

**Week 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

#### 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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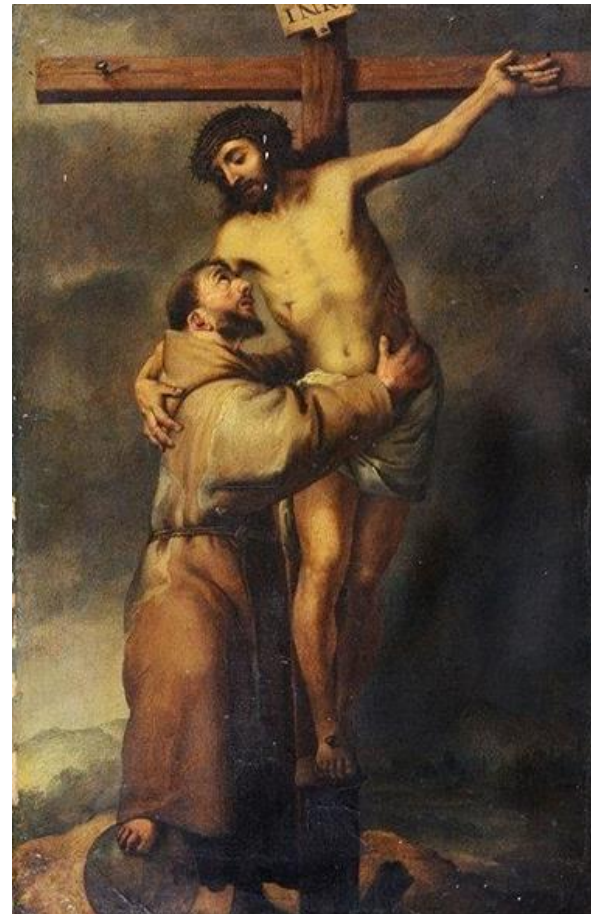
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### Embracing Love

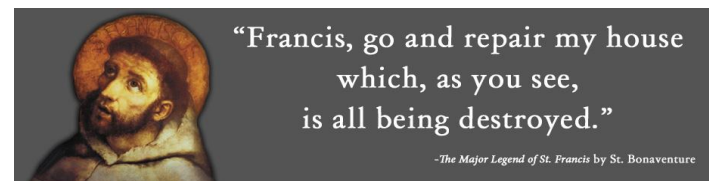
A Vocation Prayer

*Loving and Generous God, it is You who call us by name and ask us to follow You. Help us to grow in the Love and Service of our Church as we experience it today. Give us the energy and courage of Your Spirit as we make all things new.*

*Grant us faith-filled ministers who will embrace Christ's Mission of love and justice.*

*Bless our faith community by raising up dedicated, generous disciples who will serve Your people as Sisters, Friars, Priests, Deacons and Lay Ministers. Open our hearts to hear Your call and inspire us to know You better.*

*We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.*



#### 'Vocation Seeds' ~ Third Sunday of Easter

May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019

How am I being called to feed the lambs of Jesus? Could it be as an ordained or consecrated person? If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, visit the website: [www.vocationtoronto.ca](http://www.vocationtoronto.ca); [www.franciscans.org](http://www.franciscans.org) or speak with one of the friars.

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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 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019  
The Third Sunday of Easter



### Do You Love Me?

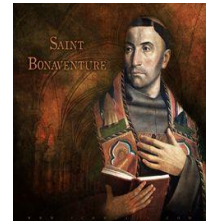
*God lovingly pursues us, calling us far beyond our own safety zones to share the good news of salvation. We see this clearly in the life of the apostle Peter.*

*He was chosen for discipleship by Jesus, but he had a hard time. When Jesus was brought before the high priest, Peter was so afraid that he denied three times that he was Christ's disciple. After he saw Jesus' empty tomb, he went home and locked all the doors. When it looked like the great adventure with Jesus was a miserable failure, he went back to what he knew: his fishing boat.*

*However, the promise of Easter was genuine. Jesus really did rise from the dead. He met Simon Peter on his own territory, when he was fishing, and called him again. Call and response were unmistakable. Three times, Jesus asks "Do you love me?" Peter's answer was "Yes," "Yes" and "Yes I do, and I already told you I did."*

*Jesus tells Peter to take care of the flock, prepare for difficult times and "Follow me." Peter did that. So today, all around the world, we are still responding to God's call, still daring to take risks in service to the proclamation of God's unending love. We are compelled to share the good news of Jesus Christ, risen from the dead. Alleluia!*

Marilyn J. Sweet, Halifax, NS



### And Now, A Word from Our Patron Saint

**If you learn everything except Christ, you learn nothing. If you learn nothing except Christ, you learn everything.**

*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**, 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** or **Friar Peter** at least one year before the desired date. Couples need to participate in a Marriage Preparation Course.

**Religious Life:** Discerning a call to the consecrated religious life 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 [friarmarked2015@gmail.com](mailto:friarmarked2015@gmail.com)

**Prayer Network:** Members pray daily for intentions held in confidence. Contact **Gerald Desjardins** at 416-755-6721

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

*Psalm 30 ~ I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.*

**This Week in Our Parish Hall**

**Community Life**

**Mass Intentions**

May 06 Monday 9:00 am †Patrick Bernard Matthews  
 May 07 Tuesday 9:00 am †Fr. David Suckling  
 (Mass with School Children)  
 May 08 Wednesday 9:00 am †Theo Verbeek  
 May 09 Thursday 9:00 am †Maria Lopez Artiaga  
 May 10 Friday 9:00 am Brothers, Sisters and  
 Benefactors of the OFM  
 †Nada Mihic  
 †Michael Creedon  
 †Seán Sweeney  
 †Kofi Anan & †A. Franklin  
 †Jerry DesRoches  
 †Pat Hannan  
 May 11 Saturday 5:00 pm Intentions of the Parishioners  
 May 12 Sunday 8:30 am †Hugh Canning (father & son)  
 10:00 am †Cecilia Mascarenhas  
 12:00 pm †Patrick Bernard Matthews

**Prayer Intentions:**

Sanctuary Lamp: † Julie Clune-Sadler  
 Vigil Lamp: Personal Intentions

**For the Sick:**

Gerald Heffler, Christine Wojnicki, Deanna Andrew, Alfonz Pavli, Raymund Fung, Teresita Peiris, Kay Corner, Dorothy Lord, Avelino Vista, Mary DiGregorio, Liliana De Las Mercedes Vazquez, Elisabetta Schiavone, Michael Morra, Mabel Lim, Larry Chretien, Fernando DiBona and Mary Jane Coronado

**Monday, May 06**

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

**Tuesday, May 07**

7:00 pm Bible Study/ Oak Room  
 7:00 pm Sacrament of Confirmation Session A/Main Hall

**Wednesday, May 08**

1:00 pm Forgiveness Workshop/Bonaventure Room  
 1:30 pm Writing Circle with Gisela Cote/Oak Room  
 7:00 pm Sacrament of Confirmation Session B/Main Hall  
 7:00 pm Alcoholic Anonymous/Francis Room

**Thursday, May 09**

9:30 am Theology and Tea/Francis Room  
 7:00 pm Knights of Columbus General Meeting/  
 Bonaventure Room

**Saturday, May 11**

9:30 am Christian Meditation/Oak Room  
 9:30 am Al Anon Group/Bonaventure Room  
 2:00 pm Sacrament of Confirmation Session C/Main Hall  
 5:00 pm First Communion/Church

**Sunday, May 12**

12:00 pm First Communion/Church

**Casseroles for the Good Shepherd Centre**

This month's deadline is **May 26, 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**. (to get your pan and recipe)

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

**The Lord seeks everyone; He wants everyone to feel the warmth of His mercy and His Love.** ~ **Pope Francis**

Our society is looking for volunteers to hold a poor box after Sunday masses on an occasional basis. Young people (Grade 7 and up) and families are most welcome. Our poor boxes are virtually our only source of income, which we use to extend mercy to those who struggle to make ends meet. Contact Jack at 416-390-9495 or email: [john.cole@sympatico.ca](mailto:john.cole@sympatico.ca)

**Theology and Tea**

The next T & T will be on Thursday, **May 9<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>** after the 9:00 am Mass, mark your calendar! Come and join **Fr. Mark** for some time to ponder and enjoy our relationship with God. The sessions are open to all parishioners and their friends.



**Ole!** Greetings and thanks for your participation and support of St. Clare Inn at our 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Gala! **Ole!** Ole, from the Spanish, expresses encouragement in sporting events. Your being a part of our Gala is encouragement, **Ole**, for St. Clare Inn and our support of homeless women with diagnosed mental health challenges. Thank you for your help to raise awareness of this great need in our society & gifting us with **\$38,277.68** and counting! Blessings!  
 ~ **Friar Tom and the Gala Committee Members**

**St. Bonaventure's Ministry with Maturing Adults  
 Upcoming Events**



**Thursday, May 16<sup>th</sup> – Why Are We Here: A Meditation on Canada. 7:00 – 9:00 pm, Main Hall**

'The foundational experience of the early settlers has made it more difficult for us to answer the Tsimshian chief. We catch a glimpse of ourselves in moments of some collective effort to survive; we gather together to wait for the survivors of a disaster in the mines. We identify ourselves as a country that is rich in natural resources that we think we own and have a right to use. We define ourselves in terms of who or what we are against.' ~ **Mary Jo Leddy**, Guest Speaker  
 Invite your family, friends and neighbours as **all are welcome!**

**Tuesday, May 21<sup>st</sup> – Come and Celebrate Ministry with Maturing Adults Community! 9:45 am – 1:30 pm, gather for coffee after mass, Main Hall.**

We will watch the wonderful movie – Babette's Feast followed by a delicious Luncheon. All are welcome, whether or not you have been before, bring a friend or neighbour and join this Spring Celebration!

**Saturday, June 1<sup>st</sup> – “Stewarding the Fruits of Your Ageing: Cultivating, Harvesting, and Feeding the Church with Your Gifts”** guest speaker **Robert Weber**, 9:30 am – 3:30 pm. This is a day long workshop. For questions about registration, please contact us at [formation@archtoronto.org](mailto:formation@archtoronto.org) or 416-934-3400, ext. 523

**Catholic Education Week – May 5 – 10, 2019  
 “Living as Joyful Disciple”**

During Catholic Education Week (May 5 – 10, 2019), we give thanks for the gift of publicly funded Catholic Education in our province. Catholic schools foster supportive communities where young people can experience the joy of God's love and understand the Christian mission in the world. Together, our parishes, educators and families sow the seeds of faith with the next generation of Catholics, challenging them to live as joyful and faithful disciples. You are welcome to St. Bonaventure school for a visit and invited to a parent engagement evening on May 16 at 6:30 pm in the school. Thank you for your support and prayers for our students and staff. To affirm your support of Catholic education and sign-up for email updates, visit: [www.togetherinfaith.ca](http://www.togetherinfaith.ca)

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

*So, what's that design in the center of the middle aisle of our church? A cross, one arm with a sleeve, the other without, hands depicted palms out to reveal wounds. It's the symbol of the Franciscan Order. Central to the symbol is the Cross of Jesus – the place where the self-giving love of our God was revealed in its fulness. The arm of Jesus (without a sleeve) stretches in front of the Cross and His hand displays the wound of the nail which help Him bound but set us free. The arm (with the sleeve of the Franciscan habit) and wounded hand of St. Francis intersect with those of Jesus. Our Patron, St. Bonaventure, tells us that Francis burned with love for Jesus; his love was so intense that Francis' own hands were marked with the wounds of Jesus' love for us. Francis shared that love in service to others. He became an icon of Jesus. The Franciscan symbol of the Cross with the intersecting arms and hands of Jesus and Francis is a visual call to love – to receive the love of God given to us through Jesus, to return that love to God in worship and to imitate that love by being Jesus to others.*



*Congratulations to our parish's children celebrating their First Holy Communion this weekend. May the Lord bless you and your families with an abundance of grace.*

*With gratitude for the support of the parents and the volunteer catechists who made this possible.*

**Stewardship: A Way of Living**

**April 28, 2019 Offertory Collections**

**Thank you for your generous donations.**

Regular Collection ..... \$ **7,115.00**  
 ShareLife ..... \$ **1,380.00**  
 Pre-Authorized Giving ..... \$ **2,926.00**  
 Donate Now ..... \$ **328.00**

**Second Collections:**

**May 26 – The Pope's Pastoral Works**

**Third Sunday of Easter ~ May 5, 2019  
 Living the Gospel with Justice and Love**

“ShareLife represents a reliable signpost on the course mapped out by our Pastoral Plan – namely, its core direction of ‘Catholic Outreach in Justice and Love.’ The work of our agencies, and your generosity towards them, serve as a pathway through which acts of justice and love are realized, and the witness of the Catholic faith is strengthened.”  
 ~ **Cardinal Thomas Collins**

**Today, May 5<sup>th</sup> is ShareLife Sunday.  
 Thank you for your generosity.**







