

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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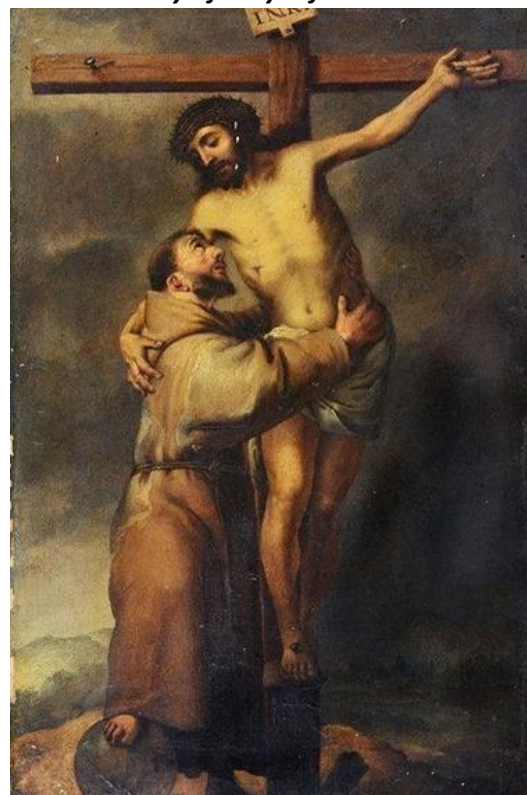
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May 12, 2019 – Fourth Sunday of Easter
World Day of Prayer for Vocations



Embracing Love

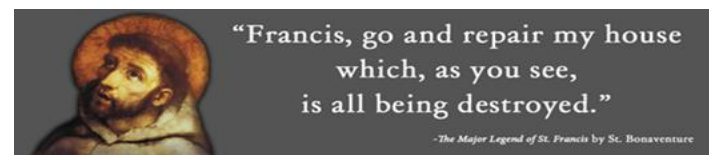
A Vocation Prayer

Loving and Generous God, it is You who call us by name and ask us to follow You. Help us to grow in the Love and Service of our Church as we experience it today. Give us the energy and courage of Your Spirit as we make all things new.

Grant us faith-filled ministers who will embrace Christ's Mission of love and justice.

Bless our faith community by raising up dedicated, generous disciples who will serve Your people as Sisters, Friars, Priests, Deacons and Lay Ministers. Open our hearts to hear Your call and inspire us to know You better.

We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.



Vocation Seeds ~ Fourth Sunday of Easter – May 12, 2019
World Day of Prayer for Vocations

Pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and religious life, especially for our diocese, that God will raise up good shepherds in our midst. 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.

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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.

May 12, 2019
The Fourth Sunday of Easter



“My Sheep hear my Voice and I know them and they follow me” ~ John 10:27

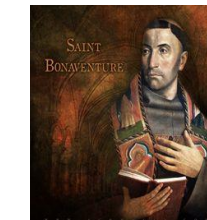
Jesus said, “My sheep hear my voice.” Do you? Maybe in your heart? Or in homilies, or in the poor, or in people around you? To have familiarity, even intimacy, with the voice of the Good Shepherd means to spend time listening to the Word of God.

According to Pope Francis, how do we recognize Jesus’ voice among all the other “voices” that we hear?

We can study the whole history of salvation, we can study the whole of Theology, but without the Spirit we cannot understand. It is the Spirit that makes us realize the truth or – in the words of Our Lord – it is the Spirit that makes us know the voice of Jesus. Jesus, the Good Pastor, says, “My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me.”

Pope Francis, 4/25/2015

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And Now, A Word from Our Patron Saint

If you learn everything except Christ, you learn nothing. If you learn nothing except Christ, you learn everything.

St. Bonaventure

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 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 Dennis** or **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 **friarmsted2015@gmail.com**

Prayer Network: Members pray daily for intentions held in confidence. Contact **Gerald Desjardins** at **416-755-6721**

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

Bishop Robert Kasun

Our regional bishop, Robert Kasun, sends his thanks for the prayers and wishes and card we sent him as he receives medical treatment for cancer. He writes: "Thank you for being in touch, my illness has been draining and I sleep a lot! I thank you for your prayers. You are also in mine. Thanks kindly, Bishop Bob."

Our Congratulations, best wishes and prayers go to **Theresa Brown** of St. Bonaventure Parish. On May the 12 she gives thanks to God for the gift of life as she celebrates her **105th birthday**.

This Week in Our Parish Hall

Monday, May 13
10:00 am Ministry with Maturing Adults Council Meeting/ Bonaventure Room
6:30 pm Sparks/Bonaventure Room
6:30 pm Brownies/Francis Room
Tuesday, May 14
7:00 pm Bible Study/ Oak Room
7:00 pm CWL Executive Meeting/Francis Room
Wednesday, May 15
1:00 pm Forgiveness Workshop/Bonaventure Room
7:00 pm GRASP/Oak Room
7:00 pm Alcoholic Anonymous/Francis Room
Thursday, May 16
7:00 pm Mary Jo Leddy's Talk/Main Hall
Saturday, May 18
9:30 am Christian Meditation/Oak Room
9:30 am Al Anon Group/Bonaventure Room

Parish Garden Day

We need lots of helping hands to plant our Parish Gardens on Saturday, May 25th. Start time is 9:00 am and bring your garden tools. We will provide lunch. Call the Ministry Centre if you can help at 416-447-5571.

News from the Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Today, we celebrate Jesus as the Good Shepherd and reflect on the care and love of Jesus for each one of us.

Your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul will show that you are indeed the disciple of Jesus, The Good Shepherd, as it will bring your love to those who live with uncertainty and doubt, loneliness and trepidation. Bring your discarded clothing and shoes, bedding, household linens and curtains to our upcoming **Bundle Up Weekend, June 8/9**. Thank you for all you do!

A Prayer for Mothers

All loving God, we give you thanks and praise for mothers young and old.

We pray for young mothers, who give life and count toes and tend to our every need; May they be blessed with patience and tenderness to care for their families and themselves with great joy.

We pray for our own mothers who have nurtured and cared for us; May they continue to guide us in strong and gentle ways.

We remember mothers who are separated from their children because of war, poverty or conflict; May they feel the loving embrace of God who wipes every tear away.

We pray for women who are not mothers but still love and shape us with motherly care and compassion.

We remember mothers, grandmothers and great grandmothers who are no longer with us but who live forever in our memory and nourish us with their love. Amen.

~by Heidi Busse

Happy Mother's Day!

Community Life

St. Bonaventure's Ministry with Maturing Adults Upcoming Events



Thursday, May 16th – Why Are We Here: A Meditation on Canada. 7:00 – 9:00 pm, Main Hall

'The foundational experience of the early settlers has made it more difficult for us to answer the Tsimshian chief. We catch a glimpse of ourselves in moments of some collective effort to survive; we gather together to wait for the survivors of a disaster in the mines. We identify ourselves as a country that is rich in natural resources that we think we own and have a right to use. We define ourselves in terms of who or what we are against.' ~ **Mary Jo Leddy**, Guest Speaker
Invite your family, friends and neighbours as **all are welcome!**

Tuesday, May 21st – Come and Celebrate Ministry with Maturing Adults Community! 9:45 am – 1:30 pm, gather for coffee after mass, Main Hall.

We will watch the wonderful movie – Babette's Feast followed by a delicious Luncheon. All are welcome, whether or not you have been before, bring a friend or neighbour and join this Spring Celebration!

Saturday, June 1st – "Stewarding the Fruits of Your Ageing: Cultivating, Harvesting, and Feeding the Church with Your Gifts" guest speaker Robert Weber,

9:30 am – 3:30 pm. This is a day long workshop. For questions about registration, please contact us at formation@archtoronto.org or 416-934-3400, ext. 523

Theology and Tea

The next T & T will be on **Thursday, May 23rd** after the 9:00 am Mass, mark your calendar! Come and join **Fr. Mark** for some time to ponder and enjoy our relationship with God. The sessions are open to all parishioners and their friends.

The Summer Book and Film Series will return for the third year in the months of June, July and August! We will keep you posted with the Tuesday morning dates and possible topics.

Reaching Out Thro' Music

Saturday, June 8, 2019, 7:00-9:00 pm, Parish Hall
We invite all parishioners and friends to Reaching Out Thro' Music, an Annual Fundraising Musical evening to benefit children of an education/breakfast program in South Africa, organized by members and friends of an ecumenical women's group. Tickets: Adults- \$25; Children (12 under)-\$10. See the CWL bulletin board for further information.

And Now, A Word from Our Pastor

Last Sunday the women and men of St. Vincent de Paul Society and the women and men whom they serve gathered for a lunch. They were not there as people who minister and people who are ministered to – but as brothers and sisters in the Lord. Together, we sat at table sharing food, friendship and faith. It was May 5, so the theme of the afternoon was **Cinco de Mayo. Tacos, burritos, salsa (and butter tarts) abounded. Candy flew through the air as children knocked the piñata to smithereens. Like St. Peter on the Mountain of Transfiguration, we all agreed: "It is good for us to be here."**

Many thanks to the St. Vincent de Paul Society, to you, and to all whose goodness contributed to the day and brought Jesus' promise to fulfillment: "Whenever you gather in My Name, I will be there."

Please join the Friars in prayer as they mourn the passing of their brother, Fr. Firmin Finn, OFM Conv., who entered eternity on May 4, 2019.



Congratulations to our parish's children celebrating their First Holy Communion this weekend. May the Lord bless you and your families with an abundance of grace.

With gratitude for the support of the parents and the volunteer catechists who made this possible.

Psalm 100~ We are his people, the flock of the Lord.

Mass Intentions

May 13 Monday 9:00 am †Sarah Greenwell
May 14 Tuesday 9:00 am †Leander Taylor
May 15 Wednesday 9:00 am †Rosario Raya
May 16 Thursday 9:00 am †Don Fernandes
May 17 Friday 9:00 am The Friars
Carmel Whelton
Souls in Purgatory
†Maria Solecka
†Mattie Fernandes
†Rona Ferreira
†Delia Robles
May 18 Saturday 5:00 pm †Con Hyde
May 19 Sunday 8:30 am Intentions of the Parishioners
10:00 am †Juvencio Jose Ortega
12:00 pm †Delker Maia

Prayer Intentions:

Sanctuary Lamp: † Nikola Milic

Vigil Lamp: Crispina Lim

For the Sick: Gerald Heffler, Christine Wojnicki, Deanna Andrew, Alfonz Pavli, Raymund Fung, Teresita Peiris, Kay Corner, Dorothy Lord, Avelino Vista, Mary DiGregorio, Liliana De Las Mercedes Vazquez, Elisabetta Schiavone, Michael Morra, Mabel Lim, and Fernando DiBona

Stewardship: A Way of Living

May 5, 2019 Offertory Collections

Thank you for your generous donations.

Regular Collection \$ 10,222.70
ShareLife \$ 4,476.00
Pre-Authorized Giving \$ 2,926.00
Donate Now \$ 328.00

Second Collections:

May 26 – The Pope's Pastoral Works

Fourth Sunday of Easter ~ May 12, 2019

Living the Gospel by helping those with addictions

It had been two years since Adam spoke in full sentences. When he moved into Covenant House's housing program, he would only say a word or two. Over time, a youth worker succeeded at connecting with Adam and he gradually opened up. Adam finished high school and joined a mentorship program, setting his sights on a career in computer science. With his new voice and positive relationships, his future is open to so many possibilities.

June 2nd is the next ShareLife Sunday. Please give generously.

