

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

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

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Q What happens at the Rite of Election or Enrollment of Names?

A On the First Sunday of Lent, the Church celebrates this rite with the catechumens. Most dioceses celebrate it at the diocesan cathedral during a Liturgy of the Word and not a Mass. After the homily, the catechumens are presented to the bishop. As their names are called, the catechumens may stand in their place or move into the sanctuary near the bishop so the assembly can see them. Once they are called, the bishop questions the godparents and the assembly to ensure the catechumens' readiness to be admitted to the sacraments of initiation. Then the bishop invites the catechumens to inscribe their name in the Book of the Elect. After everyone has signed the book, the bishop declares the catechumens to be members of the elect who will celebrate initiation at the next Easter Vigil. The liturgy continues with intercessions for the elect, a special prayer over them, and a dismissal.



Q Who are the elect?

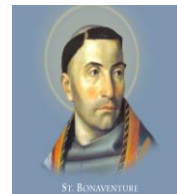
A The elect are those catechumens who have been called by the Church to celebrate the sacraments of initiation at the Easter Vigil. The elect have already been called by God and so the Church is declaring what God has already accomplished in the candidates' lives. The elect are also known as the *competentes*, or co-petitioners, and *illuminandi*, or those who will be enlightened. Figuratively speaking, they petition the Church to receive the sacraments of initiation, and at their Baptism they will be enlightened with faith.

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The catechumens of our parish: **Cristina, Ken, Gary, David, Rana, Pammy, and their godparents**, will participate in the Rite of Election at the Cathedral on March 1st at 2:00 pm. Please pray for and support them with your encouragement, kindness, and Christian witness as they intensely prepare throughout Lent for Christian Initiation at the Easter Vigil.

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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.

March 1st, 2020

First Sunday of Lent

At that time Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil.



Jesus went into the wilderness and struggled with the demons. Such is the metaphor of spiritual life presented to us in today's Gospel. In the course of our lives, we are all "led into the desert by the Spirit," and we must struggle with the demons.

Lent is a time to struggle with the demons, "to rid ourselves of the hidden corruption of evil."

"Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned."

As the kernel and center of His good news, Christ proclaims salvation, this great gift of God which is liberation from everything that oppresses man but which is above all liberation from sin and the evil one, in the joy of knowing God and being known by Him, of seeing Him, and of being given over to Him.

Pope Paul VI, *Evangelii Nuntiandi*, 1975: 9
Now published in book form, *To Love and Serve: Lectionary Based Meditations*, by Gerald Darring.

And Now, A Word from Our Patron Saint

Mary loves, nourishes and adopts as Her children those who devoutly approach Her.

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 **Moira Mckeown** at 416-445-8494.

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

Psalm 51~ Have mercy, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Mass Intentions

Mon. Mar. 02	9:00 am	†Mario Nasturzio
Tues. Mar. 03	9:00 am	†Fr. Boniface Reinhart
Wed. Mar. 04	9:00 am	†Salvatore Cusimano
Thurs. Mar. 05	9:00 am	†Fidel Chua
Fri. Mar. 06	9:00 am	Vocations Ian Shaw †Eileen M. Hennelly †Jennifer Khayat †Mary Margaret Badali †Mary DiGregorio †Bede Lobo
Sat. Mar. 07	5:00 pm	†Don Fernandes
Sun. Mar. 08	8:30 am 10:00am 12:00pm	†Michael Vincent Chua Int. of the Parishioners Constantine Bethune

Prayer Intentions

Sanctuary Lamp	Personal Intentions
Vigil Lamp	Andrew Family

For the Sick

Nirmalee De Silva, Yuk Ling, Michael Morra, Ebherhardt Leithner, Sean Morra, Margaret Wood, Margaret Fernando, Alfonz Pavli, Raymund Fung, Dorothy Lord, Neil McDonald, Jurie Cuapero Marcos, Denise Baranecki, Emy Francisco, Mary Jane Coronado, Vilma Otico and Estela Gabriel

Stewardship: A Way of Living

February 23rd, 2020 - Offertory Collections

Thank you for your generous donations.

Regular Collection	\$ 7,285.60
Pre-Authorized Giving	\$ 2,926.00
Donate Now	\$ 328.00

Second Collection:

April 10 ~ Needs of the Church in the Holy Land (Good Friday)

First Sunday of Lent ~ March 1, 2020

Living the Gospel by sharing our blessings

“The needs of our brothers and sisters in Christ are greater than ever before. In order for ShareLife agencies to continue their vital work, it is crucial we meet our parish campaign goal of \$13.8 million. Our goal can be met, but only with your help. As you contemplate the blessings God has entrusted to you, please join me in giving to ShareLife to the best of your ability.” ~ Cardinal Thomas Collins

March 29 is ShareLife Sunday. Please give generously

This Week in Our Parish Hall

Monday, March 2nd
6:30 pm Sparks & Brownies/Francis Room

Tuesday, March 3rd
9:30 am Ministry with Maturing Adult-Contemplating the Wisdom of Sr. Nuala Kenny/Francis Room
7:00 pm Bible Study Group/Oak Room
7:00 pm Sacramental Preparation-First Holy Communion Session-Group A /Main Hall

Wednesday, March 4th
7:00 pm Alcoholic Anonymous/Francis Room
7:00 pm Sacramental Preparation-First Holy Communion Session-Group B/Main Hall
7:00 pm GRASP/Oak Room
7:00 pm Knights of Columbus Meeting/Bonaventure Room

Thursday, March 5th
9:30 am Theology and Tea/Francis Room

Friday, March 6th
9:30 am Stations of the Cross/Church

Saturday, March 7th
9:30 am Al Anon/Bonaventure Room
9:30 am Christian Meditation Group/Oak Room
2:00 pm Sacramental Preparation-First Holy Communion Session- Group C/Main Hall

Sunday, March 8th
8:00 am CWL-General Meeting/Francis room
1:30 pm Presentation/Conversation with Sr. Mary Rowell, CSJ/Main Hall

News from the Society of St. Vincent de Paul
Lent is a call to “give alms for the poor”; and within our parish boundaries there are families and individuals who struggle to pay rent, as well as buy food and daily necessities.

Is there a family you know who needs assistance? Please encourage them to call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul at 416-447-5571 ext. 570. Together with your donations to our poor boxes, we can help make a difference for those in need. Thank you!

Casseroles for the Good Shepherd Centre

This month’s deadline is **March 22nd, 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**.

Knights of Columbus – 2020 Pancake Breakfast and 40 Cans for lent.

We want to thank the Parishioners who attended the Pancake Breakfast last Sunday. It was a great success with close to 200 servings and over 200 Cans of Tuna donated to the Community Share Food Bank. We also wish to thank all the volunteers, the CWL for their assistance, the Parish Staff for their support and our corporate sponsors Delmanor and Stolport for their continued support.

Theology and Tea

The next T&T will be Thursdays, **March 5th & 12th; April 02, 23 & 30, 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.

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
Dates and Programme Topics:

- 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

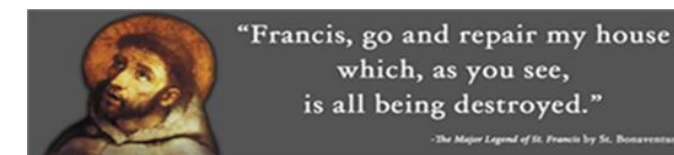


BUBBLES & BOW TIES!

What an interesting idea and an enticing theme! The dress for the evening? Cocktail attire! So, why not come join us on **April 18th** at the **Donalda Club** to have a fun filled evening, with lively entertainment, delicious food, time to meet old friends, and maybe make some new ones! We are celebrating our 8th Annual Spring Gala Fundraiser to help us raise funds and mental awareness for St. Clare Inn. Dinner is included along with a welcoming drink and Live and Silent Auctions. Tickets are available at www.stclareinn.org, after Masses on **March 7/8, 21/22 & 28/29**, and at the **Ministry Centre**. We hope you can join us and invite a friend!

And Now, A Word from Our Pastor

Happy Lent! This year’s Lenten Season is made joyful for us at St. Bonaventure. Several of our Catechumens are entering the time of final preparations for initiation into the Mystery of the lord’s Death and Resurrection. They will be plunged into that Mystery at the Easter vigil in the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. Our Catechumens’ preparation and initiation take place with the community of already initiated people – that’s us. During Lent, we join our Catechumens in exploring the mystery of Jesus’ Death and Rising in our own lives; we are one with them in allowing God’s Spirit to convert all of us more wholeheartedly to the Lord. Our Catechumens support us through the example of their Lenten preparation; we support them through the example of our Lenten observance. Can’t wait for the Night of Nights – the Easter Vigil – when we will pour the Water, smear the Oil, and share the Bread and Cup of the Eucharistic Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, Crucified and Risen.



Vocation Seeds

First Sunday of lent – March 1st, 2020

Jesus was led by the Holy Spirit into the desert for forty days of prayer and fasting. Are you open to being led by the Holy Spirit into the life-commitment God has prepared for you? If God is calling you to serve Him as a priest, deacon, brother or sister, visit www.franciscans.org; www.vocationtoronto.ca or speak with one of the friars.

Every Friday in Lent:

Stations of the Cross after the 9:00 am Liturgy

Lenten Day of Confessions – March 22 – 27, 2020

St. Bonaventure Parish date:

Wednesday, March 25, 2020

**Time(s): 9:30 am
12:00 pm
7:00 pm**

