

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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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 10, 2019
The First Sunday of Lent



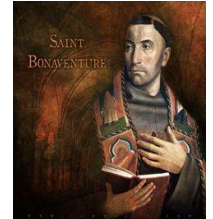
Pope Francis says going to the desert helps us hear the voice of God in our lives. He also says it helps us make room for others and strengthens solidarity with our brothers and sisters. How do these ideas relate?

The great danger in today's world, pervaded as it is by consumerism, is the desolation and anguish born of a complacent yet covetous heart, the feverish pursuit of frivolous pleasures, and a blunted conscience. Whenever our interior life becomes caught up in its own interests and concerns, there is no longer room for others, no place for the poor. God's voice is no longer heard, the quiet joy of his love is no longer felt, and the desire to do good fades. ... That is no way to live a dignified and fulfilled life; it is not God's will for us, nor is it the life in the Spirit which has its source in the heart of the risen Christ. ...

I invite all Christians, everywhere, at this very moment, to a renewed personal encounter with Jesus Christ, or at least an openness to letting him encounter them; I ask all of you to do this unflinchingly each day.

Apostolic Exhortation Evangelii Gaudium of the Holy Father Francis

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And Now, A Word from Our Patron Saint

You cannot become blessed unless you ascend above yourself, not by an ascent of the body but with the heart

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 diaconate 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 friarmsted2015@gmail.com

Prayer Network: Members pray daily for intentions held in confidence. Contact **Mary Cushing** at **416-445-1403**

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

Psalm 91~ Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble

Mass Intentions		
Mar. 11	Monday 9:00 pm	†Mary Knaapen
Mar. 12	Tuesday 9:00 am	†Gordon Ramsay
Mar. 13	Wednesday 9:00 am	†Juvencio Jose Ortega
Mar. 14	Thursday 9:00 am	†Siu Lee
Mar. 15	Friday 9:00 am	Brothers, Sisters and Benefactors of the OFM
		†Jennifer Olsen
		†James Shortt
		†Yvonne Berry
		†Andrea Tomcik
		†Carol Alvarez
		†Rodrigo Bablante
Mar. 16	Saturday 5:00 pm	Intentions of the Parishioners
Mar. 17	Sunday 8:30 am	†Hugh Canning (father & son)
	10:00 am	†Edward Nolan
	12:00 pm	†Patrick Bernard Matthews

Prayer Intentions:
Sanctuary Lamp: Andrew Family
Sanctuary Lamp: DiGregorio Family
Vigil Lamp: †Julie Clune-Sadler
For the Sick: Fr. David Suckling, 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, Elisabetta Schiavone and Larry Chretien

Stewardship: A Way of Living
March 3, 2019 Offertory Collections
Thank you for your generous donations.
Regular Collection \$ 8,082.37
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First Sunday of Lent – March 10, 2019
The Temptation of Jesus
Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the desert for forty days, to be tempted by the devil. (Lk.4:1-2)
Adults: How willing are you to profess your faith in Jesus Christ openly to others?
Kids: Would you still be able to say that you believe in Jesus if others made fun of you for it?

‘Vocation Seeds’
First Sunday of Lent – March 10, 2019
Jesus was led by the Holy Spirit into the desert for forty days of prayer and fasting. Are you open to being led by the Holy Spirit into the life-commitment God has prepared for you? If you think 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.

St. Bonaventure Dinner Dance Feb. 16, Raffle tickets to be claimed:
#625660 prize: Enterprise 2-day car rental
#625254 prize: Heli Tour of Downtown Toronto
Please contact 416-696-9151 or glamoureux@rogers.com

This Week in Our Parish Hall

Monday, March 11
6:30 pm Sparks/Bonaventure Room
6:30 pm Brownies/Main Hall
Tuesday, March 12
9:30 am Ministry with Maturing Adults-2nd Half of Life/ Francis Room
7:00 pm Bible Study/Oak Room
7:00 pm CWL- Executive Meeting/Francis Room
Wednesday, March 13
1:30 pm Ministry with Maturing Adults-Writing Circle/ Oak Room
7:00 pm Alcoholic Anonymous/Francis Room
Thursday, March 14
9:30 am Theology and Tea/Francis Room
Friday March 15
9:30 am Stations of the Cross/Church
Saturday, March 16
9:30 am Christian Meditation/Oak Room
9:30 am Al Anon Group/Bonaventure Room

Casseroles for the Good Shepherd Centre
Next month's deadline is **March 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**.

News from the Society of St. Vincent de Paul
In today's Gospel, Jesus overcomes the temptations to wealth, power and esteem. As we begin Lent, may we open our hearts to the grace of prayer, fasting and almsgiving.
Your gift in a St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box will help those in need to celebrate the grace of God's love this Easter. Donors who use and fill in the envelopes found at our poor boxes will receive year-end tax receipts. Thank you for your continuing generosity.

Knights of Columbus wish to thank all of the parishioners who attended the Pancake Breakfast and donated cans of tuna for the '40 Cans for lent program'. We collected 115 tins which will be donated to the Community Share Food bank. We also appreciate the support of the Parish Staff, Friars, the CWL, Del Manor and Stolport our corporate sponsors and all the volunteers that helped make this event a success.



Come enjoy an evening with us and celebrate everything España & get your Fiesta On! It's our 7th annual Gala in support of St. Clare Inn. Our celebration is on April 13th, at the Donalda Club. Doors will open at 7:00 pm. Tickets are available @ stclareinn.org and the parish Ministry Centre.

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, **March 12th, 2019**, 9:30 – 11:30 am, gather for coffee in the Francis Room after the 9:00 am Mass.
Topic: Brain Health, Dementia and Alzheimers
Presenter: Nicole Gardner, Public Education Coordinator, Alzheimer's Society of Toronto
"It has been estimated that up to half the cases of Alzheimer's disease worldwide may be the result of seven key modifiable risk factors: diabetes, high blood pressure, obesity, smoking, depression, cognitive inactivity or low education, and physical inactivity." Part II of the series on Dementia and Alzheimer's will stress some of the preventative steps and self-care choices we can make throughout our life-time.

Tuesday, **March 19th, 2019**, 9:45 – 11:45 am, gather at 9:30 for coffee in the Main Hall
Kairos Blanket Exercise Workshop
"This is a very engaging and participatory workshop which promotes our understanding and respect for our shared history as Indigenous and non-Indigenous people in Canada. This workshop, which fosters truth and reconciliation is presented by **KAIROS**, an organization which unites Canadian churches and religious organizations in a faithful ecumenical response to the call to "do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God" (Micah 6:8)."
All are welcome; invite friends and neighbours to this important presentation.

New Workshop Series Starts After Easter
Ginny Doty will be offering a new program; Creating Harmony and Hope Through Forgiveness. The weekly series; Wednesdays, April 24th to June 5th at 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm in the Bonaventure Room. Early registration is encouraged, as space is limited. To register and for more information contact: **Ginny** at 416-447-5571 ext. 560

Theology and Tea
The next **T & T** will be on **Thursday, March 14th** after the 9:00 am Mass. Mark your calendar with the following future T & T dates: **March 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.

St. Bonaventure Baseball — Mark your calendars!
Registration Begins: February 27
Evaluation days: Week of April 8
Regular Season Begins: April 29
Playoffs: Week of June 17
Finals Day: June 22
Registration forms are online and at the Ministry Centre.

And Now, A Word from Our Pastor
Before we entered the 40 days of lent, we celebrated our own Mardi Gras last Sunday with a Pancake Breakfast. Thanks to all who were able to participate and to the Knights of Columbus and ladies of the Catholic Women's league for a great morning. Special thanks to Del manor for providing the food for the breakfast; what great neighbours.

Mark your calendars for some special parish gatherings during Lent:
Every Friday in Lent: Stations of the Cross after the 9:00 am Liturgy

Saturday, March 23rd, 9:30 am-12:00 pm - Parish Retreat with Fr. Dennis to prepare for the Liturgy of the Great Three Days (Holy Thursday through Easter Sunday). What do we do, why do we do it, what's it mean for today?

Tuesday, April 2nd, 7:00 pm – The Spiritual Journey: Divine Love Drawing us into Prayer Contemplative Practice and Service presented by Maureen McDonnell.

Tuesday, April 9th, 7:00 pm – A Simple Way of Prayer: Honesty, Silence, Contemplation with Fr. Dennis

As we embrace the Lenten practices of prayer, fasting and almsgiving, let's listen to the wisdom of the children preparing for their First Communion. They have some suggestions on how to do this best:

- On prayer:** "One thing I want to pray for with all my heart is ... to be thankful for what I have."
"One thing I want to pray for with all my heart is ... for people in my family who have died."
"One way I will help my faith grow is ... to read the Bible before bed."
- On fasting:** "One thing I want to pray for with all my heart is... that I won't argue with my brother."
"One way I will help my faith grow is ... not watch TV too much."
"One way I promise to help others is... to give up pizza dinner and give the money to someone hungry."
- On Almsgiving:** "One way I will help my faith grow is... to help and share."
"One way I will help my faith grow is...by treating others kindly."
"One way I will help my faith grow is...to give more to the poor."

Jesus called a child, whom he put among them, and said, *'Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.'* (Matthew 18:3)

