

## 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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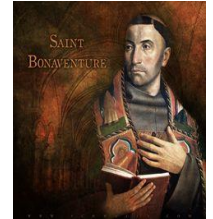
## THE FRANCISCAN CHURCH OF ST. BONAVENTURE

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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 24, 2019  
The Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time



Today's Gospel is taken from Luke's version of the Sermon on the Mount, calls us to forgive our enemies. As a person passionate about social justice, I hear this scripture calling me to also consider empathy and dialogue. Can we identify the humanity and the inherent dignity in those who do wrong to us or to others? Can we love them in a way that also works towards addressing these injustices?

To live and love this way can be difficult. It may be easier to see those who hurt ourselves or others as selfish or as intentionally harmful. Yet, that outlook fosters alienation and isolation instead of community and connection. The Gospel recognizes the challenge present here, but encourages us to persist: "If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them."

In this Gospel, Jesus offers guidance that seems counterintuitive. In the same way, finding common ground with those who oppress others may also be counterintuitive, especially when we are tempted to be angry instead of loving. However, empathy enables us to engage in dialogue, change and social justice. We can see examples of this in peace processes and efforts towards reconciliation in Canada and throughout the world. When we come to a place of understanding, it may also be a place of peace.

Landon Turlock, Edmonton, AB

**And Now, A Word from Our Patron Saint**  
Everyone needs three things: **faith** which brings understanding, **love** which brings compassion and **hope** which brings perseverance.

*St. Bonaventure*

**Weekday 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

**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 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. Contact **Greg**, our Lay Pastoral Associate.

**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:** For more information and assistance in discerning a call to the consecrated religious life, priesthood or diaconate 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 **Sybil Leacock** at [416-751-0350](tel:416-751-0350)

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

## Psalm 103~ The Lord is kind and merciful.

## This Week in Our Parish Hall

## Community Life

### Mass Intentions

Feb. 25	Monday	9:00 pm	†Peter Glowczewski
Feb. 26	Tuesday	9:00 am	†Bridget
Feb. 27	Wednesday	9:00 am	†Edward Gauci
Feb. 28	Thursday	9:00 am	†Holy Souls in Purgatory
Mar. 01	Friday	9:00 am	†Peter Glowczewski †Brian Pearson †George Mills †Rita Dazy-Labioda †Robert Landry †Russel Stachiw
Mar. 02	Saturday	5:00 pm	†Raymond Pasquier
Mar. 03	Sunday	8:30 am	†Denise De Montbrun
		10:00 am	Intentions of the Parishioners
		12:00 pm	†Robert Gasser

### Prayer Intentions

Vigil Lamp: †Peter Glowczewski

### For the Sick:

Christine Wojnicki, Deanna Andrew, Bonnie Beverley, Mabel Lim, Tony Guiney, Alfonz Pavli, Maggie Marquis, Raymund Fung, Teresita Peiris, Kay Corner, Dorothy Lord, Michael Morra, Mary DiGregorio, Liliana De Las Mercedes Vazquez, and Elisabetta Schiavone

### Monday, February 25

6:30 pm Sparks/Bonaventure Room  
6:30 pm Brownies/Main Hall  
7:00 pm Secular Franciscans Meeting/Francis Room

### Tuesday, February 26

9:30 am Ministry with Maturing Adult-Second Half of Life /Francis Room  
7:00 pm Bible Study/Oak Room  
7:00 pm Sacrament of Confirmation-Session A/Main Hall

### Wednesday, February 27

7:00 pm Sacrament of Confirmation-Session B/Main Hall  
7:00 pm Alcoholic Anonymous/Francis Room

### Thursday, February 28

9:30 am Theology and Tea/Francis Room

### Saturday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>

9:30 am Christian Meditation/Oak Room  
9:30 am Al Anon Group/Bonaventure Room  
2:00 pm Sacrament of Confirmation-Session C/Main Hall

### Sunday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>

1:30 pm CWL- Public Speaking Regional Contest/ Main Hall

### Canadian Food for Children

On **March 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend** we will be accepting donations of **oil** to support the work of Dr. Simone.

### Casseroles for the Good Shepherd Centre

Next month's deadline is **March 24, 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**.

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

In today's Gospel Jesus gives us the challenge to: "Love your enemies... Give to everyone who asks of you... Do to others as you would have them do to you... Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful."

**In 2018, through your gifts, St. Bonaventure's Conference was able to distribute \$26,822.66 for charitable works of mercy, of which \$10,000 was sent to Toronto central in support of their 23 homes.**

All CWL members are asked to contribute Baked Goods for the Bake Sale to be held during the K of C Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, **March 3<sup>rd</sup>** in the Main Hall. Drop off is March 1<sup>st</sup>, Parish Centre Kitchen.

### Knights of Columbus, Open House February 28, 2019 @ 7 pm, Francis Room

Come and learn more about becoming a member of the Knight of Columbus!

**Knights of Columbus** 2019 Charities Lottery Tickets, in support of the Special Olympics and the Arthritis Society including local charities. 500 prizes valued at over \$500,000 & Grand Prize of \$200,000. St. Francis Council sold some of the winning tickets as recently as 2016, 2017 and 2018. Tickets \$5 each, can be purchased at the Ministry Centre.

### St. Bonaventure's Ministry with Maturing Adults A Spirituality for the Second Half of Life Embracing Wholeness and Challenge



#### 2019 Winter Program St. Bonaventure's Ministry with Maturing Adults

Tuesday, February 26, 2019, 9:30 – 11:30 am, gather for coffee in the Francis room after the 9:00 am Mass.

**Story-telling and Story-listening; How is Jesus both a model for us when we share a story from our life experiences and when we listen? With Gisela Cote, Ginny Doty and Maureen McDonnell**

"A person is truly 'wise' when she/he is able to see life as an evolving story and to create some distance between self and story by reflection on it from multiple perspectives... 'Wise' people watch themselves tell life stories, learn from others' stories and intervene in their own narrative processes to allow for change by admitting new stories and interpretations into their repertoire." (Ruth Ray, Beyond Nostalgia)

**All are welcome; invite friends and neighbours to this important presentation.**

### St. Bonaventure Parish Mary Matthews Public Speaking Contest

Every year, the St. Bonaventure CWL council holds the Mary Matthews Public Speaking Contest for Grade 7 & 8 students. The winners from earlier competition will compete in the regional contest which will be hosted by our parish on **Sunday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>** at 1:30 pm at the Parish Hall. For info, email Waveney Duarte at [waveneyduarte@rogers.com](mailto:waveneyduarte@rogers.com)

### St. Bonaventure 2019 Dinner Dance

We celebrated a fabulous gathering of our community. Congratulations to the organizing team and the volunteers who worked so hard to make this evening a memorable evening. Thanks to the Knights of Columbus and the CWL for sponsoring the event. Check our website for photos.

### World Day of Prayer, "Everything is Ready" March 1, 2019 @ 1 pm - Ecumenical Service Church of the Ascension, 33 Overland Dr, Don Mills This event is open to everyone. All are invited!

Come enjoy an evening and celebrate everything España. Get your Fiesta On! It's our 7<sup>th</sup> annual Gala in support of St. Clare Inn. Our celebration is on April 13<sup>th</sup>, at the Donalda Club. Doors open at 7pm. Tickets @ [stclareinn.org](http://stclareinn.org), the parish Ministry Centre, and will be available in the near future after masses. Thanks to all.



### And Now, A Word from Our Pastor

Music and laughter, conversation and dancing. On Saturday evening, Feb 16, our Parish Centre shook with the vibrant life of a community which prays, works and plays together. The food was delicious, the coordination flawless and the company delightful. Many thanks to the Gentlemen of the Knight of Columbus and the Ladies of the Catholic Women's League for a wonderful Dinner Dance. And thanks to those who were able to be there. Without a doubt, the Lord Jesus was present at the gathering as He promised. The Holy Spirit enlivened the evening. And the Father smiled upon His children as He saw us enjoying ourselves.

God is good. And so are all of you- God's People at St. Bonaventure. Thanks for your ever-present example of people of faith who know how to pray, work and play together.

### Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time – Feb. 24 In Another's Shoes

Jesus said, "But I say to you that listen, love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you." (Lk.6:27-28)

**1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23** – Saul's life spared; Saul admits his guilt

**1 Corinthians 15:45-49** – The natural and the spiritual body

**Luke 6:27-38** – Love of one's enemy

**Adults:** What has allowed you to overcome obstacles and forgive someone who has hurt you?

**Kids:** When has it been hard to forgive someone who hurt you? What did you do?

### 'Vocation Seeds'

#### Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time – February 24

The Lord calls us to do God's will. Pray that you may know God's will in your life; especially, if you have the inclination that you are being called to the ordained or consecrated life. If 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.

### Theology and Tea

The next T & T will be on **Thursday, February 28<sup>th</sup>** after the 9:00 am Mass. Mark your calendar with the following **future T & T dates: March 14 & 28 and April 11 & 25**. 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.







