

## 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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**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

**Join our Parish:** Pick-up a registration form at 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. 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.

**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 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

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

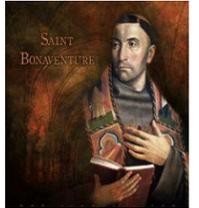
## THE FRANCISCAN CHURCH OF ST. BONAVENTURE

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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 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019  
The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Jesus said, “Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing.” According to Pope Francis, what does Jesus’ “today” mean to us?

“Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing” (Lk. 4:21). The “today,” proclaimed by Christ that day, applies to every age; it echoes for us too in this Square, reminding us of the relevance and necessity of the salvation Jesus brought to humanity. God comes to meet the men and women of all times and places, in their real-life situations. He also comes to meet us. It is always he who takes the first step: he comes to visit us with his mercy, to lift us up from the dust of our sins; he comes to extend a hand to us in order to enable us to return from the abyss into which our pride made us fall, and he invites us to receive the comforting truth of the Gospel and to walk on the paths of good. He always comes to find us.

Pope Francis, Angelus, January 31, 2016  
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Our patron, St. Bonaventure was born in an Italian mountain town in 1221. He entered the Franciscan Order in Paris after receiving his bachelor’s degree at the University there. Later, he and St. Thomas Aquinas were granted their Doctor of Theology degrees in the same ceremony. St. Bonaventure taught Scripture, Philosophy and Theology for several years, always focusing on how those fields could deepen our life with God. In 1265 he was elected Minister General of the Franciscans and left university life behind. He devoted himself to the good of the friars and extended his ministry to the whole church as a bishop and cardinal. St. Bonaventure entered eternity on July 15, 1274 while serving as one of the leaders at a General Council of the Church in Lyons, France.

St. Bonaventure left us a remarkable legacy of spirituality and wisdom in the many works he composed. Each month we will publish a quote from St. Bonaventure as part of our parish bulletin. We’ll call it: “And Now, A Word from Our Patron Saint.” We hope that his words will touch our spirits and deepen our life with God.

*Psalm 71~ My lips will tell, O Lord, of your deeds of salvation.*

**Mass Intentions**

Feb. 04 Monday 9:00 pm †Cathy Valenti  
 Feb. 05 Tuesday 9:00 am †Margaret Sullivan  
 Feb. 06 Wednesday 9:00 am †Patrick Bernard Matthews  
 Feb. 07 Thursday 9:00 am †Elaine Loxton  
 Feb. 08 Friday 9:00 am Vocations  
 †Giovanni Prezioso  
 †Maria Luisa Feruglio  
 †Sau Fong Lee-Ng  
 †James Broe  
 †Manalo Mendoza  
 †D. Lennon  
 Feb. 09 Saturday 5:00 pm †Marie Desjardins  
 Feb. 10 Sunday 8:30 am †Hugh Canning (father & son)  
 10:00 am †Bernard Holmes  
 12:00 pm †Int. of the Parishioners

**Prayer Intentions**

Sanctuary Lamp: †Martin Vandersteen

**For the Sick:**

Lillian Chen See, 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

**For the Deceased:** Bridget Calpin

**Stewardship: A Way of Living**

**January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Offertory Collections**

**Thank you for your generous donations.**

Regular Collection ..... \$ **7,157.00**  
 Franciscan Missions ..... \$ **675.00**  
 Pre-Authorized Giving ..... \$ **2,926.00**  
 Donate Now ..... \$ **328.00**

**Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick**

**After all Masses of February 9-10, 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.**

**‘Vocation Seeds’**

**Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time – February 3**

No prophet is accepted in the prophet’s hometown. Do not be discouraged by jeers when considering religious or priesthood. If you think 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.

**Indigenous Culture and Spirituality**

Wednesday, Feb. 6<sup>th</sup>, 7-9 pm, Blessed Sacrament Parish Hall  
 Sister Eva Solomon, CSJ, an Ojibwa member of the Sisters of St. Joseph, will be speaking on the topic of Indigenous Culture and Spirituality. Sr. Eva is a noted speaker with a doctorate in cross-cultural ministry. All are welcome!

**This Week in Our Parish Hall**

**Monday, February 4<sup>th</sup>**  
 6:30 pm Brownies/Main Hall  
 6:30 pm Sparks/Bonaventure Room  
 7:00 pm Secular Franciscans Meeting/Francis Room  
**Tuesday, February 5<sup>th</sup>**  
 7:00 pm First Holy Communion-Session A/Main Hall  
 7:00 pm Bible Study/Oak Room  
**Wednesday, February 6<sup>th</sup>**  
 7:00 pm First Holy Communion-Session B/Main Hall  
 7:00 pm Alcoholic Anonymous/Francis Room  
 7:00 pm GRASP/Oak Room  
**Thursday, February 7<sup>th</sup>**  
 7:00 pm Knights of Columbus Executive Meeting/  
 Bonaventure Rm.  
**Saturday, February 9<sup>th</sup>**  
 9:30 am Christian Meditation/Oak Room  
 9:30 am Al Anon Group/Bonaventure Room  
 2:00 pm First Holy Communion-Session C/Main Hall

**Casseroles for the Good Shepherd Centre**

This month’s deadline is **February 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**.

**Secular Franciscan Meeting**

The Secular Franciscan meeting will be **Monday, February 25, 2019 at 7:00 pm, Francis Room.**

**Theology and Tea**

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

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

In the Gospel today, Jesus shows us that we are called to place gospel values before any other values and to be willing to put our lives on the line for them. Taking care of God’s less fortunate is indeed living gospel values.

*Is God calling you to assist the Society of St. Vincent de Paul at St. Bonaventure? Call 416-390-9495*

**Baseball Season**

We are gearing up for the 2019 baseball season. We are looking for someone to assist in running the league. We need coaches for all divisions. The coaching time commitment is about 4 hours a week from April to the end of June. We are also looking for sponsors for our teams to help defray the costs of uniforms and equipment. If we get enough volunteers, registration will open on February 20th. For more information contact us at [bonaventurebaseball@gmail.com](mailto:bonaventurebaseball@gmail.com)

**If you would like to receive a free subscription to the Catholic Register, please call the Ministry Centre by February 14 and leave your name, address and phone number.**

**Community Life**

**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 12, 2019, 9:45 – 11:30 am, gather for coffee in the Francis room after the 9:00 am Mass.

**Topic: BRAIN HEALTH, DEMENTIA & ALZHEIMER’S**  
**Presenter: Nicole Gardner, Public Education Coordinator, Alzheimer’s Society of Toronto**

“It has been estimated that up to half the cases of Alzheimer’s disease worldwide may be the result of seven key modifiable risk factors: diabetes, high blood pressure, obesity, smoking, depression, cognitive inactivity or low education, and physical inactivity.” Part II of the series on Dementia and Alzheimer’s will stress some of the preventative steps and self-care choices we can make throughout our life-time.

**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. We are happy to extend this invitation to Grade 7 & 8 students who are members of St. Bonaventure Parish and to those who attend schools other than St. Bonaventure to participate in the contest. For students from schools other than St. Bonaventure’s a preliminary competition will be held on Monday, February 11<sup>th</sup> in the Francis Room of the Parish Hall to determine placement as finalist in the parish-level contest. This year’s finalist competition will be held at St. Bonaventure Parish Hall on Thursday, February 14<sup>th</sup> from 12:30 – 2:45 pm. The winner of the competition will compete in the regional contest which will be hosted by St. Bonaventure Parish on Sunday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 1:30 pm at the Parish Hall. For contest details and rules please email Waveney Duarte at [waveneyduarte@rogers.com](mailto:waveneyduarte@rogers.com)

**St. Michael’s College Scholarship**

The Toronto Diocesan Council yearly offers the St. Michael’s College Scholarship with the aim of providing higher education for young women. The applicant must be entering the Faculty of Arts and Science in one of the following areas of study: Commerce, Computer Science, Humanities and Social Sciences. Applications from eligible St. Bonaventure Parish applicants should be submitted to the Parish Centre by February 15, 2019. For application and more detailed information please contact us at the Parish Centre at 416-447-5571 or email Waveney at [waveneyduarte@rogers.com](mailto:waveneyduarte@rogers.com)

**And Now, A Word from Our Pastor**

Did you notice the title of the last few Sundays? Second, Third and Fourth Sundays in Ordinary Time. But what’s “Ordinary Time?” We need to remember what we learned about numbers when we were in elementary school to answer that. We learned that there were cardinal numbers (one, two, three...) and there were ordinal numbers (first, second, third...). Having completed the Christmas season, we’ve entered the season called Ordinary Time in the Liturgy. “Ordinary” doesn’t mean ho-hum. It simply means that during this time we count the Sundays using “ordinal” numbers. On Ash Wednesday we’ll switch from Ordinary Time to the Season of Lent, followed by the Season of the Triduum (Holy Thursday through Easter Sunday), followed by the Season of Easter. After that we’ll return to Ordinary Time until Advent and Christmas of 2019.

So Ordinary Time is simply a phrase we use to keep count of the Sundays outside the “special” seasons. But, then again, all the Liturgical Seasons are “special” because they all draw us more deeply into the mystery of Jesus. So, when you come right down to it, with Jesus even “Ordinary Time” is extraordinary.

Each year the friars are required to make a spiritual retreat. I never consider this to be a requirement but a gift. It’s an opportunity to deepen relationships with God and with the friars. This week, it’s my turn for the annual retreat. Please say a prayer for me. I promise to bring you with me to the retreat and mention you to Our Lord. Thanks.

We commend †Bridget Calpin into the hands of our God and pray for the gift of peace to her family as they mourn her passing.

**Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time – February 3  
 Facing Rejection**

They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way. (Lk. 4:29-30)

**Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19** – Prophet consecrated to god

**1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13** – Love never fails

**Luke 4:21-30** – Beginning of preaching; rejection by the townspeople

**Adults:** What do you do when a message you are trying to deliver “falls on deaf ears”?

**Kids:** Are there times when you have not listened as well as you could to what someone was telling you? Why didn’t you?







