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ST. BONAVENTURE**

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

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: 9:30 am - 1:30 pm

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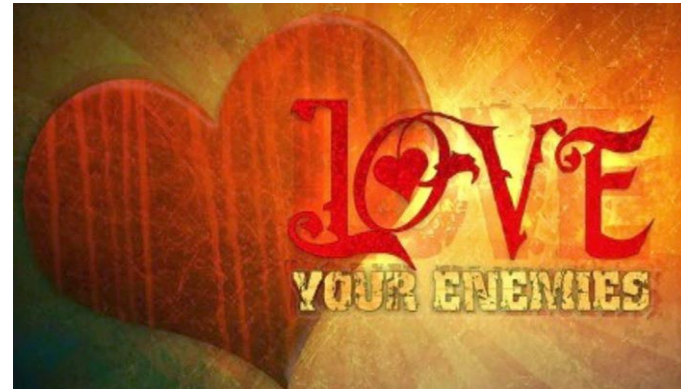
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FEBRUARY 19, 2017

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



A MESSAGE THAT I FOUND ABOUT OUR "HEAVENLY FATHER" I SEE THAT JESUS HAS ACTUALLY PAINTED FOR US A PICTURE OF THE RICH MERCIFUL LOVE THAT GOD SHOWERS ON US EVERY DAY. ALL THESE EXTRAVAGANT BEHAVIOURS ARE MODELLED ON THE EXTRAVAGANT BEHAVIOUR OF GOD TOWARDS US.

THE EXTRAVAGANCE OF GOD IS PRECISELY WHY WE GATHER TODAY AND EVERY SUNDAY: TO CELEBRATE GOD'S ABUNDANT LOVE REVEALED TO US IN OUR VERY OWN LIVES. GOD'S STYLE OF LOVE IS A HARD ACT TO FOLLOW, BUT NOURISHED BY THE BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST, WE TAKE UP THE CHALLENGE TO SHOW GOD'S LOVE TO THOSE WHO MOST NEED TO EXPERIENCE IT.

~ MARGARET BICK, TORONTO, ON. ~

ASH WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE-MARCH 1ST

WE WILL CELEBRATE MASS AT 9:00 AM AND 7:00 PM. ASHES WILL BE DISTRIBUTED DURING THE MASS.

MASS INTENTIONS

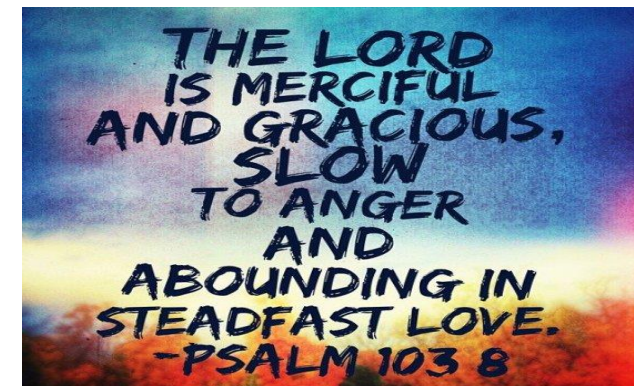
Mon. Feb. 20 9:00 am †Brandon Tsang
Tues. Feb. 21 9:00 am †John May
Wed. Feb. 22 9:00 am †D. Marie Reece
Thurs. Feb. 23 9:00 am †Annie Soans
Fri. Feb. 24 9:00 am Carlton Paul
Sat. Feb. 25 9:00 am †Peter Glowczewski
†Mary Carpenter
†Terri Markell
†Bruce Adams
†Lorraine Athaide
†Mary Wittine
†Andy Ewasiok
†Joseph Maheandiran
Sat. Feb. 25 5:00 pm †Jona Jani
Sun. Feb. 26 8:30 am †Parishioners
10:00 am †Louis Patricio Correia
12:00 pm †Sylvia Medueduke and
†Agnes Couse

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Sanctuary Lamp: Wes Ong

Vigil Lamp: Durante Family and Chua Family

For the Sick: Mary Rose Fernando, Gord Roberts,
Kay Corner, Linda Nasturzio,
Dorothy Lord, Eileen Velazquez,
Klaus Stitz and Geraldine Daly



Funeral Preparations

The norm for a Catholic who has died is to have a funeral mass celebrated in the church. The community prays that their soul will be received into the heavenly banquet of heaven.

Likewise, the Church directs that we show respect for the physical remains of a person. While cremation is allowed, the ashes are to be either buried or placed in a columbarium, not scattered or turned into locketts.

Unfortunately, there is a growing phenomenon where the children of Catholics who were a regular part of the worshiping community, do not choose a funeral mass. It is a sad affair when a person has obtained great solace from their faith and been a significant part of a church community, and then is not given a Catholic funeral.

We have Funeral Preparation Guides in the Parish Office for anyone who may wish to ensure a Catholic funeral mass. After completing the guide, present a copy to the Parish Office to keep on file and give a duplicate copy to whoever may be handling your affairs.

~Friar David Stachurski

Prayer Network: Members pray daily for intentions held in confidence. Contact Sr. Adua Zampese at 416-343-1340

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

This Week in Our Parish

Monday, February 20 'Family Day Holiday'
Ministry Centre is Closed

Monday, February 20

6:30 pm Secular Franciscans Meeting/
Francis Room

Tuesday, February 21

9:30 am Spiritual Growth in the Second Half
of Life/Francis Room

7:00 pm Bible Study Group/Bonaventure Room

7:00 pm **Sacramental Preparation- Sacrament
of Confirmation-Session 2/Main Hall**

Wednesday, February 22

6:30 pm GRASP Group/Oak Room

7:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous/Francis Room

7:00 pm **Sacramental Preparation-Sacrament
Of Confirmation-Session 2/Main Hall**

7:30 pm Family Choir Practice/in the Church

Saturday, February 25

9:30 am Christian Meditation/Oak Room

9:30 am Al Anon Group/Bonaventure Room

1:00 pm **Sacramental Preparation-Sacrament
of Confirmation-Session 2/Main Hall**

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

- Love of enemies -

Reading I Leviticus 19:1-2,17-18
(Various rules of conduct)

Reading II 1 Corinthians 3:16-23
(the work of God's ministers)

Gospel Matthew 5:38-48
(new law of retaliation;
love of enemies)

Jesus said, "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you." (Matthew 5:43-44a)

Questions of the Week:

Adult: What is the point of "turning the other cheek" in an argument, and why is it so hard to do?

Child: Who are the people you find it most difficult to forgive?

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February 12 Offertory Collection

Thank you for your generous donations.

Regular Collection: \$5,871.55

Maintenance Fund Offering: \$190

Donate Now: \$328

Pre-Authorized Giving: \$2,906

Gifts of Securities

Do you have securities that have gone up in value? You can now make your Parish offertory and special collections gifts using securities (stocks, mutual funds, bonds). You will not have to pay any capital gains on your gift and you will get a tax receipt for the full amount. For more information, please contact the Parish Office.

COMMUNITY LIFE

News from the St. Vincent de Paul Society

St. Bonaventure Conference Snapshot for 2016

Due to our parish's generosity and kindness, our Conference was able to serve 25 households comprised of 42 adults and 20 children and offer support through 216 visits. We assisted them according to need with grocery gift cards, beds, clothing, household items, transportation when required, emergency shopping, moving assistance, advocacy, prayer and referral. Our volunteers contributed 1,875 hours of their time, including administrative duties, holding poor boxes, meetings, bundle weekends and works of mercy.

Casseroles for the Good Shepherd Centre

The deadline for this month casseroles is **Sunday, February 26, 2017**. If you can spare a few hours, contact **Eva Trace at 416.447.3040**.

2017 ShareLife Campaign

"Living the Gospel"

ShareLife is more than an annual appeal - it is the way that we bring the hands of Christ to those in need! One of the core directions of our Pastoral Plan is Catholic Outreach in Justice and Love, and our support for ShareLife helps to bring this to life, not only in our archdiocese, but also around the world.

Each year, thousands of people turn to a ShareLife agency for help. Our agencies provide service in an environment that is infused with Catholic values, bringing the Gospel message to the marginalized.

When we support ShareLife, we are making more than a financial contribution - we are demonstrating that the Catholic community is actively making a difference in the social service network in our archdiocese!

Thank you for your support of ShareLife!

Spiritual Growth in the Second Half of Life

Dates and Programme Topics

February 21: Aging and Wisdom: What qualities do you look for in a wise person?

March 7: Aging Well: Generativity an essential dimension to successful aging; What is my legacy

April 4: Be well, Be Wise and Be Holy; Spirituality of Aging Savouring the Fruits of Awareness, Reflection And Action

To register call **416-447-5571 Ext. 550** or email at maureen@st-bonaventure.ca

Confirmation as an Adult

Some of us, catechized and practicing the faith, were never confirmed for a variety of reasons. It is possible to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation at a later age.

- You were baptized in the Roman Catholic Church;
 - You participate in the life of the parish;
 - You continue to grow in relation with Jesus Christ;
 - You desire to more fully live his Good News through your life;
 - Perhaps you are preparing for marriage;
 - Perhaps you have been asked to be godparent or a sponsor;
 - Perhaps you are asking for your child to be baptized;
- and you were never confirmed.

Let us lead you to full initiation in the life of Christ by preparing you to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation.

How: 5 preparation sessions and preparation in the Parish's Lenten Retreat: Discovering the Invitations of God.

When: Mondays, March 6,13,27; April 3 & 24;
7 pm to 9 pm.
Parish's Lenten Retreat; March 20, 21 & 22;
10 am or 7 pm

Confirmation at the Easter Vigil-April 15
Registration: Please contact **Gregory Beath at 416-447-5571 Ext.258**, to make an appointment no later than **February 28, 2017**. Provide a copy of your baptismal certificate recently issued by the Roman Catholic parish where you were baptized.

Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) Training

The parish has purchased two units for the Church and Parish Centre. If you are interested in attending the training session please call the office at **416-447-5571**.

2017 St. Bonaventure Baseball Season

St. Bonaventure Baseball League has been around for over 55 years and is still a vibrant part of the Parish Life. We are looking to fill several positions like: coordinator; T-ball, Rookie ball & Soft ball convenors; coaches; umpires & youth volunteers. If you can spare some time and be more involved with the community, please consider volunteering. Call 416-447-5571 or email connie.durante@st-bonaventure.ca

Youth Ministry Blog

Hello all! Please check out our Youth Ministry blog: <http://stbonaventureyouth.blogspot.ca/> to stay up to date with activities and events upcoming for our Youth Community at St. Bonaventure's!

Pancake Breakfast

The Knights of Columbus- St. Francis Council will hold their **Pancake Breakfast** at the **Parish Hall on Sunday, February 26th**. Tickets are \$5.00 and breakfast will be served from 9:00 am till 12:00 noon. In addition, we ask that you donate a can of tuna at the door for the local food bank. Due to limited number of tickets issued, tickets can be purchased at the back of the Church, after weekend Masses and at the Ministry Centre.

Public Speaking Competition

Public speaking competition for Grades 7 & 8, sponsored by the CWL. Parents are invited to the competition to be held in the Parish Hall on Friday, February 24 at 12:45 pm.

CWL Bake Sale and General Meeting

The CWL invite parishioners to our **BAKE SALE** which will be held in the parish hall at the same time as the Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast **after Masses on Sunday, February 26th**. All proceeds will be donated to an Education fund to aid vulnerable and needy children at Marianhill in South Africa. Donations of baked goods which will be gratefully accepted, can be delivered to the Parish Hall prior to masses on February 26th. And there will be a **CWL General Meeting, Feb 26th at 1:30 pm after the Bake Sale**, to present the financial report to the membership.

Discovering the Invitations of God

March 20, 21 and 22; 10:00 am or 7:00 pm
Friar Julio Martinez, OFM Conv., received his training in contemplative spiritual direction from the *Shalem Institute for Spiritual Formation*.

We will explore the following:

- The story of our lives as a living scripture.
- The search for God as a response to God's invitations.
- The importance of celebrating life and faith.

This will be an interactive event that will be held in the Parish Center. **Please join us!**



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