

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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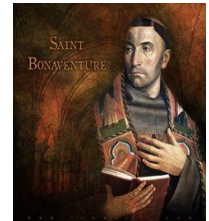
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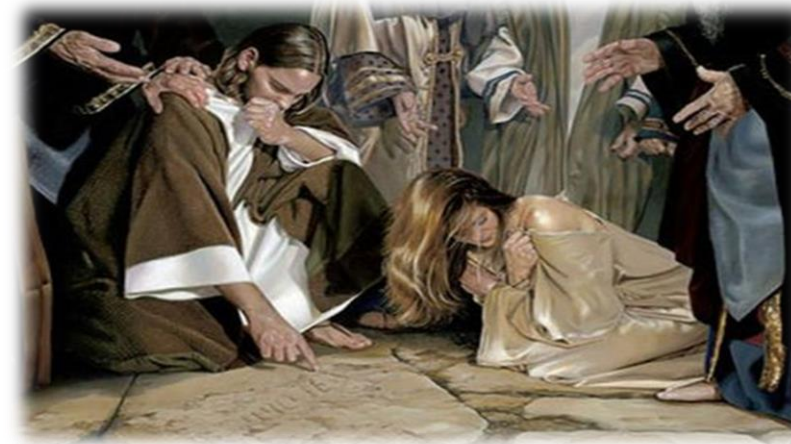


YOU ARE ALWAYS WELCOME AT ST. BONAVENTURE

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 7, 2019
 The Fifth Sunday of Lent



The woman caught in adultery

Today's readings remind us that breaking away from the past is essential to obtaining eternal life with Jesus Christ.

After the Pharisees and scribes accuse a woman of committing adultery, Jesus provides them with the opportunity to examine their consciences and begin a new life centered on forgiveness. They choose to walk away, silently rejecting this invitation.

It is the woman who gains freedom from her past. With her accusers gone, she is no longer bound by their punishment. But her true freedom comes from the forgiveness Jesus gives her. She is left alone with this man who gives her a new chance at life. Her only instruction is to go on her way and not sin again.

Never sinning again is impossible, as we often repeat past mistakes. However, the Lord's mercy is infinite and if we continue to seek forgiveness for our sins, He grants it. In this way we can work on our transgressions, leaving them behind and entering into a Christ-centered life. This work is hard, but by keeping our hearts open, we can receive Jesus' forgiveness as well as strength to begin anew.

Elizabeth Chesley-Jewell
 Toronto, Ontario

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.

Private Prayer: Contact **Friar Boniface** at **416-447-5571 ext. 500**

Spiritual Direction: Contact **Friar Mark** at friarmstead2015@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.

Holy Week and Easter Liturgy Schedule:

Holy Thursday, April 18
 No Morning Mass
 7:30 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper
 Adoration after Mass until 11:00 pm (Main Hall)

Good Friday, April 19
 No Morning Mass
 12 noon and 3:00 pm Commemoration of the Passion of the Lord Services

Holy Saturday, April 20
 11:00 am Blessings of Easter Baskets (Main Hall)
 No 5:00 pm Mass
 8:00 pm Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday, April 21
 8:30 am, 10:00 am and 12 noon Celebration of the Eucharist

Easter Monday, April 22
 9:00 am Regular Mass
 Ministry Centre is closed

Psalm 126~ The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

Mass Intentions

Apr. 08 Monday 9:00 pm †Alicija Karwowska
 Apr. 09 Tuesday 9:00 am †Priscilla Lobo
 (Mass with School Children)
 Apr. 10 Wednesday 9:00 am †Leander Taylor
 Apr. 11 Thursday 9:00 am †Amy McQueen
 Apr. 12 Friday 9:00 am Brothers, Sisters and
 Benefactors of the OFM
 Mabel Lim
 Rosemarie Zupan
 June and Calvin Yee
 Lillian Kurnik
 Ralph Daniel
 Helen Demoe
 Apr. 13 Saturday 5:00 pm Intentions of the Parishioners
 Apr. 14 Sunday 8:30 am †Hugh Canning (father & son)
 10:00 am †Michael Casey
 12:00 pm †Esther Villarroel-Hiller

Prayer Intentions:

Sanctuary Lamp: †Friar David Suckling
 Vigil Lamp: Andrew Family
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 and Fernando DiBona
For the Deceased: Friar David Suckling, OFM Conv.

Stewardship: A Way of Living

March 31st, 2019 Offertory Collections

Thank you for your generous donations.

Regular Collection \$ 6,938.95
 ShareLife Collection \$ 9,122.95
 Pre-Authorized Giving \$ 2,926.00
 Donate Now \$ 328.00

Second Collections:

Holy Thursday Community Share Food Bank Collection – April 18

Good Friday/Holy Land Offering – April 19
Easter Offering – April 21

Holy Thursday Collection for Community Share Food Bank. Your generosity would be gratefully appreciated.

Fifth Sunday of Lent – April 7, 2019

Living the Gospel by supporting those with disabilities
 Ben, a 66-year old with a developmental disability, lives with his 90-year-old mother. Without any other family, she didn't have a plan to take care of him after she no longer was able to do so. She turned to Mary Centre, a ShareLife agency, which matched Ben with a respite worker. This worker gradually introduced Ben to residents of one of Mary Centre's group homes. Now that he has befriended its residents and staff, Ben will find the eventual transition less overwhelming. He has already developed a sense of belonging to his future community.

May 5th is ShareLife Sunday. Thank you for your generosity!

This Week in Our Parish Hall

Monday, April 8

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

Tuesday, April 9

7:00 pm Fr. Dennis Prayer Presentation/ Main Hall
 7:00 pm CWL – Executive Meeting/ Francis Room
 7:00 pm Bible Study/ Oak Room

Wednesday, April 10

1:30 pm Writing Circle with Gisela Cote/Oak Room
 7:00 pm Alcoholic Anonymous/Francis Room

Thursday, April 11

9:30 am Theology and Tea/Francis Room
 6:00 pm Baseball Coaches Meeting/Francis Room
 7:00 pm Knights of Columbus General Meeting/
 Bonaventure Room

Friday, April 12

9:30 am Stations of the Cross/Church

Saturday, April 13

9:30 am Christian Meditation/Oak Room
 9:30 am Al Anon Group/Bonaventure Room

Casseroles for the Good Shepherd Centre

This month's deadline is **April 21st, 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**. (empty pans for April are ready for pick-up)

Secular Franciscan Meeting

The Secular Franciscan meeting will be **Monday, April 15th, 2019 at 7:00 pm, Francis Room.**

News from the Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Registration is now open for **Marygrove Camp for girls** and **Camp Ozanam for boys**. Both Camps offer a fully subsidized, overnight, weeklong, summer camping for girls, 5-13 years, and boys, 7-12 years. For more information and/or to register, please call **Judy** at **416-390-9495** or email **john.cole@sympatico.ca**



Come enjoy an evening with us and celebrate everything España & get your Fiesta On! It's our 7th annual Gala in support of St. Clare Inn. Our celebration is on April 13th, at the Donalda Club. Doors will open at 7:00 pm. Tickets are available @ stclareinn.org and the parish Ministry Centre. Thanks to all.

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

Guest Speaker: Mary Jo Leddy

Today we know Canadians face multiple challenges: environmentally, socially and within our democratic institutions. At times it is difficult to hold fruitful dialogues with our neighbours and family when we may not share the same vision for Canada. **Mary Jo Leddy** invites us to come together and explore the fundamental question of Why Are We Here? Please invite your family, friends and neighbours as **all are welcome!**

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. To register for this event please follow this link formation@archtoronto.org

Wednesdays, April 24th to June 5th, New Workshop Series with Ginny Doty “Creating Harmony and Hope Through Forgiveness” 1:00 – 2:30 pm, Bonaventure Room. Contact **Ginny** at 416-447-5571 ext. 560 to register and for more information, space is limited.

The Summer Book and Film Series will return for the third year in the months of June, July and August. Tuesday morning dates and topics will be announced later.

Theology and Tea

The next T & T will be on Thursday, April 11 and 25 after the 9:00 am Mass. Come and join Friar Mark for some time to ponder and enjoy our relationship with God. The sessions are open to all parishioners and their friends.

Fifth Sunday of Lent – April 7, 2019

The Woman Caught in Adultery

“Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her.” (John 8:7)

Adults: Have you ever been too willing to “cast the first stone” when you disapprove of someone's behavior? How can you resist these feelings?

Children: When have you criticized or made fun of someone? What could help you act differently?

And Now, A Word from Our Pastor

Moments in Lent

Every Friday in Lent immediately following the 9:00 am Liturgy, in Church. Stations of the Cross.

Tuesday, April 9th, 7:00 pm, Parish Hall. A Simple Way of Prayer: Honesty, Silence, Conversation. Fr. Dennis will lead the evening with a focus on union with the Lord through prayer.

Sunday, April 14th – Palm Sunday, 7:00, in Church. The Living Stations of the Great Three Days. The Youth of St. Bonaventure Parish will present scenes from the story of Jesus' Last Supper, Prayer in the Garden, Journey to Calvary, Death and Rising, complete with narration prayer and song. A great Way to make final preparations for the Liturgy of Holy Thursday through Easter Sunday. You don't want to miss this one.

‘Vocation Seeds’

Fifth Sunday of Lent – April 7, 2019

What am I racing after in my life? Fame? Fortune? A life in Jesus? What is the prize I seek at the finish-line? 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.



Q Why are those who are not yet baptized dismissed during the Mass?

A The unbaptized are dismissed after the homily to reflect on the Word they have heard. The Scripture readings and the homily are a rich source of nourishment for them during this period as they prepare to join us at the table after their Baptism. In the early Church, when there were many catechumens, the two parts of the Mass that we call the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist were called the Mass of the Catechumens and the Mass of the Faithful.

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