

Ministry Centre Hours

Monday to Thursday: 9 am to 4:30 pm
Friday: 9 am to 3 pm
Closed 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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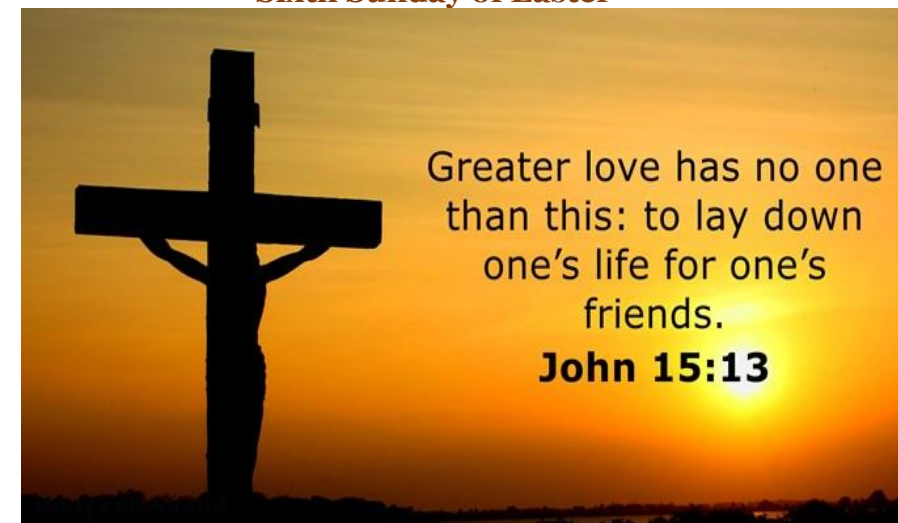
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YOU ARE ALWAYS WELCOME AT ST. BONAVENTURE

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.

May 6, 2018
Sixth Sunday of Easter



Greater love has no one
than this: to lay down
one's life for one's
friends.

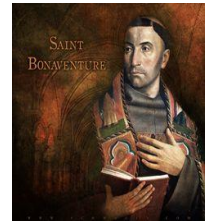
John 15:13

In today's Gospel, Jesus call his disciples and us his friends. Friendship is a valuable gift. It requires generosity, honesty and mutual love. A true friend understands us even when we remain silent and accepts us as we are. Jesus' self-giving love for us, his friends, forms the model for the love we are to have for one another.

Jesus has no secrets with his disciples. He opens his heart to them, revealing to them the knowledge the Father has given Him and His love for each of them. He demonstrates His profound love and that of His Father by laying down His life for us, suffering and dying on the cross for our salvation. His love has no limits, embracing everyone and giving everything. Jesus invites us to enter into His love and to express this love in our daily lives. This challenging love consists in making sacrifices and reaching out to others freely. It involves loving to the end, with Jesus' same compassion and selflessness. Only if we love one another as He has loved us can we be His true friends.

Jesus offers us His love and friendship, a relationship that will transform our lives and give us true joy. Let us accept His offer today by having faith in Him and sharing His merciful love with others.

Nada Mazzei, Toronto, ON.



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

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: 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 friarmsteed2015@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.

*Psalm 98 ~ The Lord has revealed His
victory in the sight of the nations.*

This Week in Our Parish

Community Life

Mass Intentions

May 7 Monday 9:00 am †Yuet Ming Chan
May 8 Tuesday 9:00 am †Angelina Morrow
May 9 Wednesday 9:00 am †Jean Isabel Crawford
May 10 Thursday 9:00 am †Cornelius Hyde
May 11 Friday 9:00 am Brothers, Sisters and
Benefactors of the OFM
†Jose Layno
†John Milarvie
†Rose Mihelich
†Bruce Dick, Sr.
May 12 Saturday 5:00 pm †Mark Van Steen
May 13 Sunday 8:30 am Deceased Members of the
Andrew Family
10:00 am †Carmela Sebastian
12:00 pm Intentions of the Parishioners

Prayer Intentions

Sanctuary Lamp: †James Shortt

Vigil Lamp: †Wayne Huk

For the Sick: Joe Pimenta, Weston Druery, Emily Chan,
Frankie Horgan, Keith David, Dorothy Lord,
Roger Payette, Mary DiGregorio, Cathy Valenti,
Teresita Peiris, Lucy DiBona, Raymond Fung,
Pat O'Connor, Patricia DiBona, Michael Morra,
Lina Cornacchia, Kay Corner, Monica McDonald,
Sigrid Ades and Alice Eaglen

For the Deceased: Rev. Mon. Terence F. D'Souza, CHH

Monday, May 7

6:30 pm Sparks/Bonaventure Room

7:00 pm Brownies/Francis Room

Tuesday, May 8

7:00 pm Bible Study/Bonaventure Room

7:00 pm CWL Executive Meeting/Bonaventure Room

Wednesday, May 9

1:00 pm Healing Life's Hurts Through Forgiveness -
Ministry with Maturing Adults/Bonaventure Rm.

7:30 pm Ministry with Maturing Adults – Advance Care
Planning/Main Hall

7:00 pm Alcoholic Anonymous/Francis Room

7:00 pm GRASP/Oak Room

Thursday, May 10

7:00 pm Knights of Columbus-General Meeting/
Francis Room

Saturday, May 12

9:30 am Christian Meditation Group/Oak Room

9:30 am Al-Anon Group/Bonaventure Room

5:00 pm Confirmation Celebration/Church and
Bonaventure Room

Sunday, May 13

12:00 pm Confirmation Celebration/Church and
Bonaventure Room

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Love of Your Neighbour

Jesus said, "This is my commandment, that you love one
another as I have loved you." (John 15:12)

Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48 – Peter in Caesarea

1 John 4:7-10 – God's love and ours

John 15:9-17 – A disciple's love

Adults: How is love of others connected to love for God?

Kids: Who needs Jesus' love this week? How can you show
them his love?

Theology and Tea

Next **T and T** will be on **Thursday, May 17th and 31st** after
the 9:00 am Mass. The sessions are open to all parishioners
and their friends.

Casseroles for the Good Shepherd Centre

The deadline for this month's casseroles is **Sunday,
May 27th**. If you can spare some time to make a casserole
each month, **contact Eva Trace at 416-447-3040**.

Knights of Columbus 2018 Charities Lottery

The Knights of Columbus 2018 Charities Lottery Tickets (500
Prizes valued at over \$500,000) will be available at the Parish
Office in support of the Special Olympics Ontario, The Arthritis
Society and local Charities. Tickets are \$5.00 each and will be
Drawn July 12, 2018. Tickets are limited and sale ends mid June.

Ministry with Maturing Adults

Advance Care Planning

Wednesday, May 9th at 7:30 pm, Parish Main Hall
Featuring **Dr. Leah Steinberg**, leader of the In-hospital
Care program, Mount Sinai Hospital. She's been at the
Temmy Latner Centre for Palliative Care since 2006. She
will focus on Advance Care Planning – a process of
reflection and communications on your values and wishes
to let others know what kind of health and personal care
you would want in the future if you become incapable of
consenting to or refusing treatment or other care.
Admission Free. Donations welcome. All are welcome!
Contact: **Maureen McDonnell** of the Ministry with
Maturing Adults at **416-447-5571 ext. 550**

Healing Life's Hurts Through Forgiveness

Wednesdays, 1:00 – 2:30 pm in the Bonaventure Room
A new program: *Healing Life's Hurts Through Forgiveness
by Ginny Doty*. The program started last **April 18th 'til
May 30th**. To register and for more information contact:
Ginny at 416-447-5571 ext. 560

News from the St. Vincent de Paul Society

**God asks us little and gives us a lot. He asks us to
open our hearts and to welcome Him and the most
vulnerable of our brothers and sisters.**

~ **Pope Francis**

Because of your generosity and support, our Conference of
St. Bonaventure has been able to assist a refugee claimant
and single mother of three daughters aged two years, 14
months and 3 1/2 months. She was not a good candidate for
our over-taxed shelter system because of a broken wrist. In
addition to food and formula, donated items included: sofa
bed, playpen, baby bottles, diapers, blankets, toys and
clothing, a high chair etc. Thank you!

Provincial Election Time

Catholic Conscience invites you to meet the candidates for
the provincial election in the parish hall on Thursday, May
17, from 7:00 to 8:30 pm as they host candidates from all
parties seeking election representing Don Valley East, West
and North. Candidates will be invited to share their views on
various topics of interest for catholic voters. Followed by a
question and answer session and an opportunity to meet the
candidates individually.

The Catholic Conscience is a local non-profit, non-partisan
organization seeking to improve the quality of our elected
leaders. Questions may be directed to the organization at
info@CatholicConscience.org

The **2017 Financial Report** is included with this bulletin.
First of all, thank you to the many people who generously
support the parish. This is the fifth year that the regular
Sunday collections are down. That is of concern to us.
Offsetting this is the money that we receive from the Family of
Faith Campaign. This money enables us to partially pay for
three positions: Lay Faith Formation Director, Maturing Adult
Coordinator (part time) and Youth Minister (part time).
Without the money from this campaign it would be difficult to
keep all these positions. We have a maintenance reserve fund
of \$492,641.00. However, we have major projects that are
pending: the repair of the cross-tower, repair of the paving
stones and replacing of the doors to the Church and Parish
Centre. The cross-tower project goes back several years and we
hope to have it completed this or next year. Many of the paving
stone have crumbled and need to be replaced. With the
expanded parking lot, the flow into the church has changed.
Now more people are using the side doors than the front
doors. Presently we have only one door to the church and one
door to the Parish Centre that is wheel chair assessible. As
more of our parishioners are aging we need to make our parish
buildings more accessible and barrier free.

Once again, I thank you for your support and generosity.

~ *Fr. Peter*



Sacrament of Confirmation Weekend

May 12 and 13, 2018

Forty-six youth will be anointed with the sevenfold gift of
the Holy Spirit during the following Masses: Saturday, 5
pm; Sunday, 12 pm. Please support the youth, their families
and guests through your prayers and by sharing in their joy.

'Vocation Seeds'

Sixth Sunday of Easter, May 6, 2018

The greatest love story that ever happened: God's
continuing love for His people. All God asks is "Love
one another as I have loved you". The world really needs
to see people who are trying to love others with all their
hearts. Priests, religious and deacons can be excellent
examples of this love. If you are willing to answer God's
call, visit the website: **www.vocationtoronto.ca**;
www.franciscans.org, or speak with one of the friars.

Stewardship: A Way of Living

April 29 Offertory Collections

Thank you for your generous donations.

Regular Collection: \$ **10,776.10**

2nd ShareLife Sunday Collection: \$ **600.00**

Pre-Authorized Giving: \$ **2,926.00**

Donate Now: \$ **328.00**

Second Collections:

May 27 – Third ShareLife Sunday

June 3 – Maintenance Fund Offering

Living the Gospel: 2018 Parish Campaign

Sixth Sunday of Easter – May 6, 2018

Living the Gospel by caring for the elderly

Ever since Erika had a stroke, her diminished mobility kept her
from enjoying many activities. When LA Centre for Active
Living planned a trip to the Garlic Festival, Erika worried her
disabilities would get in the way. To Erika's delight, the
ShareLife-funded agency ensured the trip was fully accessible
for her. Having the most fun she's had in years, she felt like her
disabilities disappeared. Last year, ShareLife-supported
agencies provided care to over 6,300 seniors.

May 27 is the next ShareLife Sunday.

Please give generously.

