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 pm to 6:30 pm Sunday: 9:30 am to 1:30 pm

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Inspired by St. Francis we seek to live and proclaim the gospel in
our daily lives, responding to the spiritual hungers of the community

February 17, 2019
The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time



The world and all its pleasures are temporary. As tempting as these worldly realities are, we are called to conform ourselves to Christ's vision of the good life. In today's Gospel Jesus gives us a glimpse of heaven, and it is a vision which brings both consolation and warning.

In Luke's account of the Beatitudes, we witness how Jesus heals all those gathered in body and soul while he teaches the multitudes what it means to live in friendship with God.

Jesus tells of the blessings we can expect, but he doesn't stop there. For those who remain attached to wealth, physical comforts and the good opinion of others, Jesus reminds us these things will not satisfy the deepest desires of the human heart. Our continued attachment of these things will only cause us misery in this life and the next.

From today's first reading, it is worth considering the words of the prophet Jeremiah. Where do we put our faith? Is our trust in the Lord, or elsewhere? Who or what commands our loyalty?

Let us give thanks to God for the wisdom and transformative power of Christ. Through God's grace may we persevere in following Jesus' example, focused on a vision of what truly counts.

Cheridan Sanders, Toronto, ON

And Now, A Word from Our Patron Saint
Everyone needs three things: <u>faith</u> which
brings understanding, <u>love</u> which brings
compassion and <u>hope</u> which brings
perseverance.

St. Bonaventure

Weekday 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

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 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. Contact **Greg**, our Lay Pastoral Associate.

Marriage: Contact **Friar Dennis** or **Friar Peter** at least one year before the desired date. Couples need to participate in a Marriage Preparation Course.

Religious Life: For more information and assistance in discerning a call to the consecrated religious life, priesthood or deaconate please see one of the friars.

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

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

Spiritual Direction: Contact Friar Mark at friarmsteed2015@gmail.com

Prayer Network: Members pray daily for intentions held in confidence. Contact **Sybil Leacock** at 416-751-0350

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

Psalm 1~ Happy are they who hope in the Lord.

Mass Intentions

Feb. 18 Monday 9:00 pm †Estrella Uy Feb. 19 Tuesday 9:00 am †David Tomcik Feb. 20 Wednesday 9:00 am †Maria Cannarella Feb. 21 Thursday 9:00 am †Harry Thouvenot Feb. 22 Friday 9:00 am The Friars

Ronaldo Jaring Yvonne Diao Maureen She Wa

Margaret Kerk Thanksgiving Intention for Cathy Fillion

5:00 pm †George McFarlane Feb. 23 Saturday 8:30 am For our Parishioners Feb. 24 Sunday 10:00 am Intentions of Carlton Paul

12:00 pm †Marian & Albert Couchman **Prayer Intentions**

Sanctuary Lamp: Navales Family

For the Sick:

Christine Wojnicki, Deanna Andrew, Bonnie Beverley, Mabel Lim, Tony Guiney, Alfonz Pavli, Maggie Marquis, Raymund Fung, Teresita Peiris, Kay Corner, Dorothy Lord, Michael Morra, Mary DiGregorio, Liliana De Las Mercedes Vazquez, and Elisabetta Schiavone and Larry Chretien

For the Deceased:

†Margaret Charlebois and †Judith O'Brien

Stewardship: A Way of Living

February 10th 2019 Offertory Collections Thank you for your generous donations.

Regular Collection	\$ 9,431.30
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2018 Tax Receipts

The 2018 Tax receipts for your charitable donations to the parish will be mailed out next week. 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.

Bereavement Seminar Thursday, February 28, 2019; 7 to 8 pm

website: catholic-cemeteries.com

Holy Cross Catholic Funeral Home, 211 Langstaff Road East, Thornhill. This time of year, GRIEF can leave us frozen in our tracks. Join us for a casual evening as we take a closer look at sale Feb 23/24 after each of the masses. the symbolism of winter and discover greater insight into accepting peace and comfort as we go through this seasonal journey. Refreshments will be served. All are welcome! Contact: Catholic Cemeteries and Funeral Services-Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-733-8544 ext. 2047 or email: info@cc-fs.ca;

This Week in Our Parish Hall

Monday, February 18

Family Day – Ministry Centre is closed

Tuesday, February 19

7:00 pm Bible Study/Oak Room

7:00 pm Sacrament of Confirmation-Session A/Main Hall

Wednesday, February 20

7:00 pm Sacrament of Confirmation-Session B/Main Hall 7:00 pm Society of St. Vincent de Paul Meeting/

Bonaventure Room

7:00 pm Alcoholic Anonymous/Francis Room

7:00 pm GRASP/Oak Room

Saturday, February 23

8:00 am Knights of Columbus Training Day/Francis Room

9:30 am Christian Meditation/Oak Room 9:30 am Al Anon Group/Bonaventure Room

2:00 pm Sacrament of Confirmation-Session C/Main Hall

Sunday, February 24

1:00 pm CWL General Meeting/Francis Room

Secular Franciscan Meeting

The Secular Franciscan meeting will be **Monday**, February 25, 2019 at 7:00 pm. Francis Room.

News from the Society of St. Vincent de Paul

In the Gospel today, Jesus gives us the blessings of serving the poor, hungry and weeping people, for you will then rejoice and leap for joy. But Jesus also teaches us the decisiveness of choice: blessing or woe.

Choosing to help those who are in need will fill your heart with the blessing of Jesus and, indeed, your reward will be great in heaven.

Zero Gun Violence Movement Louis March, Founder

Sunday, February 24 at 1:00 pm in the Francis Room

The CWL invites all parishioners to a talk on the social, economic and spiritual challenges faced by many young people today. Join us as we gain awareness and share in our responsibility to care for one another in our society. All are welcome!

All CWL Members are asked to contribute Baked Goods for the Bake Sale to be held during the K of C Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, March 3rd in the Main Hall. Deadline for drop off is March 1st, Parish Centre Kitchen.

Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast March 3rd, 9 am – 2 pm, Main Hall

Tickets are \$5 for Adults, \$2 per child, ages 5 – 10. Tickets for

Knights of Columbus – Membership Drive February 23 & 24

Please take a moment to learn more about the Knights of Columbus. Members will be at the back of the church after each of the masses. Come and join the Knights. Be a member of our community in action!

Community Life

St. Bonaventure's Ministry with Maturing Adults A Spirituality for the Second Half of Life **Embracing Wholeness and Challenge**



2019 Winter Program St. Bonaventure's **Ministry with Maturing Adults**

Tuesday, February 26, 2019, 9:30 - 11:30 am, gather for coffee in the Francis room after the 9:00 am Mass.

Story-telling and Story-listening; How is Jesus both a model for us when we share a story from our life experiences and when we listen? With Gisela Cote, Ginny Doty and Maureen McDonnell

"A person is truly 'wise' when she/he is able to see life as an evolving story and to create some distance between self and story by reflection on it from multiple perspectives... 'Wise' people watch themselves tell life stories, learn from others' stories and intervene in their own narrative processes to allow for change by admitting new stories and interpretations into their repertoire," (Ruth Ray, Beyond Nostalgia)

All are welcome; invite friends and neighbours to this important presentation.

St. Bonaventure Parish Mary Matthews Public **Speaking Contest**

Every year, the St. Bonaventure CWL council holds the Mary Matthews Public Speaking Contest for Grade 7 & 8 students. The winners from earlier competition will compete in the regional contest which will be hosted by St. Bonaventure Parish on Sunday, March 3rd at 1:30 pm at the Parish Hall. For details please email Waveney at veneyduarte@rogers.com

Theology and Tea

The next T & T will be on Thursday, February 28th after the 9:00 am Mass. Mark your calendar with the following future T & T dates: March 14 & 28 and April 11 & 25. Come and join Friar Mark for some time to ponder and enjoy our relationship with God. The sessions are open to all parishioners and their friends.

Baseball Season

We are gearing up for the 2019 baseball season. If we do not get enough volunteers, the season will be cancelled. For more information contact us at

bonaventurebaseball@gmail.com

Casseroles for the Good Shepherd Centre

This month's deadline is **February 24, 2019**. 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.

And Now, A Word from Our Pastor

This Friday we Catholics mark an unusual Feast. It's called the Chair of St. Peter. What's with honouring a chair? We're not. Our tradition uses not only words but also symbols to express our faith. Universities have chairs of philosophy, chairs of science, etc. A chair is a symbol of teaching. The Chair of St. Peter is a reminder that Jesus has entrusted His Church with the ministry of teaching His Gospel ("Go, teach all nations." - Gospel of Matthew, chapter 28, verse 19). The Feast of the Chair of St. Peter calls attention to the unique role of the Successor of St. Peter (the Bishop of Rome, the Pope) has in that ministry. He stands as the focal point of unity as the Church delves ever more deeply into the mystery of "One Lord, One faith, One Baptism." (Paul's letter to the Ephesians, chapter 4, verse 5).

On the feast of the Chair of St. Peter, we offer prayer for Pope Francis, who sits in that chair today. May the Spirit of God continue to grant him holiness, happiness and health.

We commend †Margaret Charlebois and †Judith O'Brien into the hands of our God and pray for the gift of peace for their families as they mourn their passing.

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time – February 17 **Reaching Out to Others**

Then he looked up at his disciples and said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God." (Lk.

Jeremiah 17:5-8 – True wisdom

1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20 - The resurrection and faith

Luke 6:17, 20-26 – The great discourse

Adults: In what way are you serving the poor, as Jesus

Kids: When have you helped bring God's love to someone who was sad, or hungry, or whom others made fun of?

'Vocation Seeds'

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time – February 17

Happy are those who know they need God. Happy too those who live faithfully the vocation of the life-commitment God calls them to, be it married, single, religious or priesthood. If God is calling you, to be a priest, religious or deacon, visit the website: www.vocationtoronto.ca; www.franciscans.org or speak with one of the friars.