

Week 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

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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A MESSENGER OF HOPE FROM PADUA, ITALY

Over seven hundred and fifty years ago, St. Bonaventure discovered the relics of St. Anthony. This month, one of these precious relics will be visiting Ottawa from the Saint's Basilica in Padua, Italy.

St. Anthony is often remembered as a help in times of loss. We invite you to come and ask for his intercession for more than the loss of material things, but also for those who have lost peace of mind or who have lost a sense of direction. We will pray for his help that we might truly build a just society where no one is left behind, forgotten or lost. **Services will be held at the times and locations listed below.**

Mississauga, ON., St. Christopher's Parish,
1171 Clarendon Road North

- ◇ **Saturday, June 8th** ◇
Veneration of the Relic: from 3:00 pm
Celebration of the Eucharist: 5:00 pm
- ◇ **Sunday, June 9th** ◇
Celebration of the Eucharist: 8:30 am, 10:00 am, 12 noon
Veneration of the Relic throughout the day

Whitby, ON., Holy Family Parish, 91 Ribblesdale Drive

- ◇ **Tuesday, June 11th** ◇
Celebration of the Eucharist: 9:00 am
Veneration of the Relic throughout the day
Celebration of the Eucharist: 7:00 pm

Toronto, ON., Franciscan Church of St. Bonaventure
1300 Leslie Street

- ◇ **Thursday, June 13th** ◇
Celebration of the Eucharist: 9:00 am
Veneration of the Relic throughout the day
Celebration of the Eucharist: 7:00 pm

Etobicoke, ON., All Saints Parish, 1415 Royal York Road

- ◇ **Saturday, June 15th** ◇
Veneration of the Relic from 2:00 pm
Celebration of the Eucharist: 5:00 pm
Veneration of the Relic: 6:00 – 7:00 pm
- ◇ **Sunday, June 16th** ◇
Celebration of the Eucharist: 8:00 am in Italian,
9:30 and 11:30 am in English
Veneration of the Relic until 1:00 pm

For more information call Anna Marziliano at 416-690-9904

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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.

June 2nd, 2019
The Ascension of the Lord

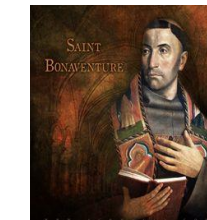


“You are witnesses of these things,” Jesus tells his disciples in today’s Gospel account of His Ascension.

The power of witness can be transformative, especially if we touch someone’s life when they need encouragement in facing a challenge. Our witness could strengthen their faith; it may give them the courage to witness to their own experience of the Lord. When the actions of others support and validate our own experience, it becomes easier to believe. An upward spiral in faith occurs; each person’s witnessing builds upon and strengthens the faith of others. When many see the same thing, it can help us overcome the tendency to doubt.

Today reflect on the power of both being a witness and experiencing the witness of others. With praise and thanksgiving, be grateful for the witness provided by those around you. Imagine the power of communicating the Risen Lord to others in your life.

John O’Brien, Oakville, ON



And Now, A Word from Our Patron Saint

When we pray, the voice of the heart must be heard more than the voice of the mouth.

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.

Religious Life: Discerning a call to the consecrated religious life 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 **Adelle Cantona** at **416-546-0253**

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

Psalm 47~ God goes up with shouts of joy; the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.

Mass Intentions

June 03	Monday	9:00 am	†Margaret Charlebois
June 04	Tuesday	9:00 am	†Alberto Bacardi
June 05	Wednesday	9:00 am	Shiara Kumarajeewa
June 06	Thursday	9:00 am	†Patrick Bernard Matthews
June 07	Friday	9:00 am	Vocations Antonietta Maida Fr. Tom Reis, OFM Conv. Jennifer Khayat Romi Walsh RoseMarie Zupan Thanksgiving Intention of the Fernando family
June 08	Saturday	5:00 pm	†Clarita G. Dayot
June 09	Sunday	8:30 am	†Michael Vincent Chua
		10:00 am	†Aileen Moore
		12:00 pm	Intentions of the Parishioners

Prayer Intentions:

Sanctuary Lamp: † Julie Clune-Sadler
Vigil Lamp: Rosalita Prospero

For the Sick: Maria Gogela, Rosalita Prospero, Gerald Heffler, Christine Wojnicki, Deanna Andrew, Alfonz Pavli, Raymund Fung, Teresita Peiris, Kay Corner, Dorothy Lord, Mary DiGregorio, Liliana De Las Mercedes Vazquez, Elisabetta Schiavone, Michael Morra, Mabel Lim, Fernando DiBona, and Pina Aristodemo

For the Deceased: Marko Mihic and Yolande Lamerton

Stewardship: A Way of Living

May 26, 2019 Offertory Collections

Thank you for your generous donations.

Regular Collection	\$ 8,377.00
ShareLife	\$ 1,300.00
Pope's Pastoral Works	\$ 3,476.00
Pre-Authorized Giving	\$ 2,926.00
Donate Now	\$ 328.00

Second Collection:

June 09 – Marygrove Camp

Ascension Sunday ~ Third ShareLife Sunday

June 2, 2019

Living the Gospel by supporting mental health wellness

Last year, over 3,200 people accessed individual, couple and family counselling at Catholic family Services of Peel-Dufferin, a ShareLife-funded agency. Given that depression has replaced back injury as the number one reason for absenteeism at work, these services are helping client maintain employment and stay out of poverty. By supporting Sharelife agencies like CFS Peel-Dufferin, you're helping people find health and happiness.

Today is ShareLife Sunday
Thank you for your generosity.

This Week in Our Parish Hall

Monday, June 3

6:30 pm Sparks/Bonaventure Room
6:30 pm Brownies/Francis Room

Tuesday, June 4

9:30 am Ministry with Maturing Adults Summer Film and Book Club/Francis Room

6:00 pm Food Bank General Meeting/Francis Room
7:00 pm Bible Study/ Oak Room
7:00 pm Sacrament of Confirmation Session 5 (A)/Main Hall

Wednesday, June 5

1:00 pm Forgiveness Workshop/Bonaventure Room
7:00 pm Alcoholic Anonymous/Francis Room
7:00 pm Sacrament of Confirmation Session 5(B)/Main Hall

Thursday, June 6

9:30 am Theology and Tea/Francis Room
7:00 pm Knights of Columbus Meeting/Bonaventure Room

Saturday, June 8

9:30 am Christian Meditation/Oak Room
9:30 am Al Anon Group/Bonaventure Room
2:00 pm Sacrament of Confirmation Session 5(C)/Francis Rm.

News from the Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Today, as we celebrate the feast of the Ascension, we are reminded that Christ's saving work on earth continues through his disciples... and now through us.

Make room in your closets and bring your donations of clothing, footwear and household textiles to the SSVP collection bin in the back-parking lot of the church next weekend, June 8/9. Our Conference is also sending seven children to SSVP camps this summer. Thank you for your continuing support and generosity.

Casseroles for the Good Shepherd Centre

This month's deadline is **June 23, 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. (to get your pan and recipe)

Canadian Food for Children

On **June 1st and 2nd weekend** we will be accepting donations of **wool, knitting needles and thread** to support the work of Dr. Simone.

Spring into Summer with the Seraphim and Cherubim Chorus' Pure Imagination concert series

Join us **June 21st** at St. Bonaventure Church at **7:30 pm** for an evening full of harmonic music and imagination, with a great mix of Broadway, classical gems, pop songs both old and new, and Disney favourites! Advanced tickets are **NOW ON SALE** at www.seraphimandcherubim.ca and at St. Bonaventure's Ministry Centre or after Sunday masses.



Congratulations to the youth who are receiving the gifts of the Holy Spirit this Sunday, June 2nd at 3:00 pm.

May the Lord bless you and your families with an abundance of Grace.

Community Life

St. Bonaventure's Ministry with Maturing Adults
Upcoming Events



SUMMER FILM AND BOOK GATHERINGS
Tuesday, June 4th, 9:30 am to 12:00 pm

An invitation to all parishioners and your summer guests to attend our Tuesday morning documentary film entitled: 'The Man Who Learned to Fall' and presentation of the book entitled: 'Learning to Fall, The Blessings of an Imperfect Life' by Philip Simmons. He writes, "At one time or another, each of us confronts an experience so powerful, bewildering, joyous, or terrifying, that all our efforts to see it as a problem are futile. Each of us is brought to the cliff's edge. At such moments we either back away in bitterness or confusion or leap forward into mystery. And what does mystery ask of us? Only that we be in its presence..." Simmons was a writer and wrote of his experience as he suffered and died of ALS. The documentary is powerful and moving.

Let's share our enjoyment of more films and books like the film and book that will be presented on **June 4th**. Connecting with others and enjoying community spirit with coffee and cake. **Tuesdays, June 18; July 9 & 23; and August 6 & 20**, from 9:30 am to 12:00 pm, mark your calendar! All are welcome – bring a friend. Contact Maureen McDonnell, maureen@st-bonaventure.ca

Theology and Tea

The next **T & T** will be on **Thursday, June 6th** and **June 20th** after the 9:00 am Mass. 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.

Reaching Out Thro' Music

Saturday, June 8, 2019, 7:00-9:00 pm, Parish Hall
We invite all parishioners and friends to Reaching Out Thro' Music, an Annual Fundraising Musical evening to benefit children of an education/breakfast program in South Africa, organized by members and friends of an ecumenical women's group. Tickets: Adults- \$25; Children (12 under)-\$10. See the CWL bulletin board for further information.

CWL Potluck Lunch

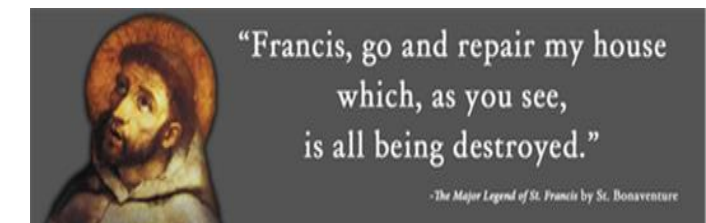
All women of the parish are invited to the CWL Potluck Lunch on Sunday, June 23 at 1:00 pm in the Parish Hall. Come and enjoy a luncheon with entertainment, in the company of other parish members and the CWL.

And Now, A Word from Our Pastor

Do you remember the day you were confirmed? This Sunday, June 2, at 3:00 pm, forty-eight of our young parishioners will celebrate that Sacrament. Years ago, the waters of Baptism were poured upon them. At Confirmation, those waters will be sealed into them as the Holy Spirit of God descends on them in a new way. They will receive a share of the gift of wisdom to guide them as they continue to grow and discover what God is calling them to do with their lives. They will experience the gift of courage to help them to choose what is right. We welcome our soon-to-be confirmed sisters and brothers as full members of our Church community. We're very proud of you and grateful to have you among us.

If you don't remember your Confirmation Day or would just like to join the celebration, please stop in at 3:00 pm.

PS – Thank you for your prayers for the friars gathered in the general meeting in Assisi. Fr. Carlos Trovarelli, a friar from Argentina was elected to serve the friars as the new general minister of the Franciscan Friars Conventual throughout the world.



Vocation Seeds ~ The Ascension of the Lord

June 2, 2019
The Lord said, "...you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." Pray for an increase of vocations to the ordained and consecrated life. 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.

Friar Mark is looking for used – broken – damaged laptop computers.

"I am looking for the batteries from them for a project I'm working on to save the planet."

~ Many Thanks ~
Friar Mark

