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WEEKDAY LITURGY: Monday to Friday, 9 am  
SATURDAY: 9 am  
PUBLIC HOLIDAYS: 9 am  
RECONCILIATION: Saturday, 4 pm  
SUNDAY LITURGY  
Saturday Vigil: 5 pm  
Sunday: 8:30 am, 10 am, 12 noon

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Closed 12:30 pm to 1:30 pm  
Saturday: 2 pm - 6:30 pm  
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*Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
February 7, 2016*



*Come, follow me and I will make you  
Fishers of men  
~Matthew 4:19~*

**Lenten Schedule**

**Ash Wednesday, February 10**

We will celebrate mass at 9:00 am and 7:00 pm.  
Ashes will be distributed during the mass.

**Lenten Series - "Having Mercy"**

*Wednesday evenings 7 - 8 pm, Main Hall  
February 24, March 2, 9, 16, 23*

Join us for a five week series for youth and adults.  
Find a pathway to understand and live Mercy more fully.  
The sessions will be filled with rich examples,  
Scriptures, and questions for discussion and sharing.  
For information contact Greg Beath.

**Stations of the Cross**- 9:30 am on Fridays of Lent.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Mon. Feb. 08 9:00 am †Andrew Family  
Tues. Feb. 09 9:00 am †Shirley Johnston  
Wed. Feb. 10 9:00 am †Bernard Holmes  
Thurs. Feb. 11 9:00 am †Eileen Hope  
Fri. Feb. 12 9:00 am †Corin Tamasdan  
Sat. Feb. 13 9:00 am Joyce & George DeGannes  
Constance Lam  
†Emily Halyn  
†Ana Vioara Tamasdan  
†Michael Contini  
†Theresia Musil  
†Mary Stachurski

Sat. Feb. 13 5:00 pm Thanksgiving  
Sun. Feb. 14 8:30 am †Hugh Canning  
(father & son)  
10:00 am †Lily Chiu  
12:00 pm Parishioners

**PRAYER INTENTIONS**

Sanctuary Lamp: †Lou Lupo  
Vigil Lamp: †Foty Family  
For the Sick: Deacon Sal Badali,  
Francisco Jimenez  
For the Deceased: Josephine Giuffre

**Wheelchair Accessible Washroom:** At the back of the church on the south side.

**Gluten Free Hosts:** Come to the sacristy before mass to arrange.

**Pastoral care:** Ministers of the Eucharist bring Communion to the homebound. Contact the Ministry Centre to make arrangements.

**Prayer Network:** Members pray daily for intentions held in confidence. Contact: Sr. Adua Zampese at 647-343-1340

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

**THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH**

**Monday, February 8**

6:15 pm Sparks Events/Bonaventure Room  
7:00 pm Brownies Parish Events/Francis Room  
7:30 pm Adult Choir Practice/Church

**Tuesday, February 9**

7:30 pm Bible Study Group/Oak Room

**Wednesday, February 10**

6:30 pm GRASP Group/Oak Room  
7:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous/Francis Room  
7:30 pm Family Choir Practice/Church

**Thursday, February 11**

7:15 pm K of C General meeting/Francis Room

**Saturday, February 13**

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

**SOCIAL MINISTRY**

**Eucharistic Ministers Needed**

*For years I felt that Eucharistic ministers were special people worthy of that ministry in the church and could not see myself (full of faults and questions) being one of them. Until one day I had this urge to apply. I believe the Lord was pushing me to participate more actively in the life of St. Bonaventure. It has been now four years. I feel very blessed for serving the church in this manner and a greater communion with my fellow ministers and all that come to receive Christ's Body and Blood.*

These are the words of one of the regular Eucharistic ministers. She, and all her fellow ministers, have made and continue to make a wonderful contribution to St. Bonaventure's parish community.

We are currently in need of additional Eucharistic ministers at all masses and invite parishioners to consider this ministry of service to our community. For more information call Carole Clune at 416-445-5713.

**LITURGY**

**Ash Wednesday: Day of Fast and Abstinence**

What do the signs say?

Jesus issues a strong caution to be wary of a kind of spiritual boasting. Yet, after Mass or a prayer service, you may be sporting a very real mark that identifies you at least as Catholic. Isn't that boasting? "Look at me. I've gone to church. I'm observing Lent." Probably not; most will forget the mark is even there. You go about your business, unaware that the sign on your head has been silently evangelizing. After the ashes are washed away, in what way does your daily life testify to Christ, to the presence of love in the world?

*"And when you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces that their fasting may be seen by men. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, that your fasting may not be seen by men but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you."*  
~Matthew 6:16-18

**World Day of the Sick**

Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

Saturday, February 13, 5 pm.

During mass we will offer the sacrament to all who are seriously ill, elderly or anticipating surgery. Through this celebration those who receive the sacrament are surrounded and supported by the prayers of Jesus and the Christian community. Through this sacrament we continue the healing ministry of Jesus.

## STEWARDSHIP - A WAY OF LIVING

### January 31 Offertory Collection

Thank you for your generous donations.

Regular Collection: \$8,542

Donate Now: \$449

Pre-Authorized Giving: \$3,175

## COMMUNITY LIFE

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

#### A Prayer for lent

*Lord Jesus, You who willed to become poor, give us eyes and a heart directed toward the poor.*

*Help us to recognize you in them, in their thirst, their hunger, their loneliness and their misfortune.*

Thank you for your continuing prayers and support.

### Pancake Breakfast and Bake Sale

Feb 7, Main Hall, Parish Centre

The Knights of Columbus are holding a Pancake Breakfast after the 8:30 am and 10:00 am Masses and at the same time and same place, the CWL is holding a Bake Sale with proceeds going to Covenant House.

**Tickets for Pancake Breakfast: \$5.00 each, children under 6 are free.**

### Ministry with Maturing Adults

Tuesday mornings 10:00 am, Francis Room

Feb. 16 & 23, March 15 & 22.

Spiritual Growth in the Second Half of Life.

Topics: Caregiving, Walking by Faith, Our Life Story, Growth in Wisdom, Prayer and a Lifelong Mission. Facilitator: Sister Mary Rose Marrin, CSJ

### Casseroles for the Good Shepherd Centre

The deadline for this month's casseroles is Sunday, February 21. If you can spare a few hours to make a casserole each month, contact Eva Trace at 416-447-3040.

### Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend

February 19-21, Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre, Mississauga.

Celebrate your love and take a fresh look at your marriage! A Weekend of discovery...a lifetime of love! This is a weekend getaway that helps married couples rediscover themselves as individuals and as a couple. Info [www.wwme.org](http://www.wwme.org) or contact Gerard & Marge McCauley at [Gerard.marge@rogers.com](mailto:Gerard.marge@rogers.com) or 905-792-1925

### Secular Franciscan Meeting

There will be a Secular Franciscan meeting Monday, February 15 at 6:30 pm, Francis room.

### Women's Lenten Retreat Weekend

February 19-21, 2016 at Queen of Apostles, Mississauga. Retreat begins at 8:00 pm Friday and concludes with Mass Sunday noon, followed by lunch. Call 905-278-5229 for more information or to register.

### Learn About Hawaiian Culture and Dance

February 21 to May 8. Classes on Sunday afternoons for 10 weeks. Recital is May 14. Children: 2-3 pm; Teens: 3-4 pm; Adults: 4-5 pm. To register contact Linda Etzkorn at 416-510-0264 or [lindaetzkorn@rogers.com](mailto:lindaetzkorn@rogers.com)

### St. Bonaventure Baseball – Mark your calendars!

Registration: January 29 to March 11.

Evaluation days: Week of April 4

Coaches Meeting: Week of May 16

Regular Season: April 18 to June 6

Playoffs: Week of June 13 Finals Day: June 18

Registration forms are online and at the Ministry Centre.



### Why Do We Receive Ashes as Lent Begins?

Many parishes collect palm branches blessed the previous year to make ashes for Ash Wednesday, as envisioned by *The Roman Missal*. Once the palms are collected, people gather a few days before Ash Wednesday, usually after Evening Prayer, to burn the palm branches.

During the course of a year, the once green, oxygen-producing, living palm branch was cut, blessed, distributed on Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion, and later placed in the home. Subsequently over the year, the branches began to yellow, dry out and shrink. The cycle begins again: the palm branches are burned to produce ash. On Ash Wednesday, they are applied to the forehead in the form of a cross.

A profound movement in people's lives is given expression in the change that occurred to the palm branch over the year. Like that branch, we, too, may lose a firm rootedness in living the mission Christ entrusted to the Church. In general terms, sin is moving away from life in Christ to our

own ways. The relationship of Christians to Christ and his Church is begun in Baptism. Christians understand this baptismal relationship as a covenant between God and his people. Every Sunday, we participate in word and Eucharist to renew our ecclesial relationship to the Triune God. While God is always faithful, human beings are not. We can stumble, fall, or even turn our back to God. One of the parables Jesus tells in Luke's account of the Gospel is of the prodigal son. A son of a rich man receives his inheritance from his father. After spending the inheritance, he returns home, ashamed. Jesus' parable states, "But while he (the son) was far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him." The father says, "This son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!" (Luke 15:20-24). Just as was the father in this parable, so too our God and Father is always waiting for us to turn closer to God. Like ashes, and the son, God invites us to move closer to the life he offers in Jesus the Christ. This is discipleship: living the mission Christ entrusted to the Church.

Ashes are signed with the cross—a symbol of the life of discipleship. Just as the palm branches died, withered, and eventually burned to form the cross on our foreheads, so too we die to self to turn to the ways of Christ that are life-giving.

Ashes are like the dust of the earth. The Latin word for earth or dirt is *humus*, and is the same root for humility. To be humble is not to exalt oneself, but another, namely Christ. During the distribution of ashes, one of two phrases may be proclaimed while ashes are signed on foreheads. "Remember you are dust, and to dust you shall return." As "dust," we are to be humble by faithfully "putting on Christ" and living the mission Christ entrusted to the Church to which we belong. The other phrase, "Repent and believe in the Gospel" is more obvious in this implications. During and throughout our lives, we are constantly called by God to turn to life in Christ through the power of the Spirit. Antiphon 1 on Ash Wednesday states: let us change our garments to sack and ashes, let us fast and weep before the Lord, that our God, rich in mercy, might forgive our sins. Though we may squander the gifts God constantly gives to us, ashes express our need to turn to the God of mercy, compassion, and peace.

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