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ST. BONAVENTURE**

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

MINISTRY CENTRE HOURS

Monday to Thursday: 9 am to 4:30 pm
Friday: 9 am to 3 pm
Closed 12:30 pm to 1:30 pm
Saturday: 2 pm - 6:30 pm
Sunday: 9:30 am - 1:30 pm

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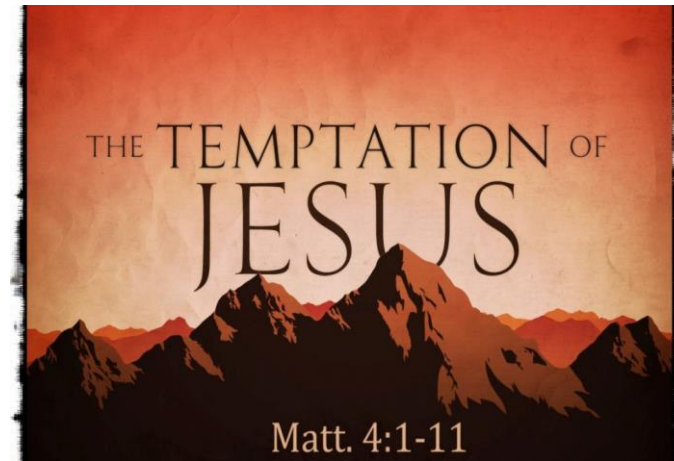
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MARCH 5, 2017

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



WHO HAS NOT BEEN IN A WEAKENED STATE –
EMOTIONALLY WROUGHT, SPIRITUALLY TIRED, OR
PHYSICALLY SUFFERING? WHO HAS NOT BEEN JUST
PLAIN WORN DOWN? DO YOU HAVE YOUR OWN
LAUNCH SEQUENCE WHEN SEEKING COMFORT?
DOES THE PRESSURE LET UP A BIT? DOES THE RELIEF
FROM YOUR DISCONTENT LAST?

YET HERE IS OUR GOD, WHO LOVES US, KNOWING
OUR DARK WAYS, SHOWING US THE WAY TO
LASTING COMFORT AND FREEDOM: SERVING ONLY
THE LORD. ON OUR OWN? NO. IN OUR WEAKNESS,
GOD IS STRONG FOR US. THIS LENTEN SEASON IS
OUR 40 DAYS. LET US EMBRACE THE EUCHARISTIC
LOVE THAT WILL CREATE A CLEAN HEART IN US AND
RENEW IN US A STEADFAST SPIRIT. MAY WE ALLOW
THE HOLY SPIRIT TO RESTORE THE GLADNESS OF
OUR SALVATION. LET US ALLOW GOD TO LEAD US
OUT OF OUR DESERT.

~ JOHANNE BROWNRIGG, ORLEANS, ON.~

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon. Mar. 6 9:00 am Mary Curneen
Tues. Mar. 7 9:00 am †Grace Sequeira
Wed. Mar. 8 9:00 am †Agnes Mendonca
Thurs. Mar. 9 9:00 am †Christopher O'Reilly
Fri. Mar. 10 9:00 am †Aileen Moore
Sat. Mar. 11 9:00 am Vocations
†Daniel Sanchez
†Verne Hoskins
†Antoinette Machado
†Leke Loka
†Prenda Koka
†Agnes Mendoza
†Tony Runza
†Anthony Ellis
†Franco Orlando
Sat. Mar. 11 5:00 pm †Michael Vincent Chua
Sun. Mar. 12 8:30 am †Parishioners
10:00 am Agnes Kang
12:00 pm

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Sanctuary Lamp: Wes Ong
Vigil Lamp: †Christopher O'Reilly
For the Sick: Mary Rose Fernando,
Gord Roberts, Kay Corner,
Linda Nasturzio, Dorothy Lord,
Eileen Velazquez, Klaus Stitz,
Dora Morra and Geraldine Daly

For The Deceased: †Alberto Rossi



Psalm 51

**Stations of the Cross- 9:30 am on
Fridays of Lent.**

Stations of the Cross will be led by CWL after the
9:00 am Mass on Friday, March 10.

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

Monday, March 6

6:30 pm Sparks/Bonaventure Room
6:30 pm Brownies/Francis Room
7:30 pm Adult Choir Practice/in the Church

Tuesday, March 7

9:30 am Spiritual Growth in the Second Half
Of Life/Francis Room
7:00 pm Bible Study Group/Bonaventure Room

Wednesday, March 8

6:30 pm GRASP Group/Oak Room
7:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous/Francis Room
7:30 pm Family Choir Practice/in the Church

Friday, March 10

9:30 am Stations of the Cross/in the Church

Saturday, March 11

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

**Stations of the Cross During Lent
Every Friday after the 9 am mass**

Rite of Election - March 5, 2017

St. Michael's Cathedral

Please remember in your prayers our
catechumens: Alicia, Melanie, and Nina. On
Sunday afternoon, they will be presented at
the Cathedral to Thomas Cardinal Collins, who
will preside over the Rite of Election and
entrust them to their godparents. They have
been chosen to be initiated into the life of
Christ this Easter.

First Sunday of Lent

~ Overcoming temptation ~

Reading I Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7
(the fall of humankind)

Reading II Romans 5:12-19
(humanity's sin through Adam)

Gospel Matthew 4:1-11
(the temptation of Jesus)

*Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the
wilderness to be tempted by the devil.*
(Matthew 4:1)

Questions of the Week:

Adult: What helpful advice could you offer
someone faced with a temptation?

Child: What helps you do the right thing when
you want to do something wrong?

STEWARDSHIP - A WAY OF LIVING

February 26 Offertory Collection

Thank you for your generous donations.

Regular Collection: \$ 8130

Donate Now: \$328

Pre-Authorized Giving: \$2,906

Gifts of Securities

Do you have securities that have gone up in value? You can now make your Parish offertory and special collections gifts using securities (stocks, mutual funds, bonds). You will not have to pay any capital gains on your gift and you will get a tax receipt for the full amount. For more information, please contact the Parish Office.

COMMUNITY LIFE

News from the St. Vincent de Paul Society

Our Mission: The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is a lay Catholic organization whose mission is to live the Gospel message by serving Christ in the poor with love, respect, justice, hope and joy by working to shape a more just and compassionate society.

Our Vision: The Society endeavours to be recognized as a caring catholic charity offering "a hand up" to people in need. We do this by respecting their dignity, sharing our hope, and encouraging them to take control of their own destiny.

Our Aspiration: A Canada transformed by compassion and built on justice. For more information, call Jack at 416-390-9495.

Canadian Food for Children

On **March 4th and 5th** weekend we will be accepting donations of oil to support the work of Dr. Simone.

Casseroles for the Good Shepherd Centre

The deadline for this month casseroles is **Sunday, March 26, 2017**. If you can spare a few hours, contact **Eva Trace at 416.447.3040**.

Spiritual Growth in the Second Half of Life

Dates and Programme Topics

- March 7:** Aging Well: Generativity an essential dimension to successful aging; What is my legacy
- April 4:** Be well, Be Wise and Be Holy; Spirituality of Aging Savouring the Fruits of Awareness, Reflection And Action

To register call **416-447-5571 Ext. 550** or email at maureen@st-bonaventure.ca

First Sunday of Lent

March 5, 2017

"Living the Gospel" by supporting ShareLife agencies...

As we begin our ShareLife campaign, we are encouraged to "Live the Gospel," in all that we do. How do we demonstrate that in our community? Living the Gospel may mean helping single mothers to care for their newborn children, or being available to families facing difficulties, or welcoming refugee families to our community. Over the past forty years, countless individuals have experienced this compassionate care offered by our agencies; as an archdiocese we continue to demonstrate our Catholic commitment to serving the needs of the greater community and around the world.

Please help us celebrate our ShareLife's 41st anniversary by supporting our annual Archdiocesan appeal during this Lenten Season! ~ **Thomas Cardinal Collins, Archbishop of Toronto.**

Sunday April 2, 2017 is ShareLife Sunday
Please give generously.

2017 St. Bonaventure Baseball Season

St. Bonaventure Baseball League has been around for over 55 years and is still a vibrant part of the Parish Life. We are looking to fill several positions like: coordinator; T-ball, Rookie ball & Soft ball convenors; coaches; umpires & youth volunteers. If you can spare some time and be more involved with the community, please consider volunteering. Call 416-447-5571 or email connie.durante@st-bonaventure.ca for more informations.

Youth Ministry Blog

Hello all! Please check out our Youth Ministry blog: <http://stbonaventureyouth.blogspot.ca/> to stay up to date with activities and events upcoming for our Youth Community at St. Bonaventure's!

Women's Lenten Retreat

March 31 to April 2, 2017, Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre in Mississauga

Theme: "The Call to Peace"

Preached by the Centre Team. For more information or registration please call 905-278-5229.

Knights of Columbus - Great Pancake Breakfast

The Knights of Columbus - St. Francis Council wish to thank all the parishioners who attended the Pancake Breakfast last Sunday. We wish to thank the Donway Place Revera Retirement Homes for providing the breakfast and the CWL for supplying and serving tea, coffee, and juices.

Celebrate Your Marriage with a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend!

March 17-19, 2017 weekend, Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre, Mississauga

Spend a very special weekend together. A weekend of discovery... a lifetime of love! Worldwide Marriage Encounter is a weekend getaway that helps married couples rediscover themselves as individuals and as a couple. The weekend format helps couples communicate openly and honestly without group sharing, therapy or marriage counselling. For more information and application, please go to www.wwme.org or contact: Gerard & Marge McCauley at gerard.marge@rogers.com or 905-792-1925

Discovering the Invitations of God

March 20, 21 and 22; 10:00 am or 7:00 pm

Friar Julio Martinez, OFM Conv., received his training in contemplative spiritual direction from the Shalem Institute for Spiritual Formation.

God is always inviting us to deeper experiences of God's presence in our lives and in the world These invitations or movements of God are expressions of God's appreciation and belief in us. They are signs of God's love for us and God's need of us.

This Lenten Mission is dedicated to awaken to our desire for God and look at ways that help us be more attentive to God's work in us. Why do this? Because the more aware we become of God and God's movements and invitations, the more open we become to cooperating with God's graces in maturing in our faith, and ultimately bringing authentic compassion to the world.

This will be an interactive event that will be held in the Parish Center. **Please join us!**

Join the "Call for Conscience" Feb 6 - Mar 31, 2017

Members of Ontario's Provincial Parliament will review Bill 84 which deals with legal issues related to euthanasia/assisted suicide. At present, the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario is forcing doctors to participate, despite their objections, when a patient decides to end their life. No other country does this. Please visit www.CanadiansforConscience.ca to learn more. Write directly to your elected MPP asking them to amend Bill 84 to add conscience protection. Printed letters are available for pick up at the back of church. Please sign them and mail them to your MPP.



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