

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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Q Who are the catechumens?

A Catechumens are unbaptized persons (adult or children of catechetical age) who have celebrated the Rite of Acceptance into the Order of Catechumens. Once they have been received into the Order of Catechumens, they have an official status in the Catholic Church. Like a mother, the Church cares for catechumens, nourishing them with the celebration of the Word in the Sunday liturgy and other celebrations of the Word, as well as other rites such as anointing with the Oil of Catechumens, blessings, and minor exorcisms. The Church has designated appropriate rites of marriage and burial for catechumens. The names of all who have celebrated the Rite of Acceptance are recorded in a special registry, and a person celebrates the Rite of Acceptance only once.

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Q When are catechumens ready for the next stage?

A Catechumens move into the Period of Purification and Enlightenment (the third period of the initiation process) after sufficient time in the Period of the Catechumenate (the second stage), where conversion takes root and faith strengthens. At least one year in the Period of the Catechumenate is recommended to experience the unfolding of the mysteries throughout an entire liturgical year. In the weeks before Lent a process of discernment takes place. Along with their sponsor, catechists, pastor, and others who may have been involved, the catechumens discern the movement of the Holy Spirit, take stock of their ongoing conversion, and reaffirm the intention to continue on the journey to Baptism. This reflective process leads the Church to determine their readiness for advancement in the process.

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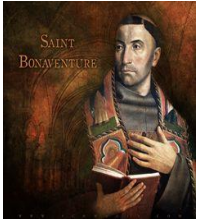
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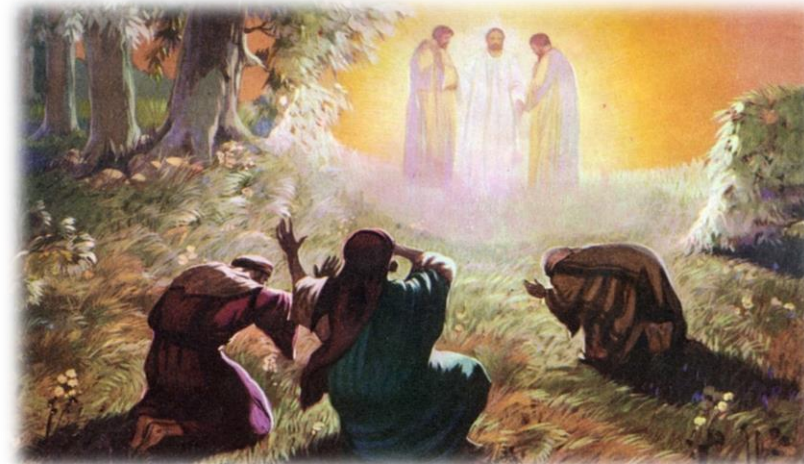


YOU ARE ALWAYS WELCOME AT ST. BONAVENTURE

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.



March 17, 2019
The Second Sunday of Lent



The Transfiguration

Pope Francis reflected on the Transfiguration with pilgrims gathered in St. Peter's Square on the Second Sunday in Lent. What does he say is the important message of the Transfiguration?

The mountain is the site of the encounter of intimate closeness with God – the place of prayer, in which to stand in the presence of the Lord. We, the disciples of Jesus, are called to be people who listen to His voice and take his words seriously. To listen to Jesus, we must follow Him.

We need to go to a place of retreat, to climb the mountain and go to a place of silence, to find ourselves and better perceive the voice of the Lord. We cannot stay there, however. The encounter with God in prayer again pushes us to “come down from the mountain” and back down into the plain, where we meet many brothers and sisters weighed down by fatigue, injustice, and both material and spiritual poverty.

Pope Francis: We need to climb the mountain, but we cannot stay there, The Second Sunday in Lent. March 16, 2014

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And Now, A Word from Our Patron Saint

You cannot become blessed unless you ascend above yourself, not by an ascent of the body but with the heart

St. Bonaventure

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

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 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. Contact **Greg**, our Lay Pastoral Associate.

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 **Mary Cushing** at **416-445-1403**

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

Mar. 18 Monday 9:00 pm Joseph Mantaring
 Mar. 19 Tuesday 9:00 am †Iris Olivia Somasundaram
 Mar. 20 Wednesday 9:00 am †Reynaldo Lopez
 Mar. 21 Thursday 9:00 am †James Cameron Shortt
 Mar. 22 Friday 9:00 am The Friars
 All Souls in Purgatory
 †Guerino Mucciarone
 †Russ Stachiw
 †Cory Comello
 †Penny Davaud
 †Jean Baptiste Dihn Auh Tuan
 Mar. 23 Saturday 5:00 pm †Cathy Valenti
 Mar. 24 Sunday 8:30 am Intentions of the Parishioners
 10:00 am †Mila Tolentino
 12:00 pm †Norman Deneault

Prayer Intentions:

Sanctuary Lamp 1: Joyce de Gannes
 Sanctuary Lamp 2: †Ružena Havlová
 Vigil Lamp: People of Venezuela
For the Sick: Fr. David Suckling, 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, Elisabetta Schiavone and Larry Chretien
For the Deceased: Herbert Arthur Robson

Stewardship: A Way of Living

March 10, 2019 Offertory Collections

Thank you for your generous donations.

Regular Collection \$ 6,486.50
 Pre-Authorized Giving \$ 2,926.00
 Donate Now \$ 328.00

Second Sunday of Lent – March 17, 2019

Living the Gospel by helping young mothers

Anika became a mother at the age of 19. Soon after, her fiancé became increasingly controlling. Feeling isolated, she reached out to a ShareLife agency called Rose of Sharon. She and her son attended almost every program offered, including one called Healthy Relationships. Anika realized she didn't have to tolerate her partner's behaviour. Rose of Sharon helped her find an affordable apartment, so she and her son could move out. "I never thought I could make it on my own," says Anika. "But with the help of Rose of Sharon, here I am doing it."

March 31st is ShareLife Sunday
 Please give generously

'Vocation Seeds'

Second Sunday of Lent – March 17, 2019

Peter, John and James had a mountaintop experience with Jesus by witnessing His transfiguration. We too can have a mountaintop experience when we open our minds and hearts to following God's Will for our lives. 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.

This Week in Our Parish Hall

Monday, March 18

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

Tuesday, March 19

9:30 am Ministry with Maturing Adults-Kairos Blanket Exercise Workshop/Main Hall

7:00 pm Bible Study/Oak Room

Wednesday, March 20

7:00 pm GRASP/Oak Room
 7:00 pm Alcoholic Anonymous/Francis Room
 7:00 pm Society of St. Vincent de Paul Meeting/Bonaventure Room

Friday March 22

9:30 am Stations of the Cross/Church

Saturday, March 23

9:00 am Parish Lenten Retreat/Main Hall
 9:30 am Christian Meditation/Oak Room
 9:30 am Al Anon Group/Bonaventure Room

Casseroles for the Good Shepherd Centre

Next month's deadline is **March 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**.

News from the Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Lent is a call not just to "give up something" but more importantly to "give something for the poor." There are persons and families within our parish who struggle to pay rent and buy nutritious food. We are prepared to help. All requests are kept in confidence. **If you or a family you know needs assistance, please call the Ministry Centre and leave a first name and phone number for Society of Vincent de Paul. Or email us at john.cole@sympatico.ca. Together we can support those in need**

All parishioners are invited to a **Parish Retreat** in the Main Hall with **Fr. Dennis** on **Saturday, March 23rd, 9:30 am to 12:30 pm**, to prepare for the Liturgy of the Great Three Days (Holy Thursday through Easter Sunday).
 There is a sign-up sheet at the back of the church.



Come enjoy an evening with us and celebrate everything España & get your Fiesta On! It's our 7th annual Gala in support of St. Clare Inn. Our celebration is on April 13th, at the Donalda Club. Doors will open at 7:00 pm. Tickets are available @ stclareinn.org and the parish Ministry Centre. Thanks to all.

Community Life

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, **March 19th, 2019**, 9:45 – 11:45 am, gather at 9:30 for coffee in the Main Hall

Kairos Blanket Exercise Workshop

"This is a very engaging and participatory workshop which promotes our understanding and respect for our shared history as Indigenous and non-Indigenous people in Canada. This workshop, which fosters truth and reconciliation is presented by **KAIROS**, an organization which unites Canadian churches and religious organizations in a faithful ecumenical response to the call to "do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God" (Micah 6:8)."

All are welcome; invite friends and neighbours to this important presentation.

New Workshop Series Starts After Easter

Ginny Doty will be offering a new program; Creating Harmony and Hope Through Forgiveness. The weekly series; Wednesdays, April 24th to June 5th at 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm in the Bonaventure Room. Early registration is encouraged, as space is limited. To register and for more information contact: **Ginny** at 416-447-5571 ext. 560

Theology and Tea

The next T & T will be on Thursday, **March 28th** after the 9:00 am Mass. Mark your calendar with the following future T & T dates: **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.

St. Bonaventure Baseball – Mark your calendars!

Registration Begins: February 27
 Evaluation days: Week of April 8
 Regular Season Begins: April 29
 Playoffs: Week of June 17
 Finals Day: June 22
 Registration forms are online and at the Ministry Centre.

Please Note: Registrations for T-Ball and Rookie Ball are closed; the Soft Ball registration is still open with about 20 spots remaining.

St. Bonaventure Dinner Dance Feb. 16, Raffle tickets to be claimed:
#625660 prize: Enterprise 2-day car rental
#625254 prize: Heli Tour of Downtown Toronto
 Please contact 416-696-9151 or glamoureux@rogers.com

And Now, A Word from Our Pastor

"What do You want me to do?" That was the prayer that St. Francis often prayed while kneeling before a crucifix. God answered that prayer, leading Francis to a life dedicated to the Gospel of Jesus, and the Franciscan Family was born. "What do you want me to do?" A great prayer for young people as you explore how you want to spend your lives. Service is a central part of any successful life. Service to God and to others is at the heart of the life of religious sisters, religious brothers and priests. If it sounds appealing, pray the prayer – "What do You want me to do?" – and listen for an answer. If you'd like to talk about it, we friars are willing to help.

Many Thanks to **Glen Day** and **Heritage Funeral Home** for sponsoring a group from **St. Bonaventure Parish** to participate in the **Annual Ordinandi Dinner**, for those who are preparing to be ordained priests. It was a remarkable experience to listen to the nine priests-to-be speaking about how they heard an answer to their prayer: "What do You want me to do?"

We commend **† Herbert Arthur Robson** into the hands of our God and pray for the gift of peace to his family as they mourn his passing.

Lenten Days of Confession:

March 31 –April 6, 2019

Listed below are the times of confessions at our parish and some neighbouring parishes. For the times at other parishes please go to www.archtoronto.org/confessions

St. Bonaventure Parish

Wednesday, April 3rd: 9:30 am to 10:30 am; noon to 1:00 pm; 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish, 78 Clifton Road, Toronto

April 1st: 11:00 am to 12:00 pm; 12:30 pm to 1:30 pm; 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm

St. Andrew Kim's 849 Don Mills Road

April 3: 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm
 April 9: 10:00 am to 2:00 pm

St. Timothy's Parish, 21 Leith Hill Road

April 10: 9:30 am to 12:00 noon, 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm

St. Gabriel's, 670 Sheppard Ave. East

April 17: 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm

