

**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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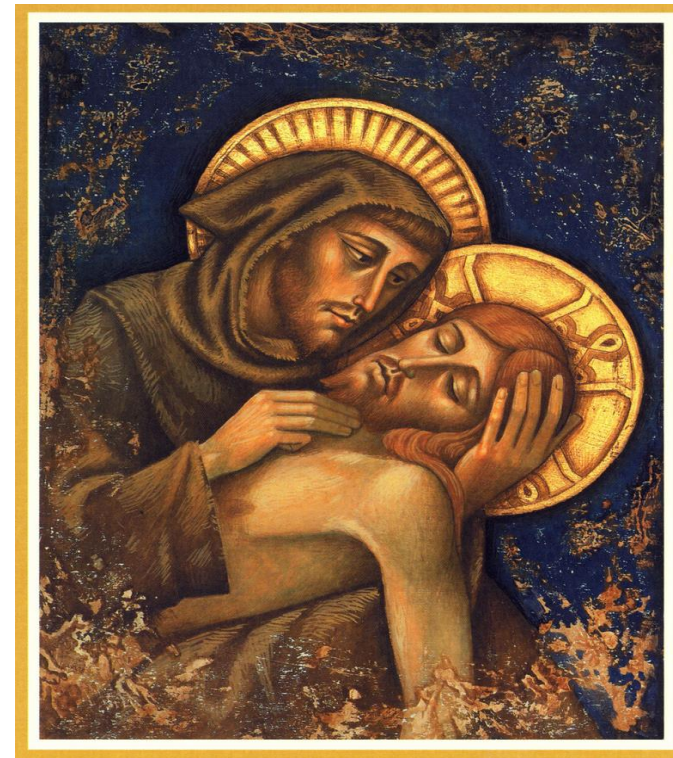
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### Embracing Love

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.*

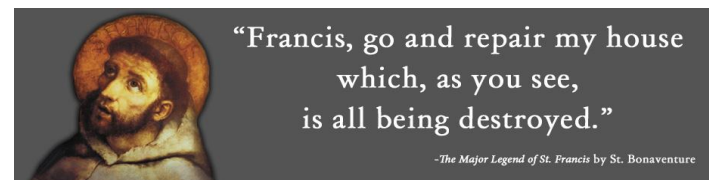
*Give us the energy and courage of Your Spirit as we make  
all things new.*

*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 ~ Second Sunday of Easter

April 28, 2019

Thomas believed because he saw Jesus. What will it take for you to respond to God's Call to priesthood or consecrated Life? If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious or 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.

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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 28, 2019**  
**Second Sunday of Easter**



### Believing

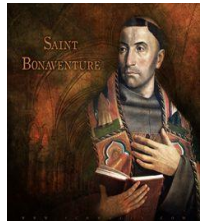
Thomas had not seen the risen Christ, and so he refused to believe that Jesus had really risen. Jesus does not rebuke him, but He does point out that "blest are they who have not seen and have believed."

One reason why we are so far from the Kingdom is that we refuse to believe what we have not seen. We have not experienced a world without war, so we refuse to believe that peace is possible. We have always had poor among us, so we refuse to believe that poverty can be eliminated. We see only our own economic system and we refuse to believe that anything else will work.

The saying of Jesus echoes through the centuries: "blest are they who have not seen and have believed." Blest are those prophetic voices raised in anticipation of a new day, a new world of justice and peace. They "no longer look for Jesus among the dead," but find Him instead in life and in the fullness of life. They base their lives on their total faith that we "have become a new creation."

Will the world ever succeed in changing that selfish and bellicose mentality which, up to now, has been interwoven in so much of its history? It is hard to foresee; but it is easy to affirm that it is toward that new history, a peaceful, truly human history, as promised by God to men of good will, that we must resolutely march.

Pope Paul VI, Address to the United Nations (1965) Para.22. Published in book form, *To Love and Serve: Lectionary Based Meditations*, by Gerald Darring.



### And Now, A Word from Our Patron Saint

**Your heart is to be an altar of God. It is here that the fire of intense love must burn always. You are to feed it every day with the wood of the Cross of Christ and the remembrance of His suffering.**

*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](tel:416-447-5571) ext. 500

**Spiritual Direction:** Contact **Friar Mark** at [friarmsted2015@gmail.com](mailto:friarmsted2015@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 ~ Give thanks, for the Lord is good,  
God's love is everlasting.*

**Mass Intentions**

Apr. 29	Monday	9:00 pm	Mary Jane Coronado
Apr. 30	Tuesday	9:00 am	†Maria and †Leoncio Gique
May 01	Wednesday	9:00 am	†Peter Glowczewski
May 02	Thursday	9:00 am	†George Yeung
May 03	Friday	9:00 am	Vocations
			†Frances Fyfle
			†George Wielgosz
			†Olive Chabrol
			†Jerry DesRoches
			†Lynne Murphy
			†Sr. Helena Kenny
May 04	Saturday	5:00 pm	†Italo Ruffalo and †Rosaria Laurendi
May 05	Sunday	8:30 am	Deceased Members of the Andrew Family
		10:00 am	†Mariano Nazal, Sr.
		12:00 pm	Intentions of the Parishioners

**Prayer Intentions:**

Sanctuary Lamp 1: † Ricky Cherry  
Sanctuary Lamp 2: Personal Intentions  
Vigil Lamp: † Lorna Huk Huhlewych

**For the Sick:**

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, Larry Chretien, Fernando DiBona and Gerald Heffler

**Stewardship: A Way of Living**

**April 18 - 21, 2019 Offertory Collections**

Thank you for your generous donations.

Regular Collection .....	<b>\$ 10,523.50</b>
Holy Thursday .....	<b>\$ 1,203.60</b>
Good Friday Collection .....	<b>\$ 6,193.45</b>
Easter Sunday Collection .....	<b>\$ 11,525.00</b>
Pre-Authorized Giving .....	<b>\$ 2,926.00</b>
Donate Now .....	<b>\$ 328.00</b>

**Second Collections:**

**May 5 – ShareLife Sunday**

**May 26 – The Pope's Pastoral Works**

**Second Sunday of Easter ~ April 28, 2019**

**Living the Gospel by welcoming newcomers to Canada**

Rashida endured years of domestic abuse while living in Egypt. Fearing her husband would abuse their children, she successfully applied for refugee status in Canada. Rashida arrived in Toronto, not knowing the language, what to do, or who could help. Fortunately, she met an Arabic speaker who told her about Catholic Crosscultural Services (CCS). CCS helped her navigate the immigration process and access the resources she needed. "CCS saved my life," Rashida says. "today I have money of my own, an apartment, and my children are finally safe and happy."

**Next Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup> is ShareLife Sunday.  
Please give generously.**

**This Week in Our Parish Hall**

**Monday, April 29**

6:30 pm Sparks/Bonaventure Room  
6:30 pm Brownies/Francis Room

**Tuesday, April 30**

7:00 pm Bible Study/Oak Room  
7:00 pm Food Bank Meeting/Bonaventure Room

**Wednesday, May 1<sup>st</sup>**

1:00 pm Forgiveness Workshop/Bonaventure Room  
7:00 pm GRASP  
7:00 pm Alcoholic Anonymous/Francis Room

**Thursday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>**

7:00 pm Knights of Columbus Meeting/Bonaventure Room

**Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup>**

9:30 am Christian Meditation/Oak Room  
9:30 am Al Anon Group/Bonaventure Room  
5:00 pm First Communion/Church

**Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup>**

12:00 pm First Communion/Church

**Casseroles for the Good Shepherd Centre**

Next month's deadline is **May 26, 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**. (to get your pan and recipe)

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

In the Gospel today, Jesus stands in the midst of us and says: "Peace be with you!" Indeed, the mercy of God centers our heart in peace.

**In the month of April, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to assist 18 families, consisting of 39 members, with \$1,650 in grocery gift cards. We also registered seven children for Marygrove and Camp Ozanam. Thank you!**

**Theology and Tea**

The next T & T will be on Thursday, **May 9<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>** 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.

**Canadian Food for Children**

On **May 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> weekend** we will be accepting donations of **canned fish** to support the work of Dr. Simone.



**Ole!** Greetings and thanks for your participation and support of St. Clare Inn at our 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Gala! **Ole!** Ole, from the Spanish, expresses encouragement in sporting events. Your being a part of our Gala is encouragement, **Ole**, for St. Clare Inn and our support of homeless women with diagnosed mental health challenges. Thank you for your help to raise awareness of this great need in our society & gifting us with **\$38,277.68** and counting! Blessings!  
~**Friar Tom and the Gala Committee Members**

**Community Life**

**St. Bonaventure's Ministry with Maturing Adults**

**Upcoming Events**



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

'Our challenge to find our own voice and our own place is one we share with many other countries in the world who are struggling to move beyond the habits of mind and heart that have been shaped by imperial powers. We live in a world profoundly shaped by the aspirations of peoples who are struggling to free themselves from a history of being dominated by imperial powers.' The post-colonial period begins to dawn in consciousness when people begin to say, "We exist. We are here." ~ **Mary Jo Leddy**, Guest Speaker  
Invite your family, friends and neighbours as **all are welcome!**

**Tuesday, May 21<sup>st</sup> – 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 1<sup>st</sup> – "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. To register for this event please follow this link [formation@archtoronto.org](mailto:formation@archtoronto.org)

**Catholic Education Week – May 5 – 10, 2019 "Living as Joyful Disciple"**

During Catholic Education Week (May 5 – 10, 2019), we give thanks for the gift of publicly funded Catholic Education in our province. Catholic schools foster supportive communities where young people can experience the joy of God's love and understand the Christian mission in the world. Together, our parishes, educators and families sow the seeds of faith with the next generation of Catholics, challenging them to live as joyful and faithful disciples. You are welcome to St. Bonaventure school for a visit and invited to a parent engagement evening on May 16 at 6:30 pm in the school. Thank you for your support and prayers for our students and staff. To affirm your support of Catholic education and sign-up for email updates, visit: [www.togetherinfaith.ca](http://www.togetherinfaith.ca)

**And Now, A Word from Our Pastor**

My parents sent me to a high school directed by the Franciscan Friars Conventual. I liked what I saw in the friars and felt drawn to their way of life and ministry, so I decided to give it a try. During the years of formation as a friar, prayer, study, community and service blended and supported on another. They still do. It's been over 50 years. As a member of the Order, I've been given wonderful opportunities, challenges and encouragement: ministry in parishes, service in administration for the Order, teaching, directing retreats. Have there been difficult times? Of course, it's called life. Any regrets? None. Would I do it all again? In a heartbeat.

This week there is a bulletin insert about the life and ministry of the Friars. I hope you'll find it interesting and, for some, I hope you'll find it inviting. If you are a gentleman between the ages of 17 and 40 and wonder if God might be drawing you to live as a Franciscan Friar, please talk to one of the friars here at St. Bonaventure. No pressure, we're here to listen. Or, if you'd rather speak with a friar who doesn't know you, give Friar Russell a call at 718-510-5822 or see the friars' website at [www.olaprovince.org](http://www.olaprovince.org) and click on Vocations.

**Divine Mercy**

From April 21 until April 28, is known as the Octave of Easter. On the eighth day, as we mark the Second Sunday of Easter, the Word of God at Mass focuses our attention on the Mercy of God. In the Gospel that day, the Risen Jesus appears to His disciples with His message of Mercy. On that day we will extend our reflection and celebration into the afternoon.

**On Sunday, April 28 at 3:00 pm we will gather for the Devotion of Divine Mercy.** Scripture and Song, Silence and Adoration, Praise and Petition will lead us to deepen our experience and our gratitude for the Mercy of God that is ours through the Death and Resurrection of Jesus. We hope you will join us.

Please join the friars in prayer as we mourn the death of **† Friar Joseph Madden, OFM Conv.**, who entered eternal life on April 22, 2019. A native of Massachusetts, Fr. Joe made his Franciscan vows in 1957; he was ordained a friar-priest in 1962. Fr. Joe lived a rich life of Franciscan fraternity and ministry as a parish priest, mentor for friars in training, teacher and hospital chaplain in the United States, in Costa Rica, and 12 years in Canada, during which time he was our pastor here at St. Bonaventure. We will miss his bright smile, gentle ways, and generous spirit. Eternal rest grant to Fr. Joseph, O Lord. Let perpetual light shine upon him.







