

Regular 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: 2:00 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 Catholic School
Kindergarten Registration**
St. Bonaventure Catholic School provides opportunities for spiritual and academic growth through a diverse range of programs and services designed to meet the needs of each learner.

We invite parents to register their children for Junior Kindergarten beginning January 15th, 2020 at 10:00 am. For parents who are not available during the regular school day, we are hosting after school hours, please call the school for appointment. Registration for September 2020 all children born in 2016 are eligible to attend kindergarten.

Parents can complete their application online beginning at 10:00 am on January 15, 2020, at SOAR.tcdsb.org

Please contact the school for detailed information at 416-393-5263 or for more information call 416-222-8282 ext. 5320 or visit www.tcdsb.org/kindergartenregistration

Needlework Guild of Canada - Toronto Branch
Would You Share Your Handiwork
with those in need?

The Needlework Guild began in Dorset, England in 1882 as a response to the needs of children orphaned by mining disasters in Wales. The group later spread to North America as well as around Britain. There the name has become the Queen Mother's Clothing Guild, but the original name has been retained in North America.

The Toronto Branch is a registered charity that has been providing new clothing to the needy through front line social agencies since 1892. Our financial base is derived solely from members and monetary donations from other charities, corporations, service clubs, foundations, bequests and memorials.

For more information visit our website:
www.needleworkguildofcanadatoronto.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.

January 26, 2020
The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



In Today's Gospel we hear the simple narrative of Jesus calling his first disciples. Simon and Andrew, James and John are invited to follow him and 'immediately' they leave their nets and their boats to join Jesus in his mission. How was it possible that these mature men, responsible to their work and families, heard an invitation from a stranger and walked away from their means of livelihood, from the familiar pattern of their lives, from the daily rhythm of the early morning pushing off the boats in search of what the sea would yield up to them?

They were ready. God's grace, already at work in them, and their response to that grace, had prepared them for this moment.

The calling of these four men might seem a remarkable and unique event, but perhaps it is the same call that comes to us. Again, and again Jesus says to each of us, "Follow me." By God's grace we too can respond with a complete gift of self, again and again giving our yes to his invitation to let ourselves be loved and to bring his love to others.

Kathleen Giffin, Hinton, Alberta

And Now, A Word from Our Patron Saint

Even if you feel lukewarm in spirit, draw near to Jesus with confidence.

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 Maureen Talley at 416-423-3510.

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

Psalm 27~ The Lord is my light and salvation.

This Week in Our Parish Hall

Community Life

Mass Intentions

Jan. 27 Monday 9:00 am Special Intentions
 Jan. 28 Tuesday 9:00 am †Margaret King
 Jan. 29 Wed. 9:00 am †Gregorio & †Dolores Torres
 Jan. 30 Thursday 9:00 am †Robert Scott
 Jan. 31 Friday 9:00 am †Giuseppe Marcantonio
 †Victor
 †Ivy Yeung
 †Aileen Moore
 †Deirdre McKenna
 †Brian Rea
 †Byron 'Buddy' Sexson
 †Rodelio Jaring

Feb. 01 Saturday 5:00 pm Intentions of the Parishioners
 Feb. 02 Sunday 8:30 am †Hugh Canning (father & son)
 10:00 am †Marie Weichel
 12:00 pm †Jose Reis

Prayer Intentions:

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

Monday, January 27

6:30 pm Sparks & Brownies/Francis Room

Tuesday, January 28

9:30 am Ministry with Maturing Adult-Art of Christian Meditation/Francis Room

7:00 pm Bible Study/Oak

7:00 pm Sacramental Preparation- Confirmation-Group A Session/Main Hall

7:00 pm Community Share Food Bank Meeting/Bonaventure Room

Wednesday, January 29

7:00 pm Alcoholic Anonymous/Francis Room

7:00 pm Sacramental Preparation-Confirmation-Group B Session/Main Hall

Saturday, February 1st

9:30 am Al Anon/Bonaventure Room

9:30 am Christian Meditation Group/Oak Room

2:00 pm Sacramental Preparation-Confirmation-Group C Session/Main Hall

News from the Society of St. Vincent de Paul

In this Sunday's Gospel, we find that Jesus "... went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

Through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul is able to continue proclaiming the good news of the kingdom to those in need by providing grocery gift cards, clothing vouchers, personal contact and support. Thank you! For assistance, please call **416-447-5571, Ext 570.**

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 Centre 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.

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 January 28 ~ What are some meditation - contemplative practices for deepening or relationship with the Divine? This presentation focuses on assisting those who are being interiorly drawn toward meditation as a grounding place for learning to be a more awake, compassionate, Christlike person. Sometimes we have tried meditation and stopped, or we are curious about Christian meditation and we want to understand more deeply the longing and yearning of the Holy One, of Love for us, and our own yearning and longing for the Holy One. All are welcome.

~Maureen McDonnell, presenter

Other dates and Programme Topics:

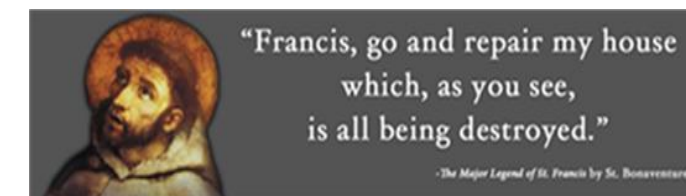
- February 11** ~ An Artistic and Spiritual Pilgrimage with Henri Nouwen – By Katharine Lochnan
- March 03** ~ Contemplating the wisdom of Sr. Nuala Kenny – By Maureen McDonnell
- March 10** ~ Exploring obstacles to and challenges in maintaining a contemplative practice in everyday life. By Odilie Gaudet 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

Last week, the friary and parish welcomed Michael and Jonathan for a visit. They are postulants (candidates) for our Order of Franciscan Friars Conventual. Jonathan and Michael came to share in the community life and prayer of the friars and to observe the friars' ministries here at St. Bonaventure parish and St. Clare Inn. Their visit will become a part of their prayer and reflection as they discern if God is calling them to Franciscan life and ministry. The word "discern" comes from an ancient word meaning "to listen" – to listen for God's Voice. It's something all of us do when we turn to the Lord asking: "What do You want me to do?" God speaks to us through our experiences (like the men's visit here), though the Scriptures, through the example and words of others and through the movements of our own hearts. Please keep Michael and Jonathan and our other postulants in a prayer. May God guide them and all of us in listening for His Voice and finding our peace in His Will.

This week, 52 youth begin to prepare for Confirmation. Please pray for them, their parents, godparents, and catechists as they respond to God's Spirit and invitation.



'Vocation Seeds'

Third Sunday in ordinary Time ~ January 26
"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." Are you willing to proclaim the coming of the kingdom as a priest, deacon, brother or sister? If God is calling you visit www.franciscans.org; www.vocationtoronto.ca or speak with one of the friars.

Stewardship: A Way of Living January 19, 2020 ~ Offertory Collections

Thank you for your generous donations.

Initial Offering	\$ 45.00
Regular Collection	\$ 5,672.00
Pre-Authorized Giving	\$ 2,926.00
Donate Now	\$ 328.00

Special Collection:

February 2nd ~ Maintenance Fund

Canadian Food for Children

On **February 1st and 2nd weekend** we will be accepting donations of salt to support the work of Dr. Simone.

Theology and Tea

The next T&T will be **Thursday, February 6th, 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.**

Casseroles for the Good Shepherd Centre

This month's deadline is **January 26, 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.**

