

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
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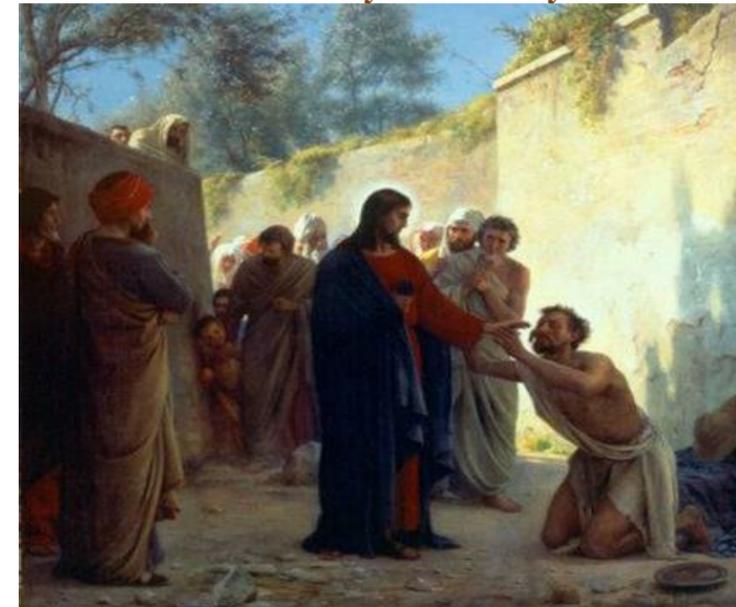
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YOU ARE ALWAYS WELCOME AT ST. BONAVENTURE

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.

February 11, 2018
The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time



By Carl Heinrich Bloch, "Christ Healing"

Open to New Life

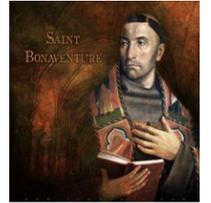
In biblical times people often regarded sin as the cause of disease. Lepers were therefore sinners, and the community excluded them from its worship. Jesus enters the scene as the healer of lepers. Those, for whom the law offers no hope, find in Jesus their savior, their key to re-entry into the human community.

We have our own 'lepers' today. They are the wretched people of the world's slums, the one's dying of AIDS, the ones sitting on death row. The law of society has nothing of hope to offer them. Their only hope is in the "great prophet who has appeared among us" and in those followers of Jesus like Paul, "seeking not my own advantage, but that of the many."

The mystery of the human condition is such that, in one way or another, all will face pain, reversal, and ultimately, the mystery of death itself. Seen through the eyes of faith, however, this mystery is not closed in upon itself.

Through sharing in the cross of Christ, human suffering and pain have a redemptive meaning and goal. They have the potential of opening a person to new life. They also present an opportunity and a challenge to all, calling us to respond to suffering just as Jesus did – with love and care.

U.S. Bishops, 1987, *The Many Faces of AIDS: A Gospel Response*; Gerald Darring
Now published in book form, *To Love and Serve: Lectionary Based Meditations*, by Gerald Darring.



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

Ash Wednesday: Mass at 9 am and 7 pm
Stations of the Cross: 9:30 am - every Friday in Lent

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: *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 ext. 500*

Spiritual Direction: *Contact Friar Mark at friarmsted2015@gmail.com*

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

Funeral: *Please contact the Ministry Centre and we will assist you in planning the liturgical services.*

Psalm 32: You are my refuge, O Lord, and the joy of my salvation

Mass Intentions

Feb. 12 Monday 9:00 am †Alejandra and †Roselyn
Feb. 13 Tuesday 9:00 am †Michael Maclean
Feb. 14 Wednesday 9:00 am †Lily F.W. Chiu
(Ash Wednesday) 7:00 pm Int. of the Parishioners
Feb. 15 Thursday 9:00 am †Francisco Jose Jimenez
Feb. 16 Friday 9:00 am The Friars
Joyce De Gannes
Rose Marie Zupan
Special Int. for Loredana
Personal Int. of E. Tagun
Feb. 17 Saturday 5:00 pm Int. of the Parishioners
Feb. 18 Sunday 8:30 am †Mackie Ortega
10:00 am †Lou Lupo
12:00 pm †Grace Sequeira

Prayer Intentions

Sanctuary Lamp: James and Martha Shortt
Vigil Lamp: Andrew Family
For the Sick: Weston Druery, Frankie Horgan, Sigrid Ades, Emily Chan, Keith David, Dorothy Lord, Roger Payette, Mary Digregorio, Cathy Valenti, Teresita Peiris, Vivienne Brown, Lucy DiBona, Raymond Fung, Pat O'Connor, Patricia DiBona, Michael Morra and Fr. George D'Souza

**Stewardship: A Way of Living
February 4 Offertory Collection**

Thank you for your generous donations.

Regular Collection: \$ 7,147.80

Maintenance Fund Offering: \$ 3,408.15

Pre-Authorized Giving: \$ 2,926

Donate Now: \$ 328

ShareLife Sunday Collections:

March 18 – **First Offering**

April 22 – **Second Offering**

May 27 – **Third Offering**

Secular Franciscan Meeting

There will be a Secular Franciscan meeting **Monday, February 19, 2018 at 7:00 pm, Francis room.**

The CWL Toronto Diocesan Council invites members to participate in **Development Day 2018, Responding to God's Call to Serve Joyfully**, on Saturday, February 24 from 8:30 am to 3:00 pm at St. Roch's Catholic Church, 2889 Islington Ave. North York. Cost: \$10.00.

Casseroles for the Good Shepherd Centre

The deadline for this month's casseroles is **Sunday, February 25th**. If you can spare some time to make a casserole each month, **contact Eva Trace at 416-447-3040**

This Week in Our Parish

Monday, February 12

6:30 pm Sparks/Bonaventure Room

6:30 pm Brownies/Francis Room

7:00 pm RCIC Session/Main Hall

Tuesday, February 13

7:00 pm Bible Study/ Bonaventure Room

Wednesday, February 14

8:00 pm Catholicism-Documentary Film Series/Main Hall

7:00 pm Alcoholic Anonymous/Francis Room

7:00 pm Grasp/Oak Room

Thursday, February 15

9:30 am Theology and Tea/Francis Room

Saturday, February 17

9:30 am Christian Meditation Group/Oak Room

9:30 am Al-Anon Group/Bonaventure Room

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Models of Christ

Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ. (1 Corinthians 11:1)

Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46 – On leprosy

1 Corinthians 10:31, 11:1 – Imitation of Christ

Mark 1: 40-45 – Healing of a leper

Adults: Would you have the courage to tell others to do as you do in order to be a Christian?

Kids: What can you do this week to be an example to others?

Ash Wednesday and The Season of Lent

On February 14th, Ash Wednesday, we will have Mass at 9:00 am and 7:00 pm. We will also have a Prayer Service at 12:30 pm with the students and Staff of St. Bonaventure School. The marking with ashes will occur at the two masses and prayer service.

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fasting and of abstinence from meat.

Lent has two major purposes: It recalls or prepares for baptism, and emphasizes a spirit of penance. The catechumens prepare for their Celebrating of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist at the Easter Vigil, while we who are baptized prepare through penance and prayer to renew our baptismal promises at Easter. During Lent we are encouraged to practice the privileged forms of penance mentioned in the Gospels: fasting, almsgiving, prayer and works of charity.

Christian fasting obtains its full meaning when we deprive ourselves of food in order to be more open for prayer, to share more in the suffering of those who are starving and to save money for the poor.

During lent we will have the *Stations of the Cross on Friday mornings after the 9:00 am mass.*

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 'Vocation Seeds'

Today's Gospel says that "Jesus was moved with pity when He saw a leper". Are you moved with love and compassion when you see the outcasts of Today's society? Today, Jesus continues to call forward men and women to minister as he did. If you think God is calling you to a Church vocation, visit the website: www.vocationtoronto.ca; vocations@archtoronto.org; www.franciscans.org, or speak with one of the friars.

Community Life

Ministry with Maturing Adults

Living out Spirituality in the Second Half of Life

Tuesday Morning Coffee and Treats 9:30- 11:30 am
in the Francis Room

All are Welcome! St. Bonaventure's Parish, 1300 Leslie St.

February 20 Advanced Care Planning – This spiritual

practice of reflection and dialogue is for all adults. How to let people in your life know what kind of health and personal care you would want in the future if you were unable to speak for yourself.

Guest Presenter: Curtis McDonnell, lawyer

There is no monetary cost for this program. For more information maureen@st-bonaventure.ca or 416-447-5571 ext. 550

News from the St. Vincent de Paul Society

All of you who feel heavily the weight of the cross, you who are poor and abandoned, you who weep, you who are persecuted for justice, you who are ignored, you the unknown victims of suffering, take courage. You are the preferred children of the kingdom of God, the kingdom of hope, happiness and life. You are the brothers of the suffering Christ and with Him, if you wish, you are saving the world. ~ Pope Paul VI

Theology and tea

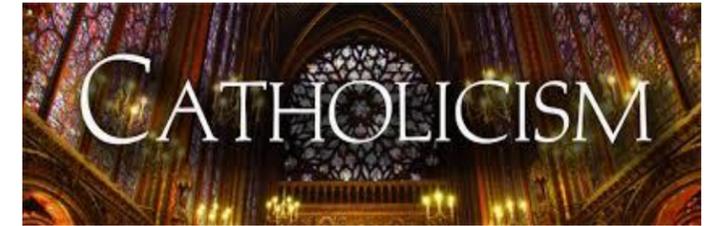
Next T & T will be on **Thursday, February 15th** after the 9:00 am Mass, and alternating Thursdays thereafter: March 1st; 15th and so on, mark your calendars. The sessions are open to all parishioners and their friends.

2017 Donations Receipts

We are finalizing the donation receipts for 2017, please notify the Ministry Centre of any changes to your address and telephone number by the end of this month. For 2018 we made some changes on some of the envelope assignments so your number may be changed, please write your name, address and telephone number to properly identify yourself with the envelope number. Thank you!

2018 Baseball Season

We are still in need of coaches and youth volunteers for our T-Ball Division (JK-grade 2). Also, if you are interested in sponsoring a team, we still have availability. Please contact us at bonaventurebaseball@gmail.com for more information. Registration will be opening on February 20th, with forms available at the Ministry Centre and the school. There are limited spaces per division so register early to avoid disappointment. Registrations are accepted on a first come-first serve basis when accompanied by the registration fee.



Catholicism is a groundbreaking Documentary Film Series created and hosted by **Bishop Robert Barron**. In breathtaking and high-definition cinematography, the truth, goodness, and beauty of Catholicism are illustrated in an epic multimedia experience. The film Showing on February 14 will be at 8:00 pm in the Parish Centre, Main Hall after the Ash Wednesday 7:00 pm Mass. All are welcome!
February 14 – Word Made Flesh, True Bread of Heaven – The mystery of the liturgy and the Eucharist

Bishop Baron explores the ancient practices of the Church's worship that endure to this very day, and the supreme act by which we commune with God. Considered by the Catholic faith to be "the source and summit" of its identity and mission, the Eucharist is the central practice of the Church's culture.



The Loblaw's group of companies admitted to participating in a price fixing scheme relating to packaged bread. In addition to cooperating into the issue, Loblaw's has offered a goodwill gesture in the form of a \$25 gift card to anyone who has purchased bread from Loblaw's, Supercenters, No Frills, Zehrs, Fortinos, Valu-mart etc. over the last 14 years. Registration for the gift cards runs from January 8th to May 8th at www.loblawcard.ca.

Since then, there has been much press about the gift card with a push for individuals to register for the \$25 gift card and donate it to a charity. This desire to pass on this goodwill gesture to charities has gained considerable traction over the last month.

Which brings me to St. Clare Inn. Our weekly groceries for residents are purchased at No Frills, which is part of the Loblaw's group of companies. Should anyone qualify to register for the \$25 Gift Card and are looking for a local charity to support, St. Clare Inn would gladly accept your donated card and use the funds to purchase food at No Frills for the residents of St. Clare Inn.

- Friar Tom Purcell

