

Ministry Centre Hours

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

May 13, 2018
The Ascension of the Lord

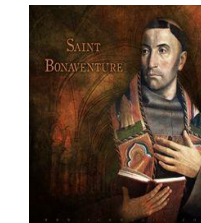


On this feast of the Ascension of the Lord, the Church pays special attention to communication in our world, and encourages us to spread the good news of God's saving grace, revealed in Jesus and made present through the power of the Holy Spirit.

The accounts of the ascension in both Acts and Mark entrust us, as Jesus himself entrusted the eleven, to share the good news. The sacraments equip us wonderfully for the task of witnessing to the "whole of creation." In Baptism, we became light to the world. In Confirmation, we received the gifts of the Holy Spirit that empower us to be the Christ-bearers of unity. And through the celebration of the Eucharist, we are nourished and strengthened for our mission.

Jesus is the benchmark for all of our communications. Following His example, may our lives communicate God's love and mercy and be a sign of hope to the world.

Louise McEwan, Trail, BC



Weekday Liturgy: Monday to Friday, 9 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday, 4 pm

**Sunday Liturgy: Saturday, Vigil, 5 pm
Sunday, 8:30 am, 10 am, 12 noon**

Join our Parish: Pick-up a registration form at 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 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 diaconate 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 47 ~ God goes up with shouts of joy;
the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.*

This Week in Our Parish

Community Life

Mass Intentions

May 14 Monday 9:00 am †Maria Artiaga Lopez
May 15 Tuesday 9:00 am †Sarah Jane Welch
May 16 Wednesday 9:00 am †Don Fernandes
May 17 Thursday 9:00 am †Fr. Gerry Creedon
May 18 Friday 9:00 am The Friars
†Juvencio Jose Ortega
†Theresa Markell
†Mildred Brown
†Mary Buckley
May 19 Saturday 5:00 pm Intentions of the Parishioners
May 20 Sunday 8:30 am Victor Andrew
10:00 am †Joseph Fellin
12:00 pm †Charlie Gatasi

Prayer Intentions

Sanctuary Lamp: Andrew Family
Vigil Lamp: Vickie Bunye and Regina Bunye-Johnson

For the Sick: Joe Pimenta, Weston Druery, Emily Chan, Frankie Horgan, Keith David, Dorothy Lord, Roger Payette, Mary DiGregorio, Cathy Valenti, Teresita Peiris, Lucy DiBona, Raymond Fung, Pat O'Connor, Patricia DiBona, Michael Morra, Lina Cornacchia, Kay Corner, Monica McDonald, Sigrid Ades and Alice Eaglen

Monday, May 14

6:30 pm Sparks/Bonaventure Room
7:00 pm Brownies/Francis Room

Tuesday, May 15

7:00 pm Bible Study/Bonaventure Room
7:00 pm Confirmation Final Session- Groups A & C/
Main Hall

Wednesday, May 16

1:00 pm Healing Life's Hurts Through Forgiveness -
Ministry with Maturing Adults/Bonaventure Rm.
7:00 pm Alcoholic Anonymous/Francis Room
7:00 pm GRASP/Oak Room
7:00 pm Confirmation Final Session- Group B/Main Hall

Thursday, May 17

9:30 am Theology and Tea/Francis Room
6:00 pm Catholic Voice All Candidates Meeting/Main Hall
7:00 pm CWL Meeting – Toronto Branch/Francis Room

Saturday, May 19

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

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Ascension of the Lord

That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation resulting in knowledge of Him. (Ephesians 1:17)

Acts 1:1-11 – The Ascension of Jesus

Ephesians 1:17-23 – A Spirit of wisdom

Mark 16:15-20 – The Commissioning and Ascension

Adults: Who in your family has the gift of wisdom? How does he or she use this gift?

Kids: Who is the wisest person you know? What has he or she taught you?

Theology and Tea

Next **T and T** will be on **Thursday, May 17th and 31st** after the 9:00 am Mass. The sessions are open to all parishioners and their friends.

Secular Franciscan Meeting

There will be a Secular Franciscan meeting **Monday, May 28, 2018 at 7:00 pm, Francis room.**

Casseroles for the Good Shepherd Centre

The deadline for this month's casseroles is **Sunday, May 27th**. If you can spare some time to make a casserole each month, **contact Eva Trace at 416-447-3040.**

Parish Gardens

We need lots of helping hands to plant our Parish Gardens on **Saturday, May 26th**. Start time is **9:30 am** and bring your garden tools. We will provide lunch. Call the Ministry Centre if you can help at 416-447-5571.

Ministry with Maturing Adults

Summer Book and Movie Club

Let us share our enjoyment of books and movies, building community spirit over a cup of coffee. We will start **June 5th, 9:30 to 11:30 am** in the Francis Room. All are welcome. Bring a friend. Contact Maureen McDonnell at 416-447-5571 ext. 550 or maureen@st-bonaventure.ca

News from the St. Vincent de Paul Society

How wonderful to be “envoys of hope”, simple and joyful messengers of the Easter acclamation.

~ **Pope Francis**

Become an envoy of hope: As membership in our St. Bonaventure Conference ages, we are in need of younger men and women to help carry out, oversee and continue voluntary service to the less fortunate in our parish and community. Are you a recent retiree and/or an adult looking to find a purposeful way of helping others? There are many areas where you could assist us, such as scheduling; Bundle Up Weekends; camp registrations and follow-up; recruitment and outreach; poor boxes; secretarial/financial duties; and counting as well as home visitations. Call Jack or Judy at 416-390-9495.

Provincial Election Time

Catholic Conscience invites you to meet the candidates for the provincial election in the parish hall on **Thursday, May 17, from 7:00 to 8:30 pm** as they host candidates from all parties seeking election representing Don Valley East, West and North. Candidates will be invited to share their views on various topics of interest for catholic voters. Followed by a question and answer session and an opportunity to meet the candidates individually. The Catholic Conscience is a local non-profit, non-partisan organization seeking to improve the quality of our elected leaders. Questions may be directed to the organization at info@CatholicConscience.org

**Call for Conscience 2018
An Invitation from Cardinal Collins**

Cardinal Thomas Collins, Archbishop of Toronto, recently issued a call to action in advance of the **June 7** provincial election to promote palliative care, conscience rights and the protection of faith-based facilities. His Eminence has asked Catholics to visit canadiansforconscience.ca/ontario to send a letter directly to all candidates in their riding for **June 7** election. A pre-written letter is provided which people can amend as they choose. If you did not receive Cardinal Collins' emailed letter and you would like to receive them in the future, please visit bit.ly/archtosignup Thank you for advocating on these important issues!

A Prayer for Mothers

All loving God, we give you thanks and praise for mothers young and old

We pray for young mothers, who give life and count toes and tend to our every need; May they be blessed with patience and tenderness to care for their families and themselves with great joy.

We pray for our own mothers who have nurtured and cared for us; May they continue to guide us in strong and gentle ways.

We remember mothers who are separated from their children because of war, poverty or conflict; May they feel the loving embrace of God who wipes every tear away.

We pray for women who are not mothers but still love and shape us with motherly care and compassion.

We remember mothers, grandmothers and great grandmothers who are no longer with us but who live forever in our memory and nourish us with their love.
Amen.

~by Heidi Busse

Happy Mother's Day!



Congratulations to the youth who are receiving the gift of the Holy Spirit this weekend. May the Lord bless you and your families with an abundance of Grace.

‘Vocation Seeds’

Ascension of the Lord, *May 13, 2018*

Before the Ascension, Jesus tells His Apostles not to leave Jerusalem – to wait – to pray for the Holy Spirit to show them God's will for their future. Where is the Holy Spirit leading you? If you feel that you are being led to be a priest, religious, or permanent deacon, visit the website: www.vocationtoronto.ca; www.franciscans.org, or speak with one of the friars.

Pentecost Sunday

May 19th and 20th weekend

Everyone is asked to wear something **red** that day as a sign of the Holy Spirit's descent upon our community.

Stewardship: A Way of Living

May 6 Offertory Collections

Thank you for your generous donations.

Regular Collection: **\$ 8,447.85**

Pope's Pastoral Works: **\$ 3,016.40**

Pre-Authorized Giving: **\$ 2,926.00**

Donate Now: **\$ 328.00**

Second Collections:

May 27 – Third ShareLife Sunday

June 3 – Maintenance Fund Offering

Living the Gospel: 2018 Parish Campaign

Ascension of the Lord – May 13, 2018

Living the Gospel by supporting mental health wellness

In 2016, over 2,000 people accessed individual, couple and family counselling at Catholic Family Services of Peel-Dufferin, a ShareLife-funded agency. Often, clients sought help to address depression. Given that depression has replaced back injury as the number one reason for absenteeism at work, these services are helping clients maintain employment and stay out of poverty. By supporting ShareLife agencies like CFS Peel-Dufferin, you're helping people find health and happiness.

**May 27 is the next ShareLife Sunday.
Please give generously.**

