

**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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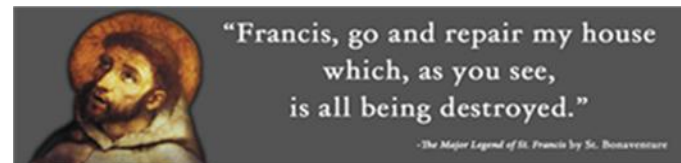
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### Vocation Seeds

Third Sunday of Lent – March 15, 2020  
“But the one who drinks of the water that I will give will never be thirsty.” Do you thirst to know where God is leading you? Could you be thirsty for an understanding of your purpose? If God is calling you to serve Him as a priest, deacon, brother or sister, visit [www.franciscans.org](http://www.franciscans.org); [www.vocationtoronto.ca](http://www.vocationtoronto.ca) or speak with one of the friars.



What an interesting idea and an enticing theme! The dress for the evening? Cocktail attire! So, why not come join us on April 18<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Gala Fundraiser to help us raise funds and mental awareness for St. Clare Inn. Dinner is include along with a welcoming drink and Live and Silent Auctions. Tickets are available at [www.stclareinn.org](http://www.stclareinn.org), after Masses on March 21/22, 28/29 and at the Ministry Centre. We hope you can join us and invite a friend!



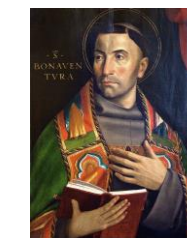
### Proposed Expansion of Euthanasia (February 2020)

**New Euthanasia Legislation Introduced in Canada It's Time To Act – Contact your MP Today!**

Legislation to expand euthanasia in our country has been introduced. If passed, those eligible for euthanasia would include those without a terminal illness, including Canadians with disabilities. Doctors may also be forced to “sign off” on euthanasia for the patients they have been treating for years. Dementia patients who signed a “directive” 10 years ago may now have someone else determine when they will die. Every life has value – visit [www.helptheliving.ca](http://www.helptheliving.ca) to send a letter (prepared for you) to your Member of Parliament. The process takes less than 5 minutes. More information can also be found at: [www.archtoronto.org/euthanasia](http://www.archtoronto.org/euthanasia). We continue to pray and advocate for the vulnerable among us.

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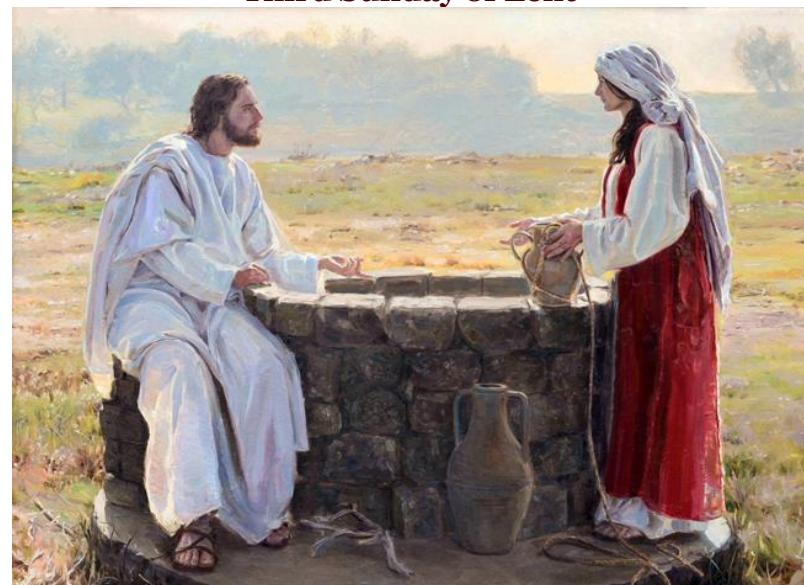


**YOU ARE ALWAYS WELCOME AT ST. BONAVENTURE**

**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 15, 2020

### Third Sunday of Lent



### Softening the Heart

In today's Gospel, Jesus promises the Samaritan woman “living water which shall become a fountain within her, leaping up to provide eternal life”

The Responsorial Psalm 95 refers both to the “Rock of our salvation” and to hardened hearts. On the one hand, there is the Rock from which the water of eternal life flows (God). On the other hand, there are rocks (our hearts) which we seek to soften in Lent by “prayer, fasting and works of mercy.”

Our goal is to “harden not our hearts:” to be concerned for the poor and suffering, to forgive the criminal, to welcome the stranger, to love our enemies.

“If only you recognized God's gift. ...”

By becoming for people, a model of merciful love for others, Christ proclaims by His actions even more than by His words that call to mercy which is one of the essential elements of the gospel ethos.

In this instance it is not just a case of fulfilling a commandment or an obligation of an ethical nature: it is also a case of satisfying a condition of major importance for God to reveal himself in His mercy to man: “The merciful ... shall obtain mercy.”

Pope John Paul II, *Dives in Misericordia*, 1980:3 – 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](mailto: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](mailto:Friar Dennis) or [Friar Peter](mailto: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](mailto:Friar Mark) at [friarmsted2015@gmail.com](mailto:friarmsted2015@gmail.com)

**Prayer Network:** Members pray daily for intentions held in confidence. For prayer request contact - [Moir Mckeown](mailto:Moir Mckeown) at 416-445-8494.

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

*Psalm 95~ O that today you would listen to the voice of the Lord. Do not harden your hearts!*

**Mass Intentions**

Mon. Mar. 16	9:00 am	†Isabelle Simmons Fisher
Tues. Mar. 17	9:00 am	†Pat Phelan
Wed. Mar. 18	9:00 am	†Jennifer Khayat
Thurs. Mar. 19	9:00 am	Thanksgiving Intentions of J. Torres
Fri. Mar. 20	9:00 am	†Kevin Haverty, Sr
Sat. Mar. 21	5:00 pm	Intentions of the Parishioners
Sun. Mar. 22	8:30 am	†Ramon Pasquier
	10:00am	†Ralph and †James Esbaugh
	12:00pm	Thanksgiving Intentions of Mahendran Family

**Prayer Intentions**

Sanctuary Lamp	Personal Intentions
Vigil Lamp	Antonio & Maria De Melo

**For the Sick:** Nirmalee De Silva, Estelle Gabriel, Steve Sayers, Margaret Wood, Alfonz Pavli, Raymund Fung, Dorothy Lord, Neil McDonald, Jurie Cuapero Marcos, Denise Baranecki, Emy Francisco, Mary Jane Coronado and Vilma Otico

**For the Deceased:** Joao Amaral & Patricia Barretto

**Stewardship: A Way of Living**

**March 08, 2020 - Offertory Collections**

**Thank you for your generous donations.**

Regular Collection .....	<b>\$ 7,467.45</b>
ShareLife .....	<b>\$ 1,100.00</b>
Pre-authorized Giving .....	<b>\$ 2,926.00</b>
Donate Now .....	<b>\$ 328.00</b>

**Third Sunday of Lent ~ March 15, 2020  
Living the Gospel by helping young mothers**

Kristen was 17 when she found out she was pregnant. Worried she wouldn't be able to graduate from high school, she reached out to Rose of Sharon. At this ShareLife-funded agency she was able to focus on schoolwork with the help of child minding by the agency. Kristen graduated and was accepted into the medical administration program at Seneca College. "Without Rose of Sharon," says Kristen, "there's no way I would have believed college was a possibility."

**March 29 is ShareLife Sunday.  
Please give generously**

**This Week in Our Parish Hall**

**Monday, March 16**

6:30 pm Sparks & Brownies/Main Hall  
7:00 pm Secular Franciscans Meeting/Francis Room

**Tuesday, March 17**

7:00 pm Bible Study Group/Oak Room

**Wednesday, March 18**

7:00 pm Alcoholic Anonymous/Francis Room  
7:00 pm RCIA Scrutiny Prep./Main Hall  
7:00 pm GRASP

**Friday, March 20**

9:30 am Stations of the Cross/Church

**Saturday, March 21**

9:30 am Al Anon/Bonaventure Room  
9:30 am Christian Meditation Group/Oak Room

**News from the Society of St. Vincent de Paul**

*In today's Gospel, Jesus says: "My food is to do the will of the one who sent me and to complete his work."*

Through your almsgiving you are doing the will of the Father and finishing the work of Jesus. Know that your contribution is multiplied by those donations placed by others in the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box. We, in turn, distribute grocery gift cards to those in need. Thank you! **For assistance, please call 416-447-5571, Ext. 570.**

**Secular Franciscan Meeting**

The Secular Franciscan meeting will be **Monday, March 16, 2020 at 7:00 pm, Francis Room.**

**Casseroles for the Good Shepherd Centre**

This month's deadline is **March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 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**.

**Empty Egg Cartons for Community Share Food Bank**

Empty egg cartons are required to distribute eggs to Food Bank recipients. Please drop or leave your empty egg cartons in the bin at the rear of the church. Thank you!

**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.

**Theology and Tea**

The next T&T will be **Thursdays, 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.

**Community Life**

**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 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](mailto:Maureen@st-bonaventure.ca) or call Maureen McDonnell at 416-447-5571 Ext 550

**The Power of Forgiveness 2020**

Ginny Doty will be offering a new program: **The Power of Forgiveness**. Ginny is an experienced facilitator of workshops on this most important theme of our Christian life, *forgiveness*. This series invites you to deepen your journey of compassionate presence to yourself and towards others. This program occurs on **Wednesdays, April 15 to May 27, 2020 at 1:00 to 3:00 pm in the Bonaventure Room**. Registration is required. To register and for more information contact Ginny at 416-447-5571 Ext. 560.

**Every Fridays 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 and 7:00 pm**

**And Now, A Word from Our Pastor**

We hold in prayer those who suffer with the corona virus and those who care for them. We continue to ask the Spirit of God to give wisdom to researchers in their development of a vaccine.

To respond to the situation and to concerns, Cardinal Collins has asked:

- That we all maintain good hygiene practices with hand washing/sanitizing and coughing/sneezing
- That we discontinue the distribution of the Eucharist from the chalice for the time being
- That we greet one another with a simple "Peace be with you" rather than shaking hands in the Liturgy
- That if we are ill, we stay at home rather than come to church.

In charity for others' concerns and welfare, I ask that we receive Holy Communion in our hands rather than mouths or tongues.

Thank you.

**"Father, we place in Your care those affected by the corona virus. Please keep us all firm in our faith, forward-looking in our hope, and rich in our charity to one another. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen."**



**Q** What is the role of the assembly in the experience of the elect? How can the assembly be helpful to them?

**A** Initiation is the responsibility of the entire parish community. The assembly accompanies the elect in this last phase of their journey—through participation in the scrutinies and presentations, by providing witness to the life of Christ, a listening ear, and hearts filled with gratitude for their presence. Members of the assembly can make an effort to reach out to the elect, share conversation, and pray for them.

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