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WEEKDAY LITURGY: Monday to Friday, 9 am  
SATURDAY: 9 am  
PUBLIC HOLIDAYS: 9 am  
RECONCILIATION: Saturday, 4 pm  
SUNDAY LITURGY  
Saturday Vigil: 5 pm  
Sunday: 8:30 am, 10 am, 12 noon

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Closed 12:30 pm to 1:30 pm  
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*Fourth Sunday of Lent  
March 6, 2016*



*I will get up and go to my  
father and say to him, "Father,  
I have sinned against heaven  
and before you; I am no longer  
worthy to be called your son;  
treat me like one of your hired  
hands." Luke 15. 18*

**MASS INTENTIONS**

|                |          |                        |
|----------------|----------|------------------------|
| Mon. Mar. 07   | 9:00 am  | †Alfredo Cruz          |
| Tues. Mar. 08  | 9:00 am  | †Rev. Fr. Ramon Torres |
| Wed. Mar. 09   | 9:00 am  | †Jack Macdonald        |
| Thurs. Mar. 10 | 9:00 am  | †George Ahee           |
| Fri. Mar. 11   | 9:00 am  | †Michael Vincent Chua  |
| Sat. Mar. 12   | 9:00 am  | †Alex MacGregor        |
|                |          | †Gwen Stuart           |
|                |          | †Barbara Zeltins       |
|                |          | †Yeung Pik Yin         |
|                |          | Thanksgiving           |
|                |          | Vocations              |
|                |          | The Friars             |
|                |          | All Souls              |
| Sat. Mar. 12   | 5:00 pm  | Parishioners           |
| Sun. Mar. 13   | 8:30 am  | Special Intentions     |
|                | 10:00 am | †Obdulia Guiao         |
|                | 12:00 pm | †Agnes Hayes           |

**PRAYER INTENTIONS**

|                   |   |
|-------------------|---|
| Sanctuary Lamp:   | Andrew Family   |
| Vigil Lamp:       | Personal Intentions   |
| For the Sick:     | Deacon Sal Badali, Jim Small,<br>Lois Walsh, Leonel & Judith<br>Alvarez |
| For the Deceased: | Gerry Downey  |

**Gluten Free Hosts:** Come to the sacristy before mass to arrange.

**Pastoral care:** Ministers of the Eucharist bring Communion to the homebound. Contact the Ministry Centre to make arrangements.

**Prayer Network:** Members pray daily for intentions held in confidence. Contact: Moira McKeown at 416-445-8494

**Private Prayer:** Contact Friar Boniface at 416-447-5571 ext. 500

**THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH**

**Sunday, March 06**  
1:30 pm CWL General Meeting/Francis Room  
**Monday, March 07**  
6:30 pm Sparks Events/Bonaventure Room  
7:00 pm Brownies Events/Francis Room  
7:30 pm Adult Choir Practice/Church  
**Tuesday, March 08**  
9:30 am Maturing Adults Town Hall Meeting/  
Bonaventure Room  
7:00 pm Make Up Session- First Communion  
Meeting/Main Hall  
7:30 pm Bible Study Group/Oak Room  
**Wednesday, March 09**  
6:30 pm GRASP Group/Oak Room  
7:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous/Francis Room  
7:00 pm Lenten Series-Having Mercy/Main Hall  
7:30 pm Family Choir Practice/Church  
**Saturday, March 12**  
9:30 am Christian Meditation/Oak Room  
9:30 am Al Anon Group/Bonaventure Room

**LITURGY**

**Stations of the Cross**

9:30 am Every Friday in Lent after the morning mass ending March 18.

**Day of Confession, March 15**

Times to be announced

**Holy Thursday, March 24**

No Morning Mass

7:00 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

**Good Friday, March 25**

12 noon and 3:00 pm The Passion of the Lord

**Holy Saturday, March 26**

No Morning Mass

11:00 am Blessing of Easter Baskets

7:30 pm Easter Vigil

**Easter Sunday, March 27**

8:30 am, 10:00 am and 12 noon- Celebration of the Eucharist.

**Lenten Series - "Having Mercy"**

Wednesday evenings 7 - 8 pm, Main Hall  
March 2, 9, 16, 23

Find a pathway to understand and live Mercy more fully. The sessions will be filled with rich examples, Scriptures, and questions for discussion and sharing. For information contact Greg Beath.

**WORKS OF MERCY**

The Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy are actions we can perform that extend God's compassion and mercy to those in need.

**Corporal Works of Mercy** are these kind acts by which we help our neighbors with their material and physical needs;

*feed the hungry  
give drink to the thirsty  
clothe the naked  
shelter the homeless  
visit the sick  
visit the imprisoned  
bury the dead*

**Spiritual Works of Mercy** are acts of compassion, as listed below, by which we help our neighbors with their emotional and spiritual needs;

*counsel the doubtful  
instruct the ignorant  
admonish sinners  
comfort the afflicted  
forgive offenses  
bear wrongs patiently  
pray for the living and the dead*

## STEWARDSHIP - A WAY OF LIVING

### February 28 Offertory Collection

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### ShareLife Sunday - March 13, 2016

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Pope Francis reminds us that this is the year of mercy. How do we extend the hands of Christ to others in our daily lives? For some it may be caring for an elderly relative, volunteering at a soup kitchen, or helping to collect food or raise funds for charity. In our busy society, many of us do not have the time to actively participate, and as such we rely on the many agencies within our community to provide love, care and support to those in need. In the Archdiocese of Toronto, our annual ShareLife appeal provides resources to over 40 agencies, bringing much needed programs and services to those both here in our communities and around the world. Collectively, through our support, we share in their success in making a positive difference in the lives of those they serve.

Next Sunday, March 13, 2016 is ShareLife Sunday. Please give generously. You can work wonders!

## COMMUNITY LIFE

### News from the St. Vincent de Paul Society

"The Eucharist reminds us that our bread is to be shared with all." ~Pope Francis

As you begin to put away your winter attire and sort through clothing for spring, please remember to set aside gently used items you no longer need or want for our upcoming clothing drive (**Bundle Weekend**) April 16/17. Thank you for your generosity to our poor boxes.

### Ministry with Maturing Adults

Tuesday mornings 10:00 am, Francis Room

March 15 & 22.

Spiritual Growth in the Second Half of Life.

Topics: Caregiving, Walking by Faith, Our Life Story, Growth in Wisdom, Prayer and A Lifelong Mission. Facilitator: Sister Mary Rose Marrin, CSJ

### Maturing Adults Town Hall Meeting

Tuesday, March 8, 9:30 am - Bonaventure Room

"Town-Hall Meeting" for those interested in

helping plan for the future of Ministry with Maturing Adults at St. Bonaventure Parish.

### Community-Building Lunch

March 29, 12 noon, Main Hall

Ministry with Maturing Adults participants are holding a community-building lunch. The guest speaker is Mary Perry-White, Maturing Adult Minister at St. Mary's Parish, Barrie ON. Tickets are \$20 and will be sold after the Masses on March 5-6 and March 12-13. All are welcome.

### Lenten Retreat-Sponsored by the CWL

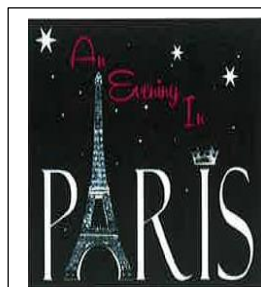
March 19, Saturday, 9:30 am to 12 noon, Main Hall

All parishioners are invited to a Lenten retreat led by Friar Conrad Fernandes, from St. Francis Parish. Fr. Fernandes is doing his Franciscan Novitiate in Boston and completing his studies of ordination in Rome. Come and be motivated for Lent by this friar.

### CWL General Meeting

March 6, Sunday, 1:30 - 3:30 pm, Francis Room

Guest Speaker/Vote on 2015 Financial Statement



### An Evening in Paris

Saturday, April 16, Donalda Club

Tickets \$80/each

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St. Clare Inn's Annual Fundraiser is back! Stroll the streets of Paris, take your picture with the Eiffel Tower, snack on great Parisian fare and bid at the live & silent auction...all for a great cause. Come and join us!

### St. Bonaventure Baseball

Registration for T-ball is closed. Registration for Rookie-ball and Softball is still open. Forms are online and at the Ministry Centre. We are in need of adult volunteers to serve as coaches and conveners. For more information, contact: [marieferguson@rogers.com](mailto:marieferguson@rogers.com)

### Doors of Mercy

The Knights of Columbus are planning a pilgrimage to St. Paul's Basilica in celebration of the Doors of Mercy on Saturday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> for 9:30 am with more details to follow.

### Casseroles for the Good Shepherd Centre

The deadline for this month's casseroles is Sunday, March 27.

## YEAR OF MERCY - LENTEN JOURNEY - WEEK 4

Let us ponder:

*If we don't accept Jesus in one another, we will not be able to give Him to others. ~Mother Teresa*

In the world in which we all live we experience so much that is unmerciful. Often we experience situations in this world where we insulate ourselves against the pains and calamities of others.

The Mercy that Jesus teaches is not humanly derived. He says in Matt.6:14 "If you forgive people their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you." As I read, reflect and pray in quiet preparing these Lenten Reflections in this Year of Mercy, I have found my understanding of Mercy becoming a much deeper reality for me. Recognizing God's Mercy given to each of us in our lives helps us realize that we cannot receive Mercy and forgiveness from God unless we repent. And we cannot claim to have repented of our sins if we are not merciful towards the sins of others.

In this Year of Mercy, Pope Francis urges us to receive the **Sacrament of Reconciliation**. This invitation is a blessed opportunity for us to come to our gentle God and share with Him our sins and failings. The human heart can become heavy and hardened over time. God, through the Sacrament of Reconciliation, gives us a new heart. Conversion is first of all a work of the Grace of God who calls our hearts to turn to Him. God gives us the strength to begin anew. The human heart is converted by looking on Him whom our sins have pierced.

Receiving and reverencing God's mercy is key in motivating our expressions of mercy. It frees us to be sensitive to other's needs and take action to supply them. God is our model of Mercy, and we are to reflect His mercy in our actions towards our fellowmen.

### Mercy Toward Each Other:

The New Testament teaches us that Mercy, in our relations with one another, must become our way of life not just in this Year of Mercy but always. When we can say, with St. John of the Cross, "God is the centre of my soul" and when we choose to live from that centre and only that centre then and only then will Mercy become a Way of Life for us.

### In Ephesians 4:2-3 Paul exhorts us

.....lead a life worthy of your calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

St. Paul also teaches us, 'Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honour one another above yourselves.'

**Spiritual Practice:** Humbly ask God to heal any shame you have experienced in your life. Spend time alone allowing yourself to appreciate the wonder of your soul.

My God within me I adore you.

Patricia Moore, Spiritual Development sub-committee member.  
Ontario Provincial Council, CWL.



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