or lindaetzkorn@rogers.com

St. Bonaventure Baseball – Mark your calendars!

Registration: January 29 to March 11.

Evaluation days: Week of April 4

Coaches Meeting: Week of May 16

Regular Season: April 18 to June 6

Playoffs: Week of June 13

Finals Day: June 18

Registration forms are online and at the Ministry Centre.



Living Our Faith: Our Journey to Remember

Greetings as we begin the holy season of Lent. "Are we there yet?" we would plead from the backseat of our family Buick. My sisters and I could barely contain our excitement as we headed to the Jersey shore for vacation. Memories of sand, surf, Kay's Bakery, late-night card games, and the rare dinner out at a nice restaurant fueled our anticipation. Without our memories of what had come before, we would hardly have been so excited!

Lent is the Christian community's annual journey of remembrance and joy. We spend forty days in preparation, so that when we arrive at Easter we

are completely ready to fill ourselves with the miracle of the Resurrection and the joy that it brings. Our daily lives can reflect this, especially within our families. Ash Wednesday starts our journey by reminding us of the frailty and sinfulness of human life. We take an honest look at ourselves and remember that we can return to God with open hearts and request forgiveness.

We bring ourselves without fear or hesitation to the Sacrament of Reconciliation: Jesus loved sinners, and wanted nothing more than for them to be free; at peace with God, neighbor, and self. We not only say the prayers we have been given as our penance but change our hearts and behavior so we don't make those same mistakes again. This is called repentance. In our parenting, we can gently help our children see this important distinction.

Lent is a time of almsgiving. We take time to ask how we, as a family, share the physical and spiritual gifts that we've been given. It's a good time to look through our possessions and give away those rarely worn coats, forgotten stuffed animals, and books and other items to people who would truly enjoy having them. We remember our tradition's call to offer "first fruits," and make sure that what we give is something that we, too, would enjoy having.

Adults and youth fourteen years old and older abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and the Fridays of Lent. In my home, we need to be careful that our meatless meals aren't opportunities to have dishes that we typically wouldn't have, such as broiled salmon. A simple soup or noodle casserole reminds us that many people have so much less to eat than we do.

Prayer, penance, repentance, almsgiving, and self-denial help build our anticipation through Lent's forty days, allowing us to come to Easter Sunday ready to rejoice in the experience of the Risen Lord.

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An Evening in Paris

Saturday, April 16, Donalda Club

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