

Week 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

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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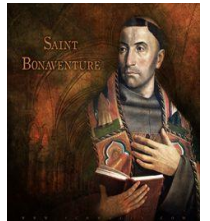
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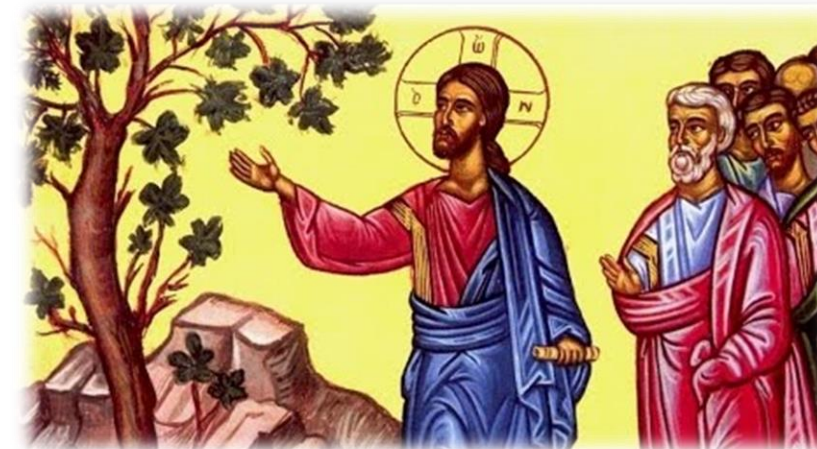


YOU ARE ALWAYS WELCOME AT ST. BONAVENTURE

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 24, 2019
The Third Sunday of Lent



The Parable of the Barren Fig Tree

“May your life be fruitful.” Years ago, these words were solemnly and sincerely spoken to me. In our own way, each of us receives this same blessing. During Lent, we are invited to reflect on the fruitfulness of our lives. Every one of us is created to do more than take up space in the garden.

Jesus, in telling the parable of the barren fig tree, teaches us something important. As gardener, he takes an active role in our lives, promising to rework and renew the soil. Gardeners know these unglamorous tasks are essential for producing abundant fruit.

Jesus lovingly commits himself to the troubles and trials of our lives. The wise gardener, he knows when and how to amend the soil. Tended carefully, even the least appealing aspects of our lives offer essential nutrients for healthy growth. We can be transformed; our lives can become ever more fruitful.

Our “yes” to this growth lies in our personal willingness to repent. Twice in this Gospel, Jesus emphasizes His lack of concern over who is a worse sinner or a worse offender. He simply looks for our willingness to be renewed.

At every Eucharist, we renew our “yes.” We pray, acknowledging our need for our Lord: “only say the word and my soul shall be healed.”

Brenda Merk Hildebrand
Campbell River, BC

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

Join our Parish: Pick-up a registration form at the back of the church, Ministry Centre or download online.

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.

Lenten Days of Confession:

March 31 – April 6, 2019

Listed below are the times of confessions at our parish and some neighbouring parishes. For the times at other parishes please go to www.archtoronto.org/confessions

St. Bonaventure Parish

Wednesday, April 3rd: 9:30 am to 10:30 am; noon to 1:00 pm; 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish, 78 Clifton Road
April 1st: 11:00 am to 12:00 pm; 12:30 pm to 1:30 pm; 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm

St. Andrew Kim's 849 Don Mills Road
April 3: 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm
April 9: 10:00 am to 2:00 pm

St. Timothy's Parish, 21 Leith Hill Road
April 10: 9:30 am to 12:00 noon, 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm

St. Gabriel's, 670 Sheppard Ave. East
April 17: 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm

Please join us at St. Bonaventure Church on Thursday, March 28, at 7:00 pm for a Memorial Mass for †Fr. Canice. Following the Mass, we will have a reception in the Parish Hall.

Psalm 103~ The Lord is merciful and gracious.

Mass Intentions

Mar. 25 Monday 9:00 pm Nguyen Family
 Mar. 26 Tuesday 9:00 am †Lourdes Theresa Devotta
 Mar. 27 Wednesday 9:00 am †Antonio Pineda and †Arlene Acedillo
 Mar. 28 Thursday 9:00 am †Domenico Narducci
 Mar. 29 Friday 9:00 am Herman Velazquez
 Stan Zupan & Rose Mihelick
 †Eustacio Mantaring
 †Laura Perrin
 †Givi Surmava
 †Jackie Woods
 Mar. 30 Saturday 5:00 pm †Nikola Milic
 Mar. 31 Sunday 8:30 am Intentions of the Parishioners
 10:00 am †Joza Jani & Nazareth Daheen
 12:00 pm †Korisha Ogferally-Dewan

Prayer Intentions:

Sanctuary Lamp 1: †Martin Vandersteen
 Vigil Lamp: Salustiano Bunye
For the Sick: Fr. David Suckling, Christine Wojnicki, Emmanuel Thiruchelvam, Deanna Andrew, Bonnie Beverley, Mabel Lim, Tony Guiney, Alfonz Pavli, Raymund Fung, Teresita Peiris, Kay Corner, Dorothy Lord, Michael Morra, Mary DiGregorio, Liliana De Las Mercedes Vazquez, Elisabetta Schiavone and Larry Chretien
For the Deceased: Fr. Canice Connors, OFM Conv.

Stewardship: A Way of Living

March 17, 2019 Offertory Collections

Thank you for your generous donations.

Regular Collection \$ **8,073.30**
 Pre-Authorized Giving \$ **2,926.00**
 Donate Now \$ **328.00**

Third Sunday of Lent – March 24, 2019

How can you “Live the Gospel” when life is so busy?

Many people help those in need by volunteering at a local organization. But if your schedule doesn't allow for it, you can still make a huge impact in your community by supporting ShareLife-funded agencies. Next Sunday is the first ShareLife collection. Over the next week, please reflect on your ability to “Live the Gospel” by making a sacrificial gift to our parish ShareLife campaign.

Next Sunday, March 31st is ShareLife Sunday
Please give generously

‘Vocation Seeds’

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The Lord is kind and merciful and calls us to proclaim His Name. Consider service in the priesthood or consecrated life. 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.

This Week in Our Parish Hall

Monday, March 25

6:30 pm Sparks/Bonaventure Room
 6:30 pm Brownies/Main Hall

Tuesday, March 26

7:00 pm Sacrament of Confirmation-Session A/Main Hall
 7:00 pm Bible Study/Oak Room
 7:00 pm Community Share Food Bank Meeting/
 Bonaventure Room

Wednesday, March 27

7:00 pm Alcoholic Anonymous/Francis Room
 7:00 pm Sacrament of Confirmation-Session B/Main Hall

Thursday, March 28

9:30 am Theology and Tea/Francis
 8:00 pm Memorial Mass Reception for †Fr. Canice/Main Hall

Friday March 29

9:30 am Stations of the Cross/Church

Saturday, March 30

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

Casseroles for the Good Shepherd Centre

Next month's deadline is **April 21st, 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 is quite clear in his message: bear fruit or be cut down. This lent we are called to cultivate and fertilize our spiritual lives through prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

Through your almsgiving you are performing a good work, far greater than you think. Know that your loonie or toonie is multiplied by coins placed by others in the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Boxes. Thank you for your continuing generosity, support and prayers

Theology and Tea

The next T & T will be on **Thursday, March 28th** after the 9:00 am Mass. Mark your calendar with the following future T & T dates: **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.



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. Thanks to all.

Community Life

And Now, A Word from Our Pastor

“Merciful Father, Grant that during Lent we may grow in the riches hidden in Christ.” That’s what we prayed at the Liturgy on the First Sunday of Lent. Here at St. Bonaventure we have a rich variety of opportunities to grow in the Lord.

Every Friday in Lent immediately following the 9:00 am Liturgy, in the Church. Stations of the Cross.

Tuesday, April 2nd, 7:00 pm, Parish Hall. **Praying as a Traveler.** Maureen McDonnell, our leader of the Ministry with Maturing Adults will focus on prayer as following in the footprints of Jesus.

Wednesday, April 3rd – A Day of Reconciliation. The Sacrament of Reconciliation with Individual Confessions will be celebrated throughout the day 9:30 to 10:30 am; 12:00 to 1:00 pm and 7:00 to 8:00 pm

Tuesday, April 9th, 7:00 pm, Parish Hall. **A Simple Way of Prayer:** Honesty, Silence, Conversation. Fr. Dennis will lead the evening with a focus on union with the Lord through prayer.

Hope you’ll join us in these Lenten moments as we journey together to the Great Three Days (Holy Thursday to Easter) to celebrate our immersion in the Mystery of the Lord’s Death and Rising.

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, **April 2nd, 2019**, 9:45 – 11:45 am, gather at 9:30 for coffee in the Main Hall

The Spiritual Journey

It is Divine Love that draws us into prayer. We will explore some contemplative prayer practices and notice together how we are drawn by love into service. **Maureen McDonnell**, facilitator, will lead us through some practices of prayer that arise as we journey into the mystery and riches of our spiritual journey.

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

Third Sunday of Lent - March 24, 2019

The Parable of the Barren Fig Tree

“For three years now, I have come in search of fruit on fig tree but have found none. So, cut it down.” (Luke 13:7)

Adults: What important work could bear fruit in your life right now if you have more confidence in God’s loving care?

Children: What great work would you like to do as you grow older? What can you do to begin now?

St. Bonaventure Baseball — Mark your calendars!

Registration Started: February 27

Evaluation days: Week of April 8

Regular Season Begins: April 29

Playoffs: Week of June 17

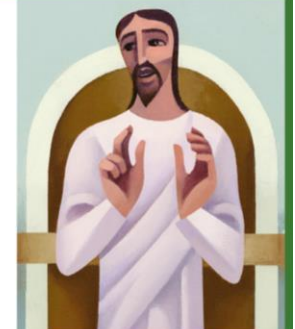
Finals Day: June 22

Registration forms are online and at the Ministry Centre.

Please Note: Registrations for T-Ball and Rookie Ball are closed; the Soft Ball registration is still open with about 19 spots remaining.

Annual Day of Recollection at Villa Colombo, 40 Playfair Ave. North York, ON., on **Tuesday, April 9, 2019** under the direction of **Fr. Raffaele Paonessa, OFM**. Please make your reservation or for more information call **416-789-2113 ext. 2220** before April 5, 2019.

Q What is the Rite of Acceptance? What happens during this rite?



A The Rite of Acceptance is the first time the inquirers, in the midst of the assembly, voice their intention to accept the Gospel, follow the way of Christ, and seek initiation in the Church. The Church receives them as people desiring membership, and their senses (forehead, ears, eyes, lips, heart, shoulders, hands, and feet) are “signed” with the Sign of the Cross, indicating that Christ claims them and all their faculties as his own. After the homily, catechumens may be presented with a Bible or cross. They are then kindly dismissed to reflect on the Word. For those already baptized, the Rite of Welcoming celebrates their desire to be received into full communion with the Catholic Church or for one who is baptized Catholic, their desire to complete their initiation with the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist. Great care must be taken to distinguish the baptized because they are already part of the Body of Christ, though not fully initiated.

