

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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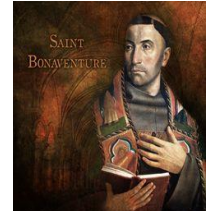
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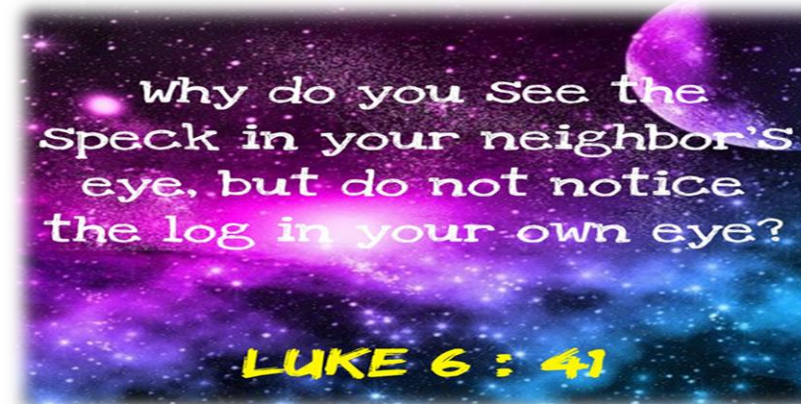


YOU ARE ALWAYS WELCOME AT ST. BONAVENTURE

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 3rd, 2019
The Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time



I was once on a cave exploration trip in Alberta. Using ropes and special ladders, we went exploring a huge 300-metre deep cave with a maze of passageways. One guide and I wanted to get to the very bottom. At one point, we stopped for a snack. My guide took off his glasses to adjust his helmet. It was complete, utter darkness and dead silent down there. Shortly after leaving our snack spot, my guide noticed he had left his glasses behind. Without his glasses, his eyesight was quite blurred. We never found the glasses. He was no longer able to guide me.

In Today's Gospel, Jesus says when it comes to really knowing what is in a person's heart, we are like blind guides. We really don't see, even if we think we do. Our eyesight is blocked by our own weaknesses and faults. Jesus invites us to "first take the log out of your own eye." This is about a conversion of heart, grounded in an ongoing prayer life.

The Lord wants to free us of our burdens. We repent, he forgives us and helps us change our ways. What joy and freedom! Thus, with the psalmist, we want to declare his "steadfast love in the morning," and his "faithfulness by night."

Emmanuel Martel, Ottawa, ON.

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 **Maira Mckeown** at 416-445-8494

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

Psalm 92~ Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

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| Mass Intentions | |
| Mar. 4 Monday | 9:00 pm †Catherine Valenti |
| Mar. 5 Tuesday | 9:00 am †Leander Taylor |
| Mar. 6 Wednesday | 9:00 am †Patrick Bernard Matthews |
| | 10:30 am St. Bonaventure Students and Staff |
| | 7:00 pm Intentions of the Parishioners |
| Mar. 7 Thursday | 9:00 am †Patrick Sweeney |
| Mar. 8 Friday | 9:00 am Vocations |
| | Fr. Dan Quackenbush |
| | C.A Boreham |
| | Sr. Ernest Chung |
| | Fr. Tom Reist |
| | †Lillian Chen See |
| | †Brandon Tsang |
| | †Alejandra Cabenala |
| | †Roselyn Javier |
| Mar. 9 Saturday | 5:00 pm †Don Fernandes |
| Mar. 10 Sunday | 8:30 am †Michael Vincent Chua |
| | 10:00 am Cynthia E. D'Souza |
| | 12:00 pm Intentions of the Parishioners |

Prayer Intentions:
 Sanctuary Lamp: †Julie Clune-Sadler
 Sanctuary Lamp: DiGregorio Family
 Vigil Lamp: †Martin Vandersteen

For the Sick:
 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

For the Deceased:
 †Shirley Tasker, †Deborah Jarvis

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Ash Wednesday – A Day of Fast and Abstinence
 On March 6th, Ash Wednesday, we will have Mass and distribution of ashes at 9:00 am and 7:00 pm. We will also have a service at 10:30 am with the students and Staff of St. Bonaventure School. Parents are welcome!

Ash Wednesday marks the start of the Lenten season. Lent has two major purposes: It recalls or prepares for baptism and emphasizes a spirit of penance. During Lent we are encouraged to practice the privileged forms of penance mentioned in the Gospels: fasting, almsgiving, prayer and works of charity. Christian fasting obtains its full meaning when we deprive ourselves of food in order to be more open for prayer, to share more in the suffering of those who are starving and to save money for the poor.

This Week in Our Parish Hall

Monday, March 4
 6:30 pm Sparks/Bonaventure Room
 6:30 pm Brownies/Main Hall

Tuesday, March 5
 7:00 pm Bible Study/Oak Room
 7:00 pm CWL- Executive Meeting/Francis Room

Wednesday, March 6
 7:00 pm GRASP/Oak Room
 7:00 pm Alcoholic Anonymous/Francis Room

Friday March 8
 9:30 am Stations of the Cross / Church

Saturday, March 9
 9:30 am Christian Meditation/Oak Room
 9:30 am Al Anon Group/Bonaventure Room

Canadian Food for Children
 On **March 2nd and 3rd weekend** we will be accepting donations of **oil** to support the work of Dr. Simone.

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 the Gospel today, Jesus uses images in speaking to his disciples: "Can a blind person guide a blind person?... Why do you see the speck in your neighbour's eye but do not notice the log in your own eye?... No good tree bears bad fruit..."
It is true that donations come to the Society because a good person produces goodness from the good treasure in their heart.

The **Knights of Columbus** is selling the 2019 Charities Lottery Tickets in support of the Special Olympics and the Arthritis Society including local charities. 500 prizes valued at over \$500,000 including a Grand Prize of \$200,000 are available to be won. St. Francis Council sold some of the winning tickets as recently as 2016, 2017 and 2018. Tickets can be purchased at the Ministry Centre.



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

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 12, 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.
All are welcome; invite friends and neighbours to this important presentation.

New Workshop Series Starts After Easter
'Creating Harmony and Hope Through Forgiveness'
April 24th to June 5th
 Our wonderful presenter **Ginny Doty** will be offering a new program; Creating Harmony and Hope Through Forgiveness. This series invites us to deepen our journey of compassionate presence to ourselves and towards others. 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

“There go those Catholics again. Going to church in the middle of the week. Leaving with Crosses made out of ashes on their heads. What's that all about?”
It's about faith. It's about holding up our belief in the power of the Cross of Jesus. The Cross as sign of victory over self. The Cross, inspiring hope when the journey is difficult. The Cross as symbol of life beyond death. We wear this Cross on our foreheads on Ash Wednesday with humble pride. We have been Baptized into the mystery of the Lord's Death and Rising. Jesus invites us to join our hurts and joys to His every time we renew that mystery in the Mass.
In the words of an ancient prayer of the Church: Hail, O Cross, our surest hope.

Congratulations to Adriana Rose Burdo, Stella Lourdes De Lanerolle-Brown, Chkaye Vida Mary Fardy, Louis Francis Mou, Saxon Adele Headley-Ballantyne who were given new birth by water and the Holy Spirit and welcomed into God's Holy People through Baptism.

We commend † Shirley Tasker (mother of Maureen Norman) and †Deborah Jarvis (sister of Jill Tonus) into the hands of our God and pray for the gift of peace to their families and to those that mourn their passing.

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time – March 3
Authentic Living
 Jesus said, "How can you say to your neighbour, 'Friend, let me take out the speck in your eye,' when you yourself do not see the log in your own eye?" (Lk.6:42a)
Sirach 27:5-8 – All tested by their speech
1 Corinthians 15:54-58 – Glorification of the body
Luke 6:39-45 – All known by their works

Adults: When have you most felt like a hypocrite? How did you overcome this feeling?
Kids: It is good thing or a bad thing to act differently from what you are really feeling? Why?

'Vocation Seeds'
Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time – March 3
 "In the Lord your labour is not in vain." Is the Lord calling you to work in His vineyard? Pray to hear God's call. If 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.

