

**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

**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

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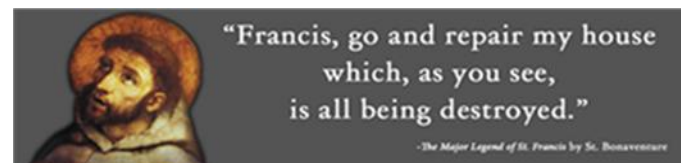
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### Vocation Seeds

Second Sunday of lent – March 8, 2020  
Peter, James and John had a mountaintop experience with Jesus by witnessing His transfiguration. We too can have a mountaintop experience when we open our minds and hearts to following God's Will for our life. If God is calling you to serve Him as a priest, deacon, brother or sister, visit [www.franciscans.org](http://www.franciscans.org); [www.vocationtoronto.ca](http://www.vocationtoronto.ca) or speak with one of the friars.

**Faith in Life, Hope in Death, Love in All Things**  
Join Us:

**Sunday, March 8, 1:30 pm**  
Parish Centre, Main Hall

**A CONVERSION ON END OF LIFE ISSUES**

**WITH SR. MARY ROWELL, CSJ**



**Proposed Expansion**  
**of Euthanasia**  
**(February 2020)**

**CONTACT YOUR MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT!**  
**New Euthanasia legislation Introduced in Canada**

Legislation that would expand access to euthanasia in our country has been introduced by the federal government. Among the alarming changes are amendments to expand euthanasia to those without a terminal illness, including those with disabilities. Only 30 per cent of Canadians have access to quality palliative care which would significantly reduce the number of people wanting to end their lives. Every life has value – visit [www.helptheliving.ca](http://www.helptheliving.ca) to send a letter (prepared for you) to your Member of Parliament. The process takes less than 5 minutes. More information can also be found at [www.archtoronto.org/euthanasia](http://www.archtoronto.org/euthanasia). We continue to pray and advocate for the vulnerable among us.

## THE FRANCISCAN CHURCH OF ST. BONAVENTURE

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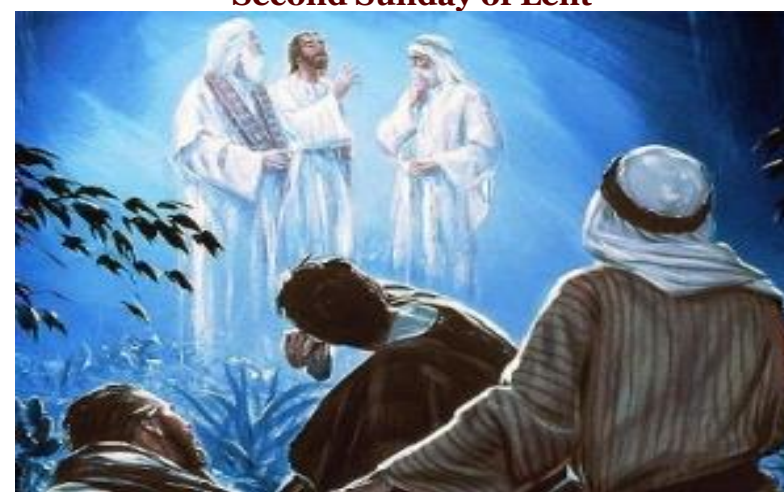


**YOU ARE ALWAYS WELCOME AT ST. BONAVENTURE**

**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.*

**March 8, 2020**

**Second Sunday of Lent**



### Transfiguration of the Lord

**In His Transfiguration, Jesus invited three of His disciples to watch Him. Do you ask yourself each night when you saw Jesus during the day?**  
**We all need to go up the mountain to a place of silence so we can better hear the voice of God. Why can't we just stay there praying?**

**But we cannot stay there! Encounter with God in prayer inspires us anew to "descend the mountain" and return to the plain where we meet many brothers weighed down by fatigue, sickness, injustice, ignorance, poverty both material and spiritual. To these brothers and sisters in difficulty we are called to bear the fruit of that experience with God, by sharing the grace we have received. And this is curious. When we hear the Word of Jesus ... and carry it in our heart, this Word grows. Do you know how it grows? By giving it to the other!**

Pope Francis, *Angelus*, March 16, 2014  
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**And Now, A Word from Our Patron Saint**

*Mary loves, nourishes and adopts as Her children those who devoutly approach Her.*

*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 [friarmstead2015@gmail.com](mailto:friarmstead2015@gmail.com)

**Prayer Network:** Members pray daily for intentions held in confidence. For prayer request contact [Moira Mckeown](mailto:Moira Mckeown) at 416-445-8494.

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

*Psalm 33~ Let your love be upon us, Lord,  
even as we hope in you.*

**Mass Intentions**

Mon. Mar. 09	9:00 am	†Catherine Keating
Tues. Mar. 10	9:00 am	Personal Intentions
Wed. Mar. 11	9:00 am	Ralph Daniel
Thurs. Mar. 12	9:00 am	†Jennifer Khayat
Fri. Mar. 13	9:00 am	Brothers, Sisters, and Benefactors of the OFM John Dean & Family Jeff Dean & Family Donna Tomcik Connie Durante Thanksgiving Intentions
Sat. Mar. 14	5:00 pm	†Peggy Dillon
Sun. Mar. 15	8:30 am	†Hugh Canning (father and son)
	10:00am	†Pablo & †Rose Sare
	12:00pm	Int. of the Parishioners

**Prayer Intentions**

Sanctuary Lamp	Personal Intentions
Vigil Lamp	†Nancy Fernandes

**For the Sick:** Nirmalee De Silva, Estelle Gabriel, Steve Sayers, Margaret Wood, Margaret Fernando, Alfonz Pavli, Raymund Fung, Dorothy Lord, Neil McDonald, Jurie Cuapero Marcos, Denise Baranecki, Emy Francisco, Mary Jane Coronado and Vilma Otico

**For the Deceased:** Patricia Barretto

**Stewardship: A Way of Living**

**March 1st, 2020 - Offertory Collections**

**Thank you for your generous donations.**

Regular Collection ..... \$ **7,342.75**  
 Pre-Authorized Giving ..... \$ **2,926.00**  
 Donate Now ..... \$ **328.00**

**Second Collection:**

**April 10 ~ Needs of the Church in the Holy Land (Good Friday)**

**Second Sunday of Lent ~ March 8, 2020**

**ShareLife: It's who we are!**

Catholic agencies have been serving those among us who are poor, sick and marginalized since the founding of our diocese 178 years ago – it's who we are as Catholics in the Archdiocese of Toronto! We continue that legacy through ShareLife, which funds over 40 agencies that provide unconditional care, regardless of religious affiliation.

**March 29 is ShareLife Sunday. Please give generously**

**This Week in Our Parish Hall**

**Monday, March 09**

6:30 pm Sparks & Brownies/Francis Room

**Tuesday, March 10**

9:30 am Ministry with Maturing Adult-by Odilie Gaudet & Maureen McDonnell/Francis Room

7:00 pm Bible Study Group/Oak Room

7:00 pm CWL Executive Meeting/Francis Room

**Wednesday, March 11**

7:00 pm Alcoholic Anonymous/Francis Room

7:00 pm RCIA Scrutiny Prep./Main Hall

7:00 pm Society of St. Vincent de Paul Meeting/ Bonaventure Room

**Thursday, March 12**

9:30 am Theology and Tea/Francis Room

7:00 pm Al-Anon D-19 Business Meeting/Oak Room

7:00 pm Knights of Columbus General Meeting/ Bonaventure Room

**Friday, March 13**

9:30 am Stations of the Cross/Church

**Saturday, March 14**

9:30 am Al Anon/Bonaventure Room

9:30 am Christian Meditation Group/Oak Room

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

***In the Gospel Jesus is transfigured and a voice from heaven said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased: Listen to him."***

Do we listen to Jesus when he asks us to take care of our brothers and sisters who are suffering? Your gift in the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box will help those in need celebrate the grace of God's love this Easter. Those in need of our assistance may call **416-447-5571 Ext. 570**

**Secular Franciscan Meeting**

The Secular Franciscan meeting will be **Monday, March 16, 2020 at 7:00 pm, Francis Room.**

**Casseroles for the Good Shepherd Centre**

This month's deadline is **March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 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**.

**Empty Egg Cartons for Community Share Food Bank**

Empty egg cartons are required to distribute eggs to Food Bank recipients. Please drop or leave your empty egg cartons in the bin at the rear of the church. Thank you!

**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.

**Women's Lenten Retreat (March 20-22, 2020)**

Where: Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre, 1617 Blythe Rd. Mississauga, ON., L5H 2C3

Theme: In the Spirit of Quietude by Fr. Peter Nowak, OMI

For more information please call **905-278-5229**

**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 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

**Theology and Tea**

The next T&T will be **Thursdays, March 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.

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

*Through the Sacraments, God continues to transform the Church-the People of God- to be more truly the Body of Christ. In these moments of grace, God deepens our ability to do the work of Christ- to proclaim with our lives and our words that God's Kingdom of mercy has come. Last week, young people of St. Bonaventure Parish formally requested to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation on the Solemnity of Pentecost (May 31<sup>st</sup>). On behalf of us all, I promised them that our prayer and support are with them. As they will complete their initiation into the People of God with Confirmation, their entrance into the Mystery of the Lord's Death and Resurrection will be deepened; they will be confirmed in their likeness to Jesus in His gift of self to God and others. This Sacrament will also confirm our young people's place in our weekly Assembly (congregation at Mass)- they will stand with us as priestly people offering the sacrifice and praise to the Father in the Liturgy. Celebrating this last of the Initiation Sacraments, they will be confirmed in their belonging; our young women and men will be joined to the Catholic Christian community of faith by a bond that will never be broken.*

*This is an important time for our parish. The Body of Christ will be enriched by newly Confirmed members. It's also a time for us who are already confirmed to remember and give thanks for the gift that is ours: through the Sacraments we are united with Jesus in the Mystery of His Death and Resurrection, it is our privilege to join Him in the sacrifice of praise renewed at the altar in the Liturgy, and we are given to one another as companions for the journey.*

**Every Friday in Lent:**

**Stations of the Cross after the 9:00 am Liturgy**

**Lenten Day of Confessions – March 22 – 27, 2020**

**St. Bonaventure Parish date:**

**Wednesday, March 25, 2020**

**Time(s): 9:30 am**

**12:00 pm**

**7:00 pm**







