

Regular Ministry Centre Hours:
Monday to Thursday: 9 am to 4:30 pm
Friday: 9 am to 3 pm
Saturday: 2:00 pm to 6:30 pm
Sunday: 9:30 am to 1:30 pm

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Week Day 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

St. Bonaventure Parish Mary Mathews Public Speaking Contest

Every year, the St. Bonaventure CWL council holds the **Mary Mathews Public Speaking Contest for Grades 7 & 8 students**. As in previous years, the eligible students of St. Bonaventure School will be participating in the contest. This year, we also extend an invitation to Grade 7 & 8 students **who are members of the St. Bonaventure Parish and who attend other schools** to participate in the contest. The finalists' competition will be held at the St. Bonaventure Parish Hall on **Wednesday, February 12 from 12:30 – 2:45 pm**. The winner of the competition will go on to compete in the regional contest on Sunday, March 1st at 1:30 pm.

For students from schools other than St. Bonaventure's, a preliminary competition will be held on **Sunday, February 9th at 11:00 am in the Bonaventure Room of the Parish Hall** in order to determine possible placement as a finalist in the parish-level contest. For contest details and rules please email Celine Massaroni at cmassaroni10@sympatico.ca

Knights of Columbus – 2020 Ontario Charities Lottery Tickets are now available at the Ministry Centre. Tickets are \$5.00 each with 500 prizes available to be won. The proceeds go to support the Ontario Special Olympics, Arthritis Society and Local Charities in our Community

Northmount School for Boys Open House
Wednesday, February 26, 2020; 9:30 to 11:00 am
26 Mallard Road, Toronto, Ontario, M3B 1S3

Toronto's Only Independent catholic Boy's Elementary School (Jk-8). Partners in Catholic Education with the Archdiocese of Toronto.

To RSVP for the Open House, or to book a private tour, please call 416-449-8823 ext. 114 or email the school at info@northmount.com

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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 2nd, 2020
The Presentation of the Lord



Presenting Jesus

They bring Jesus to the temple to be “presented to the Lord,” for He is “the Anointed of the Lord.” On way of responding to this event is to reflect on our own ‘presentation of the Lord.’

Is the Jesus we present to others a support for our dealings with death, our wars, abortions, and death penalties, or is He “a lamb without blemish (offered) for the life of the world”? Is the Jesus we present others a special ‘god’ for the privileged, or is He “the light of all peoples,” including people who are weak and outcast?

God’s Word, through whom all things were made, was Himself made flesh and dwelt on man’s earth. He Himself revealed to us that ‘God is love’ (I John 4:8) and at the same time taught us that the new command of love was the basic law of human perfection and hence of the world’s transformation. To those, therefore, who believe in divine love, he gives assurance that the way of love lies upon to men and that the effort to establish a universal brotherhood is not a hopeless one.

Vatican II, *Constitution on the Church in the Modern World*, 1965:38
Now published in book form: *To Love and Serve: Lectionary based Meditations*, by Gerald Darring

And Now, A Word from Our Patron Saint

Holiness without charity is like a lamp without light.

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.

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

Religious Life: Discerning a call to the consecrated religious life please see one of the friars.

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

Prayer Network: Members pray daily for intentions held in confidence. For prayer request contact **Sybil Leacock** at 416-751-0350.

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

Psalm 24~ The Lord of hosts, He is King of glory!

This Week in Our Parish Hall

Community Life

Mass Intentions

Feb. 03 Monday 9:00 am †Reynaldo Lopez
 Feb. 04 Tuesday 9:00 am †Paul Hy Tran
 Feb. 05, Wed. 9:00 am †Katherine 'Kay' Corner
 Feb. 06 Thursday 9:00 am †Genie Gomes
 Feb. 07 Friday 9:00 am Vocations
 Personal Int. of G. Fitzgerald
 Wiz Khayat
 Mabel Lim
 Agnes & Richard Au
 Mario Cantu
 Personal Int. of P. Macdonald
 Feb. 08 Saturday 5:00 pm †Aileen Moore
 Feb. 09 Sunday 8:30 am Intentions of the Parishioners
 10:00 am †Marie Desjardins
 12:00 pm †Zeljko Jagaric

Prayer Intentions:

Sanctuary Lamp 1: Personal Intentions
 Sanctuary Lamp 2: †Fidel Chua
 Vigil Lamp: Ann Canning

For the Sick: Anita Baker, Nirmalee De Silva, Yuk Ling, Michael Morra, Ebherhardt Leithner, Sean Morra, Michelena Oakes, Margaret Fernando, Margaret Wood, Alfonz Pavli, Raymund Fung, Dorothy Lord, Neil McDonald, Jurie Cuapero Marcos, Denise Baranecki, and Estela Gabriel

Stewardship: A Way of Living

January 26, 2020 - Offertory Collections

Thank you for your generous donations.

Regular Collection \$ **9,327.60**
 Pre-Authorized Giving \$ **2,926.00**
 Donate Now \$ **328.00**

Special Collections:

March 22nd ~ **Flowers for Easter**
 March 29th ~ **ShareLife Sunday**

Tax Receipts for donations received in 2019 will be mailed out the week of February 10, 2020.

Please call the office to update any changes to your mailing address. Thank you!

Theology and Tea

The next T&T in February will be Thursday, February 6th and 20th, 2020 after the 9:00 am Mass in the Francis Room. All are welcome, bring a friend and spirit of holy adventure to explore and appreciate God's presence in our world and in one another.

Monday, February 3rd
 6:30 pm Sparks & Brownies/Francis Room
Tuesday, February 4th
 7:00 pm Sacramental Preparation- First Holy Communion Session-Group A/Main Hall
 7:00 pm Bible Study Group/Oak Room
 7:00 pm Knights of Columbus Meeting/Bonaventure Room
Wednesday, February 5th
 7:00 pm Sacramental Preparation-First Holy Communion Session- Group B/Main Hall
 7:00 pm Alcoholic Anonymous/Francis Room
 7:00 pm GRASP/Oak Room
Thursday, February 6th
 9:30 am Theology and Tea/Francis Room
Saturday, February 8th
 9:30 am Al Anon/Bonaventure Room
 9:30 am Christian Meditation Group/Oak Room
 2:00 pm Sacramental Preparation-First Holy Communion Session- Group C/Main Hall
Sunday, February 9th
 11:00 am CWL – Mary Mathews Public Speaking Contest/ Bonaventure Room

News from the Society of St. Vincent de Paul

In the Gospel, we hear Simeon say to Mary: "... your own soul shall be pierced with a sword – so that the thoughts of many hearts may be laid bare."

Your generosity enables the Society of St Vincent de Paul to bring hope and practical help to parents whose hearts are burdened with worries and concerns. Thank you! Those in need of assistance may contact us by calling 416-447-5571 ext. 570.

Casseroles for the Good Shepherd Centre

This month's deadline is **February 23, 2020**. 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**.

2020 Pancake Breakfast and 40 Cans for Lent

The Knights of Columbus will be holding their Annual Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, February 23rd. Tickets will be available at the back of the Church after the weekend Masses and also at the Ministry Centre. Tickets are \$5.00 for Adults and \$2.00 per Child (ages 4 to 10). We will also be collecting cans of Tuna in support of the Community Share Food bank. Proceeds from this event will be donated to the Franciscan Seminarian Program.

The CWL Bake Sale

The CWL will be having a Bake Sale during the Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, February 23rd in the Parish Hall from 9:00 am – 1:30 pm. All donations of baked goods will be gratefully accepted from 8:00 am on that Sunday in the Parish Hall. Proceeds of the Bake Sale will be donated to the same Program as the Knights of Columbus in memory of Friar Boniface.

Nurturing our Spirituality in the Second Half of Life
Seeking a More Contemplative Way of Life



2020 Winter Programme

Tuesday Mornings; Coffee & Treats 9:30 to 11:45 am
February 11th, 2020 ~ An Artistic and Spiritual Pilgrimage with Henri Nouwen – This presentation invites us on an artistic pilgrimage to Netherlands. We will explore the influence of two great Dutch artists Rembrandt and Vincent Van Gogh on the life of Henri Nouwen, one of the greatest spiritual writers of modern times. Presenter is Katharine Lochman; Art historian and adjunct professor at Regis College and Senior Curator Emeritus at the Art Gallery of Ontario

Other Dates and Programme Topics:

- March 03** ~ Contemplating the wisdom of Sr. Nuala Kenny – By Maureen McDonnell
- March 10** ~ Exploring obstacles to and challenges in maintaining a contemplative practice in everyday life. By Odilie Gaudet and Maureen McDonnell (Spiritual Directors and Retreat Facilitators)
- March 31** ~ Understanding the Contemplative Dimension of Christianity. By Kathy Murta, interfaith facilitator at the Loretto Mary Ward Centre
- April 21** ~ Orfe Eco-Art: Join our Journey of Discovery. By Orfe Millan
Orfe strives to teach children and adults love for our beautiful planet and create, through different artistic techniques and the use of recycled materials, magical and wonderful worlds, as they explore and discover the potential of their creativity.
- May 12** ~ Franciscan Contemplative Tradition – Br. Ignatius Feaver, O.F.C., Cap. And luncheon – A Celebration of Community

There is no monetary cost for this program. For more information: Maureen@st-bonaventure.ca or call Maureen McDonnell at 416-447-5571 Ext 550

And Now, A Word from Our Pastor

Bright light is not a characteristic of midwinter. The skies are often grey. But it's not only the skies. Our interior brightness is sometimes dimmed by the exterior greyness. Today's Feast of the Lord's Presentation is a celebration of light in midwinter. We bless the candles that will burn in our church throughout the year to remind us that Jesus, the Light of the world, is also the light of our hearts. When we experience the dimness of uncertainty, Jesus wants to be "a lamp to our feet and a light to our path" (Psalm 119,108) to lead us. In the darkness of heartbreak, the Lord desires to stand beside us as "a glowing flame of fire by night" (Book of Isaiah 4,5) to sustain us. In moments of joy, we see "the glory of God shining on the face of Jesus" (2Corinthians 4,6) and realize that "we are being transformed from glory to glory" (2Corinthians 3,18). In the beginning, God said "Let there be light" (Book of Genesis 1,3). And there is Light. His name is Jesus.

In our prayer we remember the repose of +Margaret Dillon.

Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick
After all Masses on February 8 and 9, we will offer the Sacrament of Anointing to those who are seriously ill, elderly or anticipating surgery. Through this Sacrament our parish continues the healing ministry of Jesus.

Secular Franciscan Meeting

The Secular Franciscan meeting will be Monday, February 24th, 2020 at 7:00 pm, Francis Room.

Parish Photo Directory

If you had your photo taken and did not purchase a photo package, your free 8 x 10 portrait is available for pick up at the Ministry Centre reception desk. Thank you!

