

Revised Ministry Centre Hours:
(for the duration of this health emergency)
Monday: 9:30 am to 4:30 pm
Tuesday: Closed
Wednesday: 9:30 am to 4:30 pm
Thursday: Closed
Friday: 9:30 am to 3 pm
Saturday: Closed
Sunday: 9:30 am to 1:30 pm
If you need assistance on the days that the office is closed,
please call 416-447-5571 and leave a message in the
general mail box. It will be monitored regularly. Thank you!

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Due to the concerns surrounding the Covid-19, we at St. Clare Inn have decided to **postpone** our Bubbles and Bow Ties Gala until the Fall to ensure the safety and enjoyment of our guests. The new date for gala will be on **Saturday, November 14, 2020 at the Donalda Club.** Thank you to those who have already purchased tickets. Your tickets will be honored for the new date. If you have any questions regarding the event, please contact us at 416-690-0330 or at info@stclareinn.org



Letter from
Thomas Cardinal Collins
March 17, 2020

For the duration of this health emergency, I decree that the following be implemented in all parishes, missions and chaplaincies throughout the Archdiocese of Toronto:

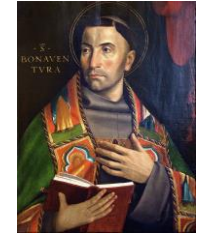
Mass – In view of the requirements of the Government of Ontario, during this medical emergency, beginning Tuesday, March 17, 2020, I instruct that all public Masses be cancelled, both during the week and on the weekend. Churches will be available for individual private prayer. The priests of the archdiocese will celebrate Mass every day privately for the intentions of the people. The faithful will be able to watch, via livestream, a Mass which will be celebrated every day at 7:30 a.m. at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica, which will be followed by the Angelus and the Rosary. I will personally celebrate this Mass as much as is possible.

This Mass, Rosary and Angelus will also be available on the Archdiocese of Toronto's YouTube channel for those who cannot join at 7:30 a.m. These Masses and prayers will be offered for the intentions of everyone as we go through these trying times. In addition, Mass will be broadcast daily on Salt & Light Catholic Media Foundation, VisionTV (Daily TV Mass) and EWTN.

Websites: www.youtube.com/user/ArchdioceseofToronto;
www.DailyTVMass.com; www.visiontv.ca;
www.saltandlighttv.org

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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 22, 2020

Fourth Sunday of Lent



Pope Francis tracks the blind man's path from spiritual blindness to light. Can you relate to your own spiritual blindness slowly turning to light in your life?

The path of the blind man ... is a gradual process that begins with knowing Jesus' name. He does not know anything else about him. In fact, he says: "The man called Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes" (Jn 9:11). In response to the pressing questions of the doctors of the law he first says that Jesus is a prophet (Jn 9:17) and then a man close to God (Jn 9:31). After he is thrown out of the Temple, excluded from society, Jesus finds him again and "opens his eyes" a second time, revealing to him his true identity: "I am the Messiah," He tells him. At this point, the man who was blind exclaims: "I believe, Lord!" (Jn 9:38) and prostrates himself before Jesus. This is a passage of the Gospel that gives us a glimpse of the drama of the interior blindness of many people. And we glimpse our own interior blindness too because we sometime have moments of such blindness. ... Let us open ourselves to the light of the Lord, he awaits us always in order to enable us to see better, to give us more light, to forgive us. Let us not forget this!

Pope Francis, March 30, 2014
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And Now, A Word from Our Patron Saint
Mary loves, nourishes and adopts as Her children those who devoutly approach Her.

St. Bonaventure

For the duration of this health emergency, the Cardinal decreed that the following be implemented in all parishes, missions and chaplaincies throughout the Archdiocese of Toronto:

Baptism – At this time, communal celebrations of baptism are not allowed. Individual Baptism is allowed with immediate family and following the regulations by the health authorities.

RCIA – The Cardinal dispenses the catechumens from the scrutinies. Information will be sent out later on the Triduum and reception into the Church.

First Holy Communion, First Reconciliation and Confirmation will be postponed for the duration of the emergency.

Sacrament of Reconciliation – Communal celebrations of the Sacrament of Reconciliation are not allowed at this time. All those who wish to receive the sacrament should contact a priest. The sacrament is to be celebrated not in a confessional but rather in another location, where confidentiality may be ensured and where the distance required by the health officials can be maintained.

Marriage – Marriages without Mass may take place with the immediate family members, provided they follow the regulations by the health authorities. Postponement of the wedding may be requested given these circumstances, but if this is granted there may be a need for revision of the canonical requirements.

Visits to the Sick and Homebound should continue as much as possible. Visiting clergy and volunteers should take direction from the health care facility.

Funerals – During this emergency, there will be no vigils or wake services. The Rite of Committal will take place with the immediate family at the cemetery. There will be no funeral Mass at this time, but we encourage the celebration of a funeral Mass at a later date when it is possible.

Psalm 23~ The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

The Friars will celebrate Mass privately every day for the Mass and Prayer Intentions of the parishioners.

Mass Intentions

Mon. Mar. 23	9:00 am	†Brian Newell
Tues. Mar. 24	9:00 am	†Eugenio Toribio
Wed. Mar. 25	9:00 am	†Margaret Cronin
Thurs. Mar. 26	9:00 am	†Lo Pak Tong and †Lo-Wong Yuk Lin
Fri. Mar. 27	9:00 am	The Friars †Philip Sheridan †Maria Lopez Artiaga †Mary DiGregorio †Betty Wolf †Anna Gauci †Louis Caruso
Sat. Mar. 28	5:00 pm	†Juvencio Ortega
Sun. Mar. 29	8:30 am 10:00am 12:00pm	†Eustacio Mantaring Int. of the Parishioners †Teresa Kowalik

Prayer Intentions

Sanctuary Lamp	†Teresa Kowalik
Vigil Lamp	Special Intentions

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, Vilma Otico and Marites Teng-Ampo

Stewardship: A Way of Living

March 15, 2020 - Offertory Collections

Thank you for your generous donations.

ShareLife	\$ 1,100.00
Pre-Authorized Giving	\$ 2,926.00
Donate Now	\$ 328.00

Fourth Sunday of Lent ~ March 22, 2020

How can you “Live the Gospel” when life is so busy? Many people help those in need by volunteering at a local organization. But if your schedule doesn’t allow for it, you can still make a huge impact in your community by supporting ShareLife-funded agencies. Next Sunday is the first ShareLife collection. Over the next week, please reflect on your ability to “Live the Gospel” by making a sacrificial gift to our parish ShareLife campaign,

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

Advisory

Update on the COVID-19 Coronavirus Health Emergency

The public celebration of all Masses, other liturgical services and all parish activities are suspended until further notice.

The church will remain open for private prayer on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm.

The Sunday Obligation continues to be dispensed. The Archdiocese will provide updates regarding the situation especially as it relates to the liturgies of Holy Week and Easter.

This Week in Our Parish Hall

Parish Meetings and Events are cancelled at this time

News from the Society of St. Vincent de Paul

In today’s Gospel, as Jesus gives sight to the blind man, through grace we are also transformed from not seeing to seeing; and then Jesus can send us to help others see and believe.

Your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul brings joy, peace, forgiveness, mercy and kindness to the anxious hearts of those in need. Thank you! **For assistance, please call 416-447-5571 Ext. 570.**

Casseroles for the Good Shepherd Centre

Notice to Casseroles Makers:

The casserole program is on hold for now, the Good Shepherd Centre is not serving food for now due to the concerns surrounding the corona virus. If you already made your casseroles, you may drop them at the Ministry Centre. Any questions contact **Eva Trace** at **416-447-3040**. Thank you for your continued support.

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!

Theology and Tea

Theology and Tea is cancelled for now until further notice.

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 ~ Cancelled

April 21 ~ Orfe Eco-Art: Join our Journey of Discovery. By Orfe Millan

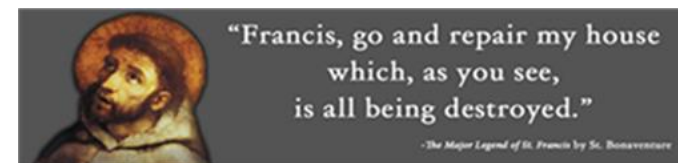
Orfe strives to teach children and adults love for our beautiful planet and create, through different artistic techniques and the use of recycled materials, magical and wonderful worlds, as they explore and discover the potential of their creativity.

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 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.



Vocation Seeds

Fourth Sunday of Lent – March 22, 2020

“We must work the works of Him who sent me while it is day.” Are you being called to a life as an ordained or a consecrated person? If God is calling you to serve Him as a priest, deacon, brother or sister, visit www.franciscans.org; www.vocationtoronto.ca or speak with one of the friars.

And Now, A Word from Our Pastor

What a strange time it is. Day to day living turned upside down by a microscopic virus. I don’t know about you, but what I feel is some fear. “What if...?” Our feelings are our friends if they lead us to take proper care of ourselves and others. Our feelings become enemies when they dominate our hearts. “Fear not, little flock,” Jesus said. “OK, but how?” we might say.

A wise man once suggested to me: “Your thoughts create your feelings.” I think he’s right. People of ancient times looked on the heart as the source of our thoughts. The Old Testament Book of Proverbs says: “Above all else, guard your heart.” Keep watch over what thoughts are being generated. When we find ourselves going down the path of negative, worrisome, fear-making thoughts, rein them in and give them to God. “Take every thought captive,” St. Paul says. Turn the heart from fear-making thoughts to peace-making thoughts of gratitude; tell God what we are grateful for right now. Let God know that we are thankful for His presence in our hearts. Let Jesus’ assurance: “My Peace I give you” gently settle in our hearts.

I, the other Friars and Staff of St. Bonaventure hold you in prayer; please remember us. In the words of the Psalms, together may we “listen to the Word of God, for the Lord will proclaim peace.”

Love and prayer,

Fr. Dennis

