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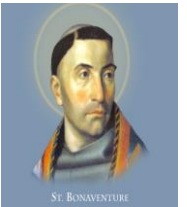
March 4, 2018
The Third Sunday of Lent



Today in John's Gospel, we see Jesus in the temple as Passover approaches. He is outraged that his "Father's house" is being used as a trading centre. He cleanses it and restores it to a prayerful state. Are we striving for wholeness or are our souls in need of spring-cleaning?

We might ask ourselves today: what cobwebs might we wipe away before we celebrate Easter? Does pride distance us from God or others? Are we self-centered, unforgiving or un-giving? Do we judge, criticize or fail to recognize the needs of others? In the silence of our hearts, do we hear God whispering, “Come back to me”? We are temples of the Spirit, called to holiness and to the joy of eternal life. How blessed are we!

Barbara d'Artois, Pierrefonds, QC



Weekday Liturgy: Monday to Friday, 9 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday, 4 pm

Sunday Liturgy: Saturday, Vigil, 5 pm
Sunday, 8:30 am, 10 am, 12 noon

Stations of the Cross: 9:30 am - every Friday in Lent

Join our Parish: *Pick-up a registration form at 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, 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 Peter at least one year before the desired date. Couples need to participate in a Marriage Preparation Course.

Religious Life: *Discerning a call to the consecrated religious life 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 friarmsteed2015@gmail.com

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

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

Psalm 19: Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

Mass Intentions				
Mar. 5	Monday	9:00 am	†Alicja Karwowska	
Mar. 6	Tuesday	9:00 am	†Marcella Shillingford	
Mar. 7	Wednesday	9:00 am	Thanksgiving Intention of Beatriz	
Mar. 8	Thursday	9:00 am	Regina B. Johnson	
Mar. 9	Friday	9:00 am	Brothers, Sisters and Benefactors of the OFM	
			†Mr. & Mrs. Ibrahim	
			†Jim Graeney	
			†Francesco Reale	
			†John Dallas	
Mar. 10	Saturday	5:00 pm	†Anna Meyer	
Mar. 11	Sunday	8:30 am	Deanna Andrew	
		10:00 am	†Joanne V. Uichanco	
		12:00 pm	Int. of the Parishioners	
Prayer Intentions				
Sanctuary Lamp 1: †Alicja Karwowska				
Sanctuary Lamp 2: † Mrs. Ah Foon				
Vigil Lamp: Anita Sioson,				
For the Sick: Weston Druery, Frankie Horgan, Sigrid Ades, Emily Chan, Keith David, Dorothy Lord, Roger Payette, Mary Digregorio, Cathy Valenti, Teresita Peiris, Vivienne Brown, Lucy DiBona, Raymond Fung, Pat O'Connor, Patricia DiBona, Michael Morra				
For the Deceased: †Paul Comision				

Stewardship: A Way of Living
February 25 Offertory Collection
Thank you for your generous donations.
Regular Collection: **\$ 7,524.75**
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Second Collection:
March 11 – **Flowers for Easter Offering**

Living the Gospel through ShareLife by providing for homeless youth
On any given night, 6,000 people across Canada between 16 and 24 have nowhere to call home. This represents 20% of the total homeless population. The ShareLife-supported Rights of Passage program at Covenant House has been active in making a positive difference in the lives of homeless youth on the street of Toronto. The program matches adolescents with mentors, who help them build life skills. By supporting ShareLife, you’re helping at-risk youth prepare for life on their own. The 2018 overall ShareLife campaign for parishes is \$13.9 million. Our parish goal for 2018 is \$130,500.00 Our parish campaign achieved the following:
In 2015 - \$112,955.00
In 2016 - \$100,108.80
In 2017 - \$126, 416.60

March 18 is ShareLife Sunday. Please give generously

Lenten Days of Confession: March 11-17, 2018
Listed below are the times of confessions at our parish and some neighboring parishes. For the times at other parishes please go to www.archtoronto.org/confessions

St. Bonaventure Parish
Tuesday March 13: 9:30 am to 10:30 am; noon to 1:00 pm; 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm

St. Gabriel’s, 670 Sheppard Ave. East
March 14: 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm

St. Monica’s 44 Broadway Ave
March 14: 9:00 am to 12:00 noon, 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm

St. Louis-de-France 1415 Don Mills Road
March 20: 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm

St. Andrew Kim’s 849 Don Mills Road
March 25: 10:00 am to 12:00 pm; 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm

This Week in Our Parish

Monday, March 5	
6:30 pm	Sparks/Bonaventure Room
6:30 pm	Brownies/Francis Room
7:00 pm	Sacramental Preparation-First Holy Communion-Group A/ Main Hall
Tuesday, March 6	
7:00 pm	Bible Study/Oak Room
7:00 pm	CWL Executive Meeting/Bonaventure Room
7:00 pm	Sacramental Preparation- First Holy Communion-Group B/Main Hall
Wednesday, March 7	
7:00 pm	Catholicism-Documentary Film Series/Main Hall
7:00 pm	Alcoholic Anonymous/Francis Room
7:00 pm	Grasp/Oak Room
Thursday, March 8	
7:00 pm	Knights of Columbus-General Meeting/ Francis Room
7:00 pm	Al-Anon Business Meeting/Oak Room
Saturday, March 9	
9:30 am	Christian Meditation Group/Oak Room
9:30 am	Al-Anon Group/Bonaventure Room

Third Sunday of Lent
Trust and Doubt
For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles. (1 Corinthians 1:22-23)
Exodus 20:1- 17 – The ten commandments
1 Corinthians 1:22-25 – The wisdom and folly of the cross
John 2:13-25 – Cleansing of the temple

Adults: When has the message of the cross seemed absurd to you, and when have you seen its wisdom?
Kids: What puzzles you in the gospel stories? Which story makes you the most hopeful?

Community Life

Ministry with Maturing Adults
Living out Spirituality in the Second Half of Life
Tuesday Mornings Coffee and Treats 9:30- 11:30 am
in the Francis Room
All are Welcome! St. Bonaventure’s Parish, 1300 Leslie St.

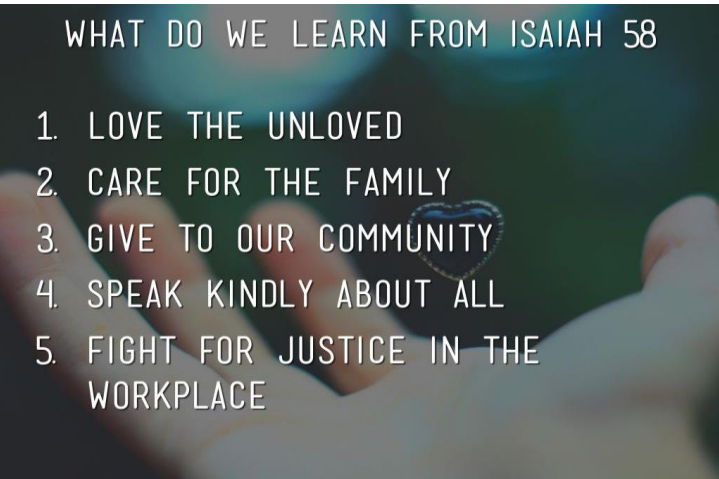
March 13 **Homeless in Toronto** – Presentation on homelessness and on models of service.
Maureen McDonnell with Guest Presenters

March 20 **The Wisdom of Teresa of Avila** – Responding to the summons of our elder years - Maureen McDonnell

April 24 **Special Event with luncheon (9:30 – 12:30)**

There is no monetary cost for this program. For more information maureen@st-bonaventure.ca or call at 416-447-5571 ext. 550

News from the St. Vincent de Paul Society



Theology and tea
Next **T & T** will be on **Thursday, March 15th** after the 9:00 am Mass, and alternating Thursdays thereafter (except Holy Thursday). The sessions are open to all parishioners and their friends.



Stations of the Cross- 9:30 am on Fridays of Lent. (except Good Friday)

Catholicism is a groundbreaking Documentary Film Series created and hosted by **Bishop Robert Barron. the next film series is at 7:00 pm** in the **Main hall. March 7 - *The Fire of His Love – Prayer and the Life of the Spirit***

“Prayer is the lifting up of the mind and the heart to God.” Bishop Barron explores the different types of prayers: contemplation; adoration; petition; and intercession.



Week 3 – March 4
Defending the rights of poor communities fractured by forced evictions in Nigeria

In Nigeria, forced evictions are carried out violently, without consulting those concerned, as well as without warning, compensation, or providing alternative housing.

Thanks to your support, the Social and Economic Rights Action Centre, a Development and Peace partner, can train community leaders who then work with some of the most marginalized communities so they can engage in effective dialogue with the government. This year, we invite you to join Development and Peace’s monthly giving program Share Year-Round. You can also register online at devp.org/shareyearround.

Silent Retreat for Men
Friday, March 16, 2018 7:00 pm to Sunday, March 18, 2018 1:00 pm
Manresa Jesuit Spiritual Renewal Centre, 2325 Liverpool Rd., Pickering
A silent retreat in the Jesuit tradition. Fr. Michael Knox, SJ, will facilitate the retreat, “Heroic Christian Leaders for the 21st Century” for men. **Cost:** Suggested offering \$185 per person. This includes accommodation, meals, programs and spiritual direction.
Phone: 905-839-2864
Email: pickmanresa@rogers.com
Website: www.manresa-canada.ca

Vice and Virtue
Saturday, March 10, 2018 9:30 am to 3:00 pm (includes Mass in the seminary chapel)
St. Augustine’s Seminary, 2661 Kington Rd. Scarborough, ON., M1M 1M3
‘Vice and Virtue’ a Lenten Retreat by Dr. Josephine Lombardi. Cost: \$50.00 (lunch included); Register online: www.staugustines.on.ca; Email: ioft@sastoronto.org or Phone: 416-261-7207 ext. 235;

Confirmation as an Adult

Some of us, catechised and practicing the faith, were never confirmed for a variety of reasons. It is possible to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation at a later age.

- You were baptised in the Roman Catholic Church;
- You participate in the life of the parish;
- You continue to grow in relationship with Jesus Christ;
- You desire to more fully live his Good News through your life;
- Perhaps you are preparing for marriage;
- Perhaps you have been asked to be a godparent or a sponsor;
- Perhaps you are asking for your child to be baptised;
- and you were never confirmed.

Let us lead you to full initiation in the life of Christ by preparing you to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation.

How: 4 sessions

When:
Tuesday, April 17, 24, May 1, and 8 (follow-up)
from 7 pm to 8:30 pm.

Confirmation at the 10 am Mass on May 6,
the 6th Sunday of Easter

Registration:
Please contact Gregory Beath at 416-447-5571 Ext. 258,
to make an appointment no later than March 28, 2018.
Provide a copy of your baptismal certificate recently
issued by the Roman Catholic parish where you were
baptised.

2018 Offertory Envelopes

Thanks to all parishioners that have picked up their 2018 envelopes. All remaining envelopes have been moved from the church to the Ministry Centre. Please contact the office, 416-447-5571, if you need any additional information.

Please do not use any old envelopes from previous years because we have changes to some envelope numbers. To ensure that your donations are credited correctly, please remember to put your name & address on the front of your offertory envelop. Thankyou in advance!

St. Bonaventure Baseball League
Registration is Open

The youth baseball league:

- provides children with a positive baseball experience, skill development and fun within a recreational but competitive framework
- imparts, teaches and nourishes the values of sportsmanship, friendship and the spirit of cooperation that embodies our parish community.

While the league's primary goal is to provide children in the parish and students of St. Bonaventure Catholic School with access to the sport of baseball, children outside the school and parish are welcome.

The league is run entirely by volunteers and operates on a break even basis. All monies go to offset costs of uniforms, field maintenance, equipment and umpire fees. Every effort is made to keep registration fees low to avoid excluding children who may not have the means to afford to play.

Volunteers are always welcome. To become part of our league, contact: bonaventurebaseball@gmail.com

2018 Events

Registration Starts	February 20
Evaluation Day	April 9 & 10
First Game Week	April 16
Playoff Week	June 18
Finals Day	June 23

Divisions

Baseball season runs from mid April to the end of June. Registration fees are \$50 per child. Because of the limited number of spots per team and the short playing season children must be available to play on game nights and for weekend practices. We play at St. Bonaventure Church and school diamonds.

T-Ball - JK to Grade 2
Rookie Ball - Grade 3 to 5
Softball - Grade 6 to 8

We are looking forward to another successful season
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APRIL 14/15



St. Bonaventure Catholic School: 60 years of Community Education

The history of St. Bonaventure Catholic Elementary School is closely aligned with the unique history of the Don Mills area. The construction of this historically significant elementary school began just a few short years after the development of this suburb in 1953 and was deemed to be "Canada's First Planned Community." Originally, Don Mills was designed as a model community between 1952 and 1965. Land use, architectural design and building materials were carefully regulated during this time – this included the construction and planning of St. Bonaventure Catholic School and the adjacent parish of the same name.

St. Bonaventure Catholic School recently celebrated its 60th successful year in the Don Mills community, first opening its doors in January 1957.

"We started out as an eight-classroom school and in June of 1957, the first graduating Grade 8 class celebrated its convocation," states Mr. James Graham, St. Bonaventure's Principal.

"As the Don Mills community continued to develop and our school's population increased, the need for more space became apparent. In 1962, an additional seven classrooms and a library were built. A second addition, containing a gymnasium, change rooms and a stage, were built in 1969. It's a school that continues to evolve!" says Mr. Graham, who's lived through some of the recent changes, having served the community during two separate terms over the past 14 years.

Due to steady enrolment pressures at the school, St. Bonaventure went into a third phase of development, which was

completed in 2014 with the construction of six additional classrooms, along with a new entrance, atrium and office area.

Principal Graham states, "Our school has seen many changes over the years, but as times change and education changes, we continue to reinvent ourselves in order to meet the demands of 21st century learning needs. We are truly a Catholic learning community with a clear vision."

St. Bonaventure Catholic School is one of the oldest publicly funded elementary schools in the Don Mills area. St. Bonaventure is considered one of the pillars of the Don Mills community and has been providing quality Catholic education to this area for over six decades. This distinctive Catholic school currently serves the needs of more than 600 students in the Don Mills area and offers specialty programming in Extended French along with accelerated learning opportunities through its Congregated Gifted and French programs. It has both before-and after-school care along with a number of other unique features. St. Bonaventure is situated on the picturesque Edward's Gardens, located at the south west corner of Leslie & Lawrence Avenue.

Registration for the upcoming 2018/19 school year opened in mid-January. If you are interested in learning more about St. Bonaventure Catholic School or would like to find out how your children can attend, you are asked to contact Principal James Graham at james.graham@tcdsb.org or by calling the offices at 416-393-5263. Space is limited.



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Images of Lent

What is the meaning of Lent? Why do we set aside forty days each year to voluntarily give up some legitimate enjoyments so as to prepare for Easter? The need for lent is written right into our DNA. Perhaps a look at some of images for lent can help make this clearer.

Religiously the richest image we have for lent is the image of the desert, of Jesus going into there voluntarily to fast and pray. Scripture tells us that Jesus went into the desert for forty days and, while there, he ate nothing. This doesn't necessarily mean that, literally, he took no food or water during that time, but rather that he deprived himself of all physical supports (including food, water, enjoyments, distractions) that protected him from feeling, full force, his vulnerability, dependence, and need to surrender in deeper trust to God. And in doing this, we are told, he found himself hungry and consequently vulnerable to temptations from the devil—but also, by that same token, more open to God.

The desert, by taking away the securities and protections of ordinary life, strips us bare and leaves us naked, both before God and the devil. This brings us face-to-face with our own chaos. That's an image for lent.

But we have some wonderfully rich anthropological images for lent as well. Let me briefly mention three of them.

In virtually every culture there is, somewhere, the concept of having "to sit in the ashes for a time" as a necessary preparation for some deep joy or fulfillment.

We see this, for example, in the story of Cinderella. The name itself, Cinderella, holds the key: It is derived from two words: Cinders, meaning ashes; and Puella, the Latin word for young girl. Etymologically, Cinderella means the eternal girl who sits in the ashes, with the further idea being that, before she, or anyone else, gets to put on the royal clothes, go to the ball, and dance with the prince, she must first spend some time sitting in the ashes, tasting some emptiness, feeling some powerlessness, and trusting that this deprivation and humiliation is necessary to help bring about the maturity needed to do the royal dance.

There is a similar concept inside some North American Native cultures, where it is accepted that, in everyone's life, there will come a season where he or she will have to spend some time sitting in the ashes. For example, in some tribes, when they used to live communally in long-houses, the fires for heating and warmth were kept in the center of the house so that a partially open roof could function as a chimney. Ashes would, of course, accumulate around the fires and occasionally someone from the community would, for a period of time, simply sit in the ashes, quiet, withdrawn from ordinary activities, and take little food or water. Eventually a day would come when he or she would get up, wash off the ashes, and resume normal activities. Nobody asked why. It was taken for granted that this person was working through something, a depression or crisis of some sort, and needed that space, that quiet, that withdrawal, to work through some inner chaos and demons. In short, he or she was seen to need a lenten season.

A second image is that of being a child of Saturn. In some mythologies, Saturn was thought to be the planet that causes us to feel sadness and despondency. And so if you were a poet, an artist, a philosopher, a writer, or a religious thinker you would want, sometimes, to sit under Saturn, that is, to enter voluntarily into certain inner areas of the soul that ordinarily you might want to avoid precisely because they trigger chaos, sadness, heaviness, and despondency. Part of the idea was also that, occasionally in every person's life, you would for a time become a child of Saturn, meaning that you would be overcome by a certain sadness and heaviness and would have to cease your normal activities and sit for a time with that, patiently learning some lessons that only a certain sadness could teach you. Again, the idea was that there is some necessary inner work that can only be done in sadness and heaviness and we need sometimes to enter these voluntarily.

Finally, there is yet another rich image in anthropology to can help us understand lent, the image of our own tears as re-connecting us to the flow of life. The image is simple: Our tears are salt water, as is the ocean which is ultimately the origin of all life on this planet. What our tears do is put as back into touch with the physical origins of all life on this planet, salt water. The idea then is that, occasionally, it is good to forsake the joys of life for the salt of tears because only tears can deepen us and help us connect to our origins and grounding. Lent is meant to do exactly that.

Fr. Ron Rolheiser, OMI

