

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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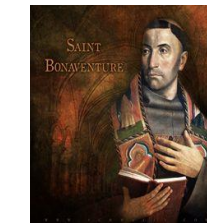
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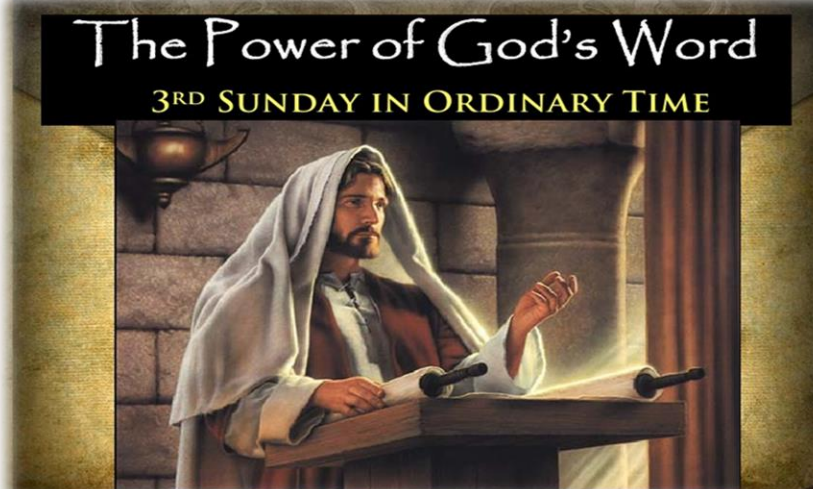


YOU ARE ALWAYS WELCOME AT ST. BONAVENTURE

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 27, 2019



A Right to Justice

Jesus stood up in his hometown and announced his program: to bring glad tidings to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives, recovery of sight to the blind and release to prisoners. It may not sound particularly religious to some, but it was a program established by one who had returned to Galilee "in the power of the Spirit."

Sunday's liturgy juxtaposes the story of Jesus reading in the synagogue with the story of Ezra reading the law to people upon their return from exile. The suggestion is that Jesus' program is a kind of law, a rule that should govern our lives. Bringing good news to the poor, liberating people from all their oppressions, this is not some optional activity that one can engage in only if one is inclined. It is "the law of the Lord," it is the program for which we have all been anointed.

In His plan of salvation. God gave Israel its law. ... Of this collection of laws, love of God above all things and of neighbor as oneself already constitute the center. But the justice which must govern relations between people, and the law which is its juridical expression, also belong to the sum and substance of the biblical law. It is in this context that one should appreciate the biblical law's care for the poor, the needy, the widow and the orphan: They have a right to justice according to the juridical ordinances of the people of God.

Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, 1986:45
Now 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

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 deaconate 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 **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 my salvation.

Mass Intentions

Jan. 28	Monday	9:00 pm	†Margaret King
Jan. 29	Tuesday	9:00 am	Int. for †Peerpoint S. Waithe
Jan. 30	Wednesday	9:00 am	†Peerpoint Shackelton Waithe
Jan. 31	Thursday	9:00 am	The repose of the soul of Peerpoint S. Waithe
Feb. 01	Friday	9:00 am	†Margaret Suckling †Fred Smith †Myles Kulperger †Eric Berry †Winston Sylvestre †Terence Gonsalves †Judy White
Feb. 02	Saturday	5:00 pm	Helen and Lawrence Noronha
Feb. 03	Sunday	8:30 am	†Peerpoint S. Waithe
		10:00 am	Intentions of the Parishioners
		12:00 pm	†Agnes & †Richard Ivany

Prayer Intentions

Sanctuary Lamp: †Martin Vandersteen
Vigil Lamp: Private Intention

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

Stewardship: A Way of Living

January 20th, 2019 Offertory Collections

Thank you for your generous donations.

Regular Collection	\$ 5,025.00
Franciscan Missions	\$ 5,284.50
Pre-Authorized Giving	\$ 2,926.00
Donate Now	\$ 328.00

Second Collection:

February 2 and 3 ~ Maintenance Fund

Baseball Season

We are gearing up for the 2019 baseball season. We are looking for someone to assist in running the league. You do not need to have children playing – enthusiasm and commitment are enough! 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

This Week in Our Parish Hall

Monday, January 28

6:30 pm Brownies/Main Hall
6:30 pm Sparks/Bonaventure Room

Tuesday, January 29

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

Wednesday, January 30

7:00 pm Sacrament of Confirmation-Session B/Main Hall
7:00 pm Al Anon Group/Bonaventure Room

Saturday, February 2

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

Canadian Food for Children

On **February 2nd and 3rd** weekend we will be accepting donations of **salt** to support the work of Dr. Simone

Casseroles for the Good Shepherd Centre

Next 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**.

Theology and Tea

The next T & T will be on Thursday, **February 14th** 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 this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus reads the words of scripture: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor."

In 2018, through your gifts, St. Bonaventure's Conference made 196 visits to 29 homes to distribute grocery gift cards, clothing, beds, and household items and assist in other ways as needed.

The **Knights of Columbus** will be selling the 2019 Charities Lottery Tickets in support of the Special Olympics and the Arthritis Society including local charities. 500 prizes valued at over \$500,000 including a Grand Prize of \$200,000 are available to be won. St. Francis Council sold some of the winning tickets as recently as 2016, 2017 and 2018. Tickets can be purchased at the parish Office.

Community Life

And Now, A Word from Our Pastor

This week, in our Catholic Christian tradition, we will mark the Feast of the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple, when Simeon called Jesus "a Light to the Nations." It is a feast of light during the dark days of winter. **NEXT WEEKEND BRING A CANDLE FROM HOME TO MASS WITH YOU.** We will bless your candles during the Liturgy. When you light your candles at home, may they remind you that you, too, were presented in the temple on the day you were Baptized. May Jesus be light to your hearts and brightness to your spirits.

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.

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time – January 27 Time Accepting Responsibility

Jesus unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because He has anointed me to bring good news to the poor." (Luke 4:17b - 18a)

Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10 – Ezra reads the law
1 Corinthians 12:12-30 – Analogy of the body

Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21 – Beginning of Jesus' preaching
Adults: What do you believe that the anointing you received at baptism requires you to do?

Kids: What could you do this week for someone who has less than you?

'Vocation Seeds'

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time – January 27

You are the body of Christ; every one of you is a member of it. As a member of the body, we serve different roles. Are you willing to do your part? If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, visit the website: www.vocationtoronto.ca; www.franciscans.org or speak with one of the friars.

Celebration of Marriage Mass with Cardinal Collins – February 10 at 4:00 pm

Cardinal Thomas Collins will preside a special Mass to honour couples celebrating milestone anniversaries in 2019. If you are celebrating a 25th, 40th, 50th or 60+ wedding anniversary in 2019, you are invited to join in this special celebration. The Mass will be at 4 pm on Sunday, February 10 at St. Clare of Assisi Parish, 150 St. Francis Ave., Woodbridge. Reception will follow after the Mass. Couples celebrating are asked to register online or by phone to ensure reserved seating at www.archtoronto.org/marriage; 416-934-3400 x523

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, January 29th, Mini-Retreat for all parishioners;
9:30 – 11:45 am in the Francis room

"Get me out of this bird bath"

Wisdom for Living from Saint Francis of Assisi

Retreat Presenter: Friar Dennis J. Mason, OFM Conv.

A bird on his shoulder, a rabbit at his feet and sometimes even a wolf thrown in for good measure. Artistic representations of St. Francis are beautiful, sometimes inspiring. But they often miss the depth of his spirit. Francis was a person who knew the joys and the struggles of being related: to God, to his brothers and sisters and to the world. He left us a legacy of wisdom on doing this thing called **life**. **Join us for a morning retreat** as we walk in Francis' sandals, reliving a few episodes from his life. Through exploration, reflection and discussion, and prayer we'll rescue St. Francis from the birdbath and immerse ourselves in his wisdom.

All are welcome! No registration required.

St. Bonaventure Parish Mary Matthews Public Speaking Contest

Every year, the St. Bonaventure CWL council holds the Mary Matthews 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 are happy to extend an invitation to Grades 7 & 8 students **who are members of the St. Bonaventure Parish** and who attend schools **other than St. Bonaventure** to participate in the contest. This year's finalists' competition will be held at St. Bonaventure Parish Hall on **Thursday, February 14 from 12:30 – 2:45 pm**. The winner of the competition will go on to compete in the regional contest which this year is being hosted by St. Bonaventure Parish in the Main Hall on Sunday, March 3 at 1:30 pm.

Please note: For students from schools other than St. Bonaventure's, a preliminary competition will be held on Monday evening, February 11th in the Francis 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 Waveney at waveneyduarte@rogers.com

