

**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](mailto:cmassaroni10@sympatico.ca)

**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.



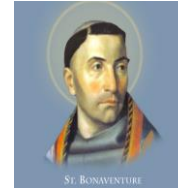
#### St. Clare Inn Bubbles and Bow Ties

Saturday, April 18, 2020

7:00 pm at The Donalda Club  
\$95/person (Dinner Included)  
Live and Silent Auctions  
Tickets available at [www.stclareinn.org](http://www.stclareinn.org)  
All proceeds go to St. Clare Inn

## THE FRANCISCAN CHURCH OF ST. BONAVENTURE

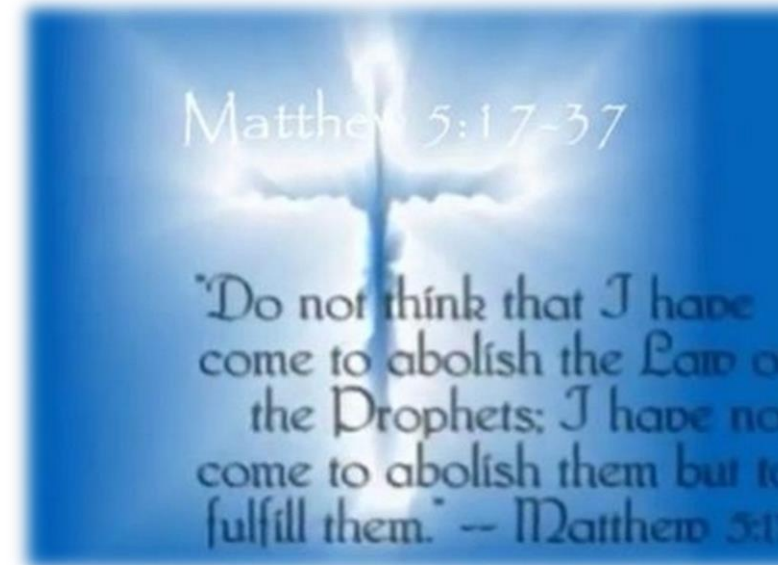
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YOU ARE ALWAYS WELCOME AT ST. BONAVENTURE

**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 16, 2020  
The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time



In today's Gospel Jesus warns us that He has not come to abolish the law, but to fulfill it.

Just because God loves us, does not mean he has to do what we want Him to do. We can't manipulate God or guilt-trap Him into doing what we want. It's humbling for us to realize that we are not entitled to His favour. God chooses to help us with perfect freedom from a place of pure love. The law that he gave to us was not meant to limit us, but to ensure we use our freedom in a way that is good for us and others.

Love requires freedom, and freedom means we have to respect the other person's ability to say "no" to us. We need to respect this freedom and ensure we use our freedom in a way that gives God glory, which will strengthen our relationship with God and others.

Today as we celebrate the Eucharist, a sacrifice made freely on our behalf, let us repent of the times we've trespassed against God and our neighbour, and embrace the gift of God's law and the true freedom it leads us to.

Cheridan Sanders, Toronto, ON.

*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](mailto: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](mailto:Friar Dennis) or [Friar Peter](mailto: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](mailto:Friar Mark) at [friarmsted2015@gmail.com](mailto:friarmsted2015@gmail.com)

**Prayer Network:** Members pray daily for intentions held in confidence. For prayer request contact [Sybil Leacock](mailto:Sybil Leacock) at 416-751-0350.

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



*Psalm 119~ Blessed are those who walk in the law of the Lord!*

Mass Intentions		
Mon, Feb 17	9:00 am	†Tim Caskie
Tues, Feb 18	9:00 am	†Louis and †Marie Fung
Wed, Feb 19	9:00 am	†David Tomcik
Thurs, Feb 20	9:00 am	†Martin Vandersteen
Fri, Feb 21	9:00 am	Brothers, Sisters & Benefactors of the OFM †Lionel Faubere †Guilbert 'Champy' Chin †Lorraine Williams †Maxine Theresa Chin †Greg Way †Helen Moore
Sat. Feb 22	5:00 pm	†Mark VanSteen
Sun. Feb 23	8:30 am	†Annie Soans
	10:00 am	†Jose Felix Villanueva
	12:00 pm	Intentions of the Parishioners
Prayer Intentions		
Sanctuary Lamp:	Special Intentions	
Vigil Lamp:	Thelma Vandersteen	
For the Sick:		
Anita Baker, Nirmalee De Silva, Yuk Ling, Michael Morra, Ebherhardt Leithner, Sean Morra, Michelena Oakes, Margaret Fernando, Margaret Wood, Alfonz Pavli, Raymund Fung, Dorothy Lord, Neil McDonald, Jurie Cuapero Marcos, Denise Baranecki, and Estrel Gabriel		

**Stewardship: A Way of Living**  
**February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020 - Offertory Collections**  
**Thank you for your generous donations.**

Regular Collection	<b>\$ 7,298.45</b>
Pre-Authorized Giving	<b>\$ 2,962.00</b>
Donate Now	<b>\$ 328.00</b>
Maintenance	<b>\$ 450.00</b>
ShareLife	<b>\$ 300.00</b>

**Tax Receipts**

The 2019 Tax receipts for your charitable donations to the parish will be mailed soon. This will include the regular offertory and second collections. You will receive a receipt from The Archdiocese of Toronto for donations for the Family of Faith, Donate Now, donations of securities and for ShareLife donations made by credit card or paid directly to ShareLife.

**Theology and Tea**

**The next T&T in February will be Thursday, February 20<sup>th</sup>, 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 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 7:00 pm, Francis Room.**

**This Week in Our Parish Hall**

**Monday, February 17<sup>th</sup>**

**Family Day- Ministry Centre is Closed**

6:30 pm Sparks & Brownies/Francis Room

**Tuesday, February 18<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 pm Bible Study Group/Oak Room

7:00 pm Sacramental Preparation-First Holy Communion-Group A /Main Hall

**Wednesday, February 19<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 pm Alcoholic Anonymous/Francis Room

7:00 pm Sacramental Preparation-First Holy Communion-Group B/Main Hall

7:00 pm GRASP

**Thursday, February 20<sup>th</sup>**

9:30 am Theology and Tea/Francis Room

**Saturday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>**

9:30 am Al Anon/Bonaventure Room

9:30 am Christian Meditation Group/Oak Room

2:00 pm Sacramental Preparation-First Holy Communion-Group C/Main Hall

**Sunday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>**

8:30 am CWL Bake Sale and Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast

**News from the Society of St. Vincent de Paul**

*In the Gospel Jesus says: "Whoever fulfills and teaches the commands shall be great in the Kingdom of God."*

By your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul you indeed put your faith into action as you fulfill the commands of Jesus. 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**. 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**.

**K of C Pancake Breakfast & 40 Cans for Lent and CWL Bake Sale - Sunday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>**

The Knights of Columbus will be holding their Annual Pancake Breakfast. Tickets will be available at the back of the Church after the weekend Masses and at the Ministry Centre. Tickets are \$5.00 for Adults and \$2.00 per Child (ages 4 to 10).

The CWL will be having a Bake Sale. All donations of baked goods will be gratefully accepted from 8:00 am on that Sunday in the Parish Hall.

Proceeds from the breakfast and bake sale will be donated to the Franciscan Seminarian Program in memory of Friar Boniface.

Please bring a can of Tuna in support of the Community Share Food Bank. *Thank you*

**Community Life**

**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](mailto:Maureen@st-bonaventure.ca) or call Maureen McDonnell at 416-447-5571 Ext 550

Registration for the 2020 Season of the **St Bonaventure Baseball League** opens February 10th. Forms will be available at the Parish Ministry Centre or the School office. The League is for children in Kindergarten to Grade Eight. We have many volunteer opportunities available for high school students as well as adults who would like to coach a team. Please send an email to [bonaventurebaseball@gmail.com](mailto:bonaventurebaseball@gmail.com) if you are interested in getting involved in this wonderful Parish tradition.

**And Now, A Word from Our Pastor**

**Save the Date: Sunday March 8, 2020  
1:30 PM Parish Centre**

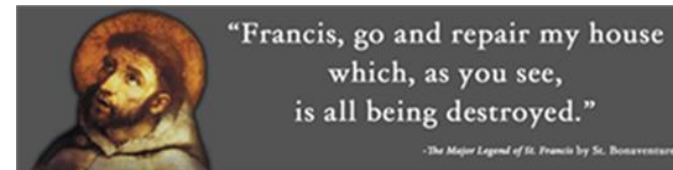
When I was a student in the seminary, a professor told us: "It's begun with the taking of life at its beginning, it will go further with the taking of any life." He was predicting euthanasia. We didn't believe him. It's here. It's called MAiD (Medical Assistance in Dying).

On Sunday, March 8, Sister Mary Rowell will join us for a presentation on this topic. Sr. Mary is a religious Sister of the Congregation of St. Joseph, Canada, a professor of Theology at Regis and St. Michael College at the University of Toronto, and a bioethicist. Sister has earned a Masters in Medical Law and Ethics and a Doctorate in Theology. She is well prepared to lead us in reflection on what and why our Catholic Tradition teaches about life and natural death. Sister will explore appropriate physical and spiritual care of the dying.

I hope you will be able to participate in what will be an important and enlightening gathering. Many thanks to the CWL for sponsoring this presentation.

**Ash Wednesday**

On **February 26<sup>th</sup>**, Ash Wednesday, we will have Mass at 9:00 am and 7:00 pm. We will also have a Prayer Service at 10:30 am with the students and staff of St. Bonaventure School. The marking with ashes will occur at the two masses and prayer service.



**'Vocation Seeds'**

**Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time ~February 16**

"No eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him." If you think God is calling you to a Church vocation, visit [www.franciscans.org](http://www.franciscans.org); [www.vocationtoronto.ca](http://www.vocationtoronto.ca) or speak with one of the friars.







