YOU ARE ALWAYS WELCOME AT 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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MARCH 12, 2017

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT



THE TRANSFIGURATION

JESUS ALWAYS HAS MORE TO REVEAL ABOUT HIMSELF, ABOUT HIS FATHER, AND ABOUT THE WORLD AND OUR PLACE IN IT.

WHEN THOSE MEN RETURNED FROM THE MOUNTAIN THAT DAY, FISH NEEDED CATCHING, **BUCKETS NEEDED FILLING AND FIRES NEEDED** STOKING. THEIR WORLD, DUTIES AND LIVES HAD NOT CHANGED AND YET, SURELY EVERYTHING HAD. NOW, THEY KNEW; THEY'D SEEN; AND THEY WERE FILLED WITH WONDER. TIME WITH JESUS DOES THAT.

MASS INTENTIONS

Tues. Mar. 14 9:00 am †Luis Adrian Dayot Thurs. Mar. 16 9:00 am †Bert Dolin Fri. Mar. 17 9:00 am **†Irene Ferreira** Sat. Mar. 18 9:00 am Brothers, Sisters and

Mon. Mar. 13 9:00 am Special Intentions of H. Rodrigues Wed. Mar. 15 9:00 am †Lucien Arthur Beaulieu **Benefactors of OFM** The Friars Lillian Chen See Marian Lodenguai Martin kerk Geraldine Perusco Amelia Mazzoli **Bratty Family** Loredana **Special Intentions** Sat. Mar. 18 5:00 pm Parishioners Sun. Mar. 19 8:30 am †Hugh Canning (father and son) 10:00 am †Edward Nolan 12:00 pm †Agnes Ravindran

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Sanctuary Lamp: Andrew Family Vigil Lamp: Chua Family For the Sick: Mary Rose Fernando, Gord Roberts, Kay Corner, Linda Nasturzio, Dorothy Lord, Eileen Velazquez, Klaus Stitz, Geraldine Daly and Mabel Lim



Stations of the Cross 9:30 am Every Friday in Lent after morning mass Day of Confessions, March 29 9:30 am to 10:30 am 12:00 nn to 1:00 pm 7:00 pm

Prayer Network: Members pray daily for intentions held in confidence. Contact Moira McKeown at 416-445-8494

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

This Week in Our Parish

Monday, March 13 7:30 pm Adult Choir Practice/in the Church Tuesday, March 14

7:00 pm Bible Study Group/Bonaventure Room Wednesday, March 15

6:30 pm GRASP Group/Oak Room

7:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous/Francis Room

7:30 pm St. Vincent de Paul Society Meeting/ Bonaventure Room

7:30 pm Family Choir Practice/in the Church Friday, March 17

9:30 am Stations of the Cross/Church Saturday, March 18

9:30 am Christian Meditation/Oak Room

9:30 am Al Anon Group/Bonaventure Room

Second Sunday of Lent

~ Call to faithfulness ~

Reading I	Genesis 12:1-4
•	(call of Abraham)
Reading II	2 Timothy 1:8b-10
	(exhortation to faithfulness)
Gospel	Matthew 17:1-9
	(Jesus transfigured)

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white, (Matthew 17:1-2)

Questions of the Week:

Adult: What difference does your faith in Jesus Christ make in your life?

Child: What does it mean to you to be a holy person?

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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 lockets.

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 a 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 to the Parish office to keep on file and give a copy to whoever may be handling your affairs.

~ Friar David Stachurski

STEWARDSHIP - A WAY OF LIVING

March 5 Offertory Collection Thank you for your generous donations. Regular Collection: \$9,713 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

Our Society's Key Values: Commitment – Loyalty in service to our mission, vision and values. **Compassion** - Welcoming and serving all in need with understanding and without judgement. **Respect** - Service to all regardless of creed, ethnic or social background, health, gender or political opinions. Integrity - Promoting, maintaining and adhering to our mission, vision and values. Empathy - Establishing relationships based on respect, trust, friendship and perception. Advocacy - Working to transform the causes of poverty and challenging the causes of human injustice. Courage - Encouraging spiritual growth, welcoming innovation and giving hope for the future. For more information, call Jack at 416-390-9495.

Casseroles for the Good Shepherd Centre

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

Spiritual Growth in the Second Half of Life

Date and Programme Topic 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

Women's Lenten Retreat

March 31 to April 2, 2017, Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre in Mississauga Theme: "The Call to Peace" Preached by the Centre Team. For more information or registration please call 905-278-5229.

Second Sunday of Lent March 12, 2017

Living the Gospel by providing for vocations to the priesthood...

"Living and studying at St. Augustine's can bring untold blessings into the lives of those entering ministry," shares Matt McCarthy, a current Seminarian. Matt's interest in sports and his desire to enter the priesthood and minister to those in his community, gives him an opportunity to serve the Church in a unique way. At ShareLife-funded agencies such as Serra House, St Augustine's and Redemptoris Mater Seminaries, individuals undergo extensive theological education and practical field training. Through ShareLife, you are helping to sustain vocations to the priesthood and inspire discernment for God's call. Last year ShareLife helped support 70 seminarians in their formation studies.

Sunday April 2, 2017 is ShareLife Sunday Please give generously.

Needed: Empty Egg Cartons

Community Share Food Bank

A generous donor is willing to give a multitude of fresh eggs to the Food Bank. We need empty egg cartons to help distribute them. Please bring in empty egg cartons and place them in the back of the church.

2017 St. Bonaventure Baseball Season

Baseball Registration has begun. Please be sure to register by March 31. We are looking to fill several positions: T-ball & Rookie ball 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 bonaventurebaseball@gmail.com

Youth Ministry Blog

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

Knights of Columbus 2017 Charities Lottery

The Knights of Columbus is selling the 2017 Charities Lottery Tickets in support of the Special Olympics and the Arthritis Society. 500 prizes valued at over \$500,000 including a Grand Prize of \$200,000. Tickets are available for sale at the Ministry Centre.

Senator O'Connor School Cyber Seniors' Club

Thursdays, 3-4 pm, School library For more information call the teacher moderator Anna Szumilas at 416-393-5505 or email <u>anna.szumilas@tcdsb.org</u>

Celebrate Your Marriage with a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend!

March 17-19, 2017 weekend, Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre, Missisauga

Celebrate your love and take a fresh look at your marriage! Spend a very special weekend together. A weekend of discovery... a lifetime of love! Worldwide Marriage Encounter is a weekend getaway that helps married couples rediscover themselves as individuals and as a couple. The weekend format helps couples communicate openly and honestly without group sharing, therapy or marriage counselling. For more information and application, please go to www.wwme.org or contact: Gerard & Marge McCauley at gerard.marge@rogers.com or 905-792-1925

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 comtemplative spiritual direction from the Shalem Institute for Spiritual Formation.

God is always inviting us to deeper experiences of God's presence in our lives and in the world These invitations or movements of God are expressions of God's appreciation and belief in us. They are signs of God's love for us and God's need of us.

This Lenten Mission is dedicated to awaken to our desire for God and look at ways that help us be more attentive to God's work in us. Why do this? Because the more aware we become of God and God's movements and invitations, the more open we become to cooperating with God's graces in maturing in our faith, and ultimately bringing authentic compassion to the world.

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!**

Join the "Call for Conscience" Feb 6 to march 31, 2017

The College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario is forcing doctors to participate, despite their objections, when a patient decides to end their life. No other country does this. Please visit <u>www.CanadiansforConscience.ca</u> to learn more. Write directly to your elected MPP asking them to amend Bill 84 to add conscience protection. Printed letters are available for pick up at the back of church. Please sign them and mail them to your MPP.

