

### 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  
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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.*

April 22, 2018  
Fourth Sunday of Easter



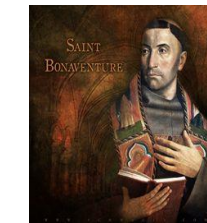
### Confidence

On the Fourth Sunday of Easter, traditionally called Good Shepherd Sunday, we encounter the Good Shepherd who is really the beautiful or noble shepherd who knows his flock intimately. Jesus knew shepherds and had much sympathy for their lot and he relied on one of his favourite metaphors to assure us that we can place our confidence in him. For those who heard Jesus claim this title for himself, it meant more than tenderness and compassion; there was the dramatic and startling degree of love so great that the shepherd is willing to lay down his life for his flock.

Unlike the hired hand, who works for pay, the good shepherd's life is devoted to the sheep out of pure love. The sheep are far more than a responsibility to the good shepherd – who is also their owner. They are the object of the shepherd's love and concern. Thus, the shepherd's devotion to them is completely unselfish; the good shepherd is willing to die for the sheep rather than abandon them. To the hired hand, the sheep are merely a commodity, to be watched over only so they can provide wool and mutton.

Sometimes, it seems that followers are expected to put the needs of the leader first. The people are the means to an end: the leader's pleasure. Does it not often seem that shepherds are first, sheep last? The emphasis in today's readings is on the sheep and their welfare. The shepherd is the means to ensure the end: the well-being of the flock. Sheep are first, shepherds last. John's Gospel portrays Jesus as the life-giving shepherd.

Words Made Flesh Vol. II: Biblical Reflections for Year B. Fr. Thomas Rosica, CSB



**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 [frfarmstead2015@gmail.com](mailto:frfarmstead2015@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 118 ~ The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.*

**Mass Intentions**

Apr. 23 Monday 9:00 am †Doris Longman  
Apr. 24 Tuesday 9:00 am †Frances Noronha  
Apr. 25 Wednesday 9:00 am †Camilla Faulkner  
Apr. 26 Thursday 9:00 am †Don Fernandes  
Apr. 27 Friday 9:00 am †Alanna Snell  
†Ron Cairns  
†Patrick Doherty  
†Lek Koka  
†Mildred Brown  
†Yvon Lacasse  
Apr. 28 Saturday 5:00 pm †Mackie Ortega  
Apr. 29 Sunday 8:30 am †Benito Chua  
10:00 am †Delkar Maia  
12:00 pm Intentions of Parishioners

**Prayer Intentions**

Sanctuary Lamp: † James Shortt  
Vigil Lamp: † Lorna Huhlewych

**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 and Kay Corner

**For the Deceased:** Michael Casey, Vivienne Brown (daughter of Fr. David Suckling), Joseph Fellin, and Shirley Teolis

**Stewardship: A Way of Living**

**April 15 Offertory Collections**

Thank you for your generous donations.

Regular Collection: \$ 4,509.05

Easter Sunday Offering: \$300.00

Pre-Authorized Giving: \$ 2,926.00 Donate Now: \$ 328.00

**Second Collections:**

**May 6 – The Pope's Pastoral Works Offering**

**May 27 – Third ShareLife Sunday**

**Living the Gospel: 2018 Parish Campaign**

**Fourth Sunday of Easter – April 22, 2018**

*Living the Gospel by providing for those in need*

“One of the core components of our Pastoral Plan is Catholic Outreach in Justice and Love. As a Catholic community we are called to be the hands and face of Jesus in our communities. ShareLife is a tangible way we can put the Gospel value to ‘love one another as I have loved you’ into action. I invite all parishioners to support the mission work of the church by making a sacrificial gift to ShareLife.” – *Thomas Cardinal Collins, Archbishop of Toronto.*

**Today is ShareLife Sunday.  
Thank you for your generosity.**

**This Week in Our Parish**

**Monday, April 23**

6:30 pm Sparks/Bonaventure Room

7:00 pm Brownies/Francis Room

**Tuesday, April 24**

9:30 am Ministry with Maturing Adults-Living out Spirituality in the Second Half of Life-Special Event with Luncheon/Francis Room

7:00 pm Bible Study/Bonaventure Room

7:00 pm CWL General Meeting/Francis Room

**Wednesday, April 25**

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

7:00 pm Alcoholic Anonymous/Francis Room

7:00 pm GRASP/Oak Room

**Saturday, April 28**

9:30 am Christian Meditation Group/Oak Room

9:30 am Al-Anon Group/Bonaventure Room

5:00 pm First Holy Communion – 5 pm Mass/Church

**Sunday, April 29**

12:00 pm First Holy Communion – 12 noon Mass/Church

**Fourth Sunday of Easter**

**Called to Be Shepherds**

Jesus said, “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.” (John 10:11)

**Acts 4:8-12** – The stone that has become the cornerstone

**1 John 3:1-2** – Recognizing the Son

**John 10:11-18** – The Good Shepherd

**Adults:** Whom are you shepherding in your life right now, and who shepherds you?

**Kids:** Who has been like a shepherd to you by their example? For whom could you be a shepherd?

**Theology and Tea**

Next **T and T** will be on **Thursday, May 3rd** after the 9:00 am Mass. The sessions are open to all parishioners and their friends.

**St. Bonaventure Baseball – “Dog Stop”**

The St. Bonaventure Baseball League thanks the Knights of Columbus for their many years of dedicated barbecuing for the baseball league. They are unable to assist this season so we are looking to the parish community for help. We need 2 people each evening, Monday to Thursday, to help BBQ hot dogs and hamburgers and to sell pop, water and treats. Please contact [bonaventurebaseball@gmail.com](mailto:bonaventurebaseball@gmail.com) if you are able to help or if you need more information. Any volunteers require screening and a police check.

**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.

**Community Life**

**First Holy Communion Weekend**

**April 28 and 29, 2018**

Children will be celebrating their First Holy Communion next weekend Saturday 5 pm and Sunday 12 noon Masses. Please support the children, family and guests through your prayers and sharing in their joy.



**A Night in Support of St. Clare Inn**

*Saturday, April 28, 2018, 7:00 pm- The Donalda Club*  
Delicious Food, Great Entertainment, A Live & Silent Auctions... And So Much More. Tickets are \$85 and can be purchased online at [www.stclareinn.org](http://www.stclareinn.org) or at the Parish Ministry Centre. **Tickets are on sale at the back of the church after each Mass on April 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> weekend.**

**“Life as a Pilgrimage”**

*Saturday June 9 – Tuesday June 12, 2018*

Blessed Trinity Parish

Join a group leaving Blessed Trinity Parish with Fr. Terry McKenna as chaplain (with pick-up from St. Gabriel Church and St. Timothy Church in North York) to Sacred Heart Shrine in Beauvoir, Sherbrooke and participating in the “Gospel Walk”. Also visiting the national Shrine of Our Blessed Mother at Cap-de la Madeleine, St Anne de Beaupre, via Old Quebec City, and St. Joseph's Oratory. Call Mary 416-497-7059, Marg 416-226-1449 or Toni - cell: 416-670-9546.

**‘Vocation Seeds’**

*Fourth Sunday of Easter – April 22, 2018*

This is World Day of Prayer for Vocations. The world needs leaders with courage and integrity. The Church needs good leaders as well, leaders who will unselfishly care for the needs of God's people and minister to them. If you have the continuing inclination that God is calling you to be a priest, religious, or permanent deacon, visit the website: [www.vocationtoronto.ca](http://www.vocationtoronto.ca); [www.franciscans.org](http://www.franciscans.org), or speak with one of the friars.

**Ministry with Maturing Adults**  
**Healing Life's Hurts Through Forgiveness**  
Wednesdays, 1:00 – 2:30 pm in the Bonaventure Room  
**Ginny Doty** will be offering a *new program: Healing Life's Hurts Through Forgiveness*. The program starts **April 18<sup>th</sup> to May 30<sup>th</sup>**. Early registration is encouraged, as space is limited. Program will be offered to neighbouring Catholic parishes. To register and for more information contact: **Ginny at 416-447-5571 ext. 560**

**News from the St. Vincent de Paul Society**

**God, who cannot be outdone in generosity, still uses you and me to help our brothers and sisters.**  
~ *Pope Francis*

SSVP SNAPSHOT: (January 1<sup>st</sup> to April 15, 2018)

During the above 3 ½ month period, our Conference of St. Bonaventure assisted 49 people (men, women & children); registered six children for summer camps; purchased two beds with frames; and gave out \$3,804.00 in grocery gift cards, clothing vouchers and beds, plus donated items. Thank you for your continuing generosity. For more information or to volunteer, call Judy at 416-390-9495.

**U of T, St. Michael's College Scholarship**

The Toronto Diocesan Council of the catholic Women's League of Canada is offering a scholarship of \$3,000 which is open to any young woman who is of Catholic faith, who is completing her secondary school education, and who has indicated on her application to the University of Toronto that St. Michael's College is her first choice. The applicant must be entering the faculty of Arts and Science in one of the following areas of study: Commerce, Computer Science, Humanities and Social Sciences or Sciences. The applications must be submitted by May 31, 2018. For further information, contact Céline Massaroni, Health and Education Convener of St. Bonaventure Parish CWL at 416-447-5571.



***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.***





