

*Growing  
in Spirit,  
Community,  
and Service*

### **Mass Times**

**Sunday Eucharist**

*Saturday Vigil: 5 pm*

*Sunday: 8:30 am, 10 am  
and 12 noon*

### **Weekday Eucharist**

*9 am: Monday to Friday*

### **Sacrament of**

**Reconciliation**

*Saturday: 9 to 10 am*

### **Ministry Centre**

**Hours**

*10 AM– 4 PM*

*Monday, Wednesday,*

*Friday*

*and by appointment on  
Tuesday & Thursday*

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*Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord  
April 2, 2023*

# Bonnie News

*Franciscan Church of St. Bonaventure*

## The Sign of the Cross

The lovers of Christ lift out their hands to  
the great gift of suffering.

For how could they seek to be warmed and clothed  
and delicately fed,

to wallow in praise and to drink deep draughts  
of an underserved affection,

have castle for home and a silken couch for bed,  
when He the worthy went forth, wounded and hated,  
and grugged of even a place to lay His head?

This is the badge of the friends of the Man of Sorrows:  
the mark of the cross, faint replica of His,  
become ubiquitous now; it spreads like a wild blossom  
on the mountains of time and in each of the crevices.

Oh, seek that land where it grows in a rich abundance  
with its thorny stem and its scent like bitter wine,  
for wherever Christ walks He casts its seed  
and He scatters its purple petals.

It is the flower of His marked elect, and the fruit  
it bears is divine.

Choose it, my heart. It is a beautiful sign.

~ A poem by Sr. Miriam of the Holy Spirit (Jessica Powers), O.C.D.

“Order these hours in mercy, saving God, for we stand at the centre  
of our seasons when night and day run together and we call the cross  
our glory. Fill us only with hunger for the words of scripture, only  
with thirst for that stream whose waters drown us into the death of  
Jesus. There alone is our salvation, our life and our resurrection.”

~ Gabe Huck, from *Liturgy: From Ashes to Fire (C): Planning for the Paschal  
Season*, vol. 11:4. The Liturgical Conference, 1994.

## NEW PARISHIONERS WELCOME

We warmly welcome new members to our parish community and encourage you to register as parishioners. Please complete a parish registration form, which may be obtained at the back of the church or by contacting the Ministry Centre at 416-447-5571.

## LITURGY & SACRAMENTS

### THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, April 3	9 AM	† George de Gannes
Tuesday, April 4	9 AM	† Ainsworth Felthman
Wednesday, April 5	9 AM	† Grazia Maida
Thursday, April 6 <i>Mass of the Lord's Supper</i>	7 PM	<i>No Morning Mass</i> The Parishioners
Friday, April 7 <i>Commemoration of the Lord's Passion</i>	12 PM and 3 PM	<i>Specific intentions not permitted.</i>
Saturday, April 8 <i>Easter Vigil</i>	9 AM 8 PM	<i>No Confessions</i> <i>No 5 PM Mass</i> The Parishioners
Sunday, April 9 <i>Easter Sunday</i>	8:30 AM	† Oris and Gerry McCann
	10 AM	† Ed Sitar
	12 PM	† Tom Harasti
Sanctuary Lamps		† Carolyn McKeown and Margorie Gillham
		† Marjore and Len Beverley
		† Vincent Chaisson

### THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Confessions are heard on a weekly basis on Saturdays from 9 to 10 am in the Mary Chapel. In addition, during our monthly Eucharistic Adoration (first Monday of each month) confessions are heard from 1 to 2 pm. Finally, you can always make an appointment with Fr. Peter or Fr. Tom to celebrate this Sacrament in which we encounter our merciful God.

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION & BENEDICTION ~ APRIL 3 FROM 12:30 PM TO 2 PM

On the first Monday of each month, please join us along with one grade of students from St. Bonaventure School for Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

12:30 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, hymn, incensation, greeting and opening prayer

12:35 Scripture reading

12:40 Reflection on the Scripture reading

12:45 Intercessions concluded with the Lord's Prayer

12:50 Children head back to school

Adoration continues with others who are present. This is open to all. A particular invitation is extended to the children's parents, grandparents, and godparents.

1:00 Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available in the Mary Chapel from 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm.

2:00 Benediction with the Blessed Sacrament (hymn and incensation) followed by reposition.



### LITURGY OF THE WORD WITH CHILDREN AT THE 10 AM SUNDAY MASS

For children ages 4 to 9 (older children who "missed out" the past two years due to pandemic restrictions may participate.) A parent is welcome to accompany a child who is too shy to participate on their own.

**On Easter Sunday, April 9, there will be no separate Liturgy of the Word with Children.**

## HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE



### Holy Week Schedule

**Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Benediction**  
Monday, April 3 from 12:30 to 2 PM

#### THE PASCHAL TRIDUUM ~ THE GREAT THREE DAYS

**Mass of the Lord Supper**  
Holy Thursday, April 6 at 7 PM

**Commemoration of the Lord's Passion**  
Good Friday, April 7 at 12 Noon and 3 PM

**Blessing of Easter Food Baskets**  
Holy Saturday, April 8 at 11 AM - in the church

**Resurrection of the Lord**  
Easter Vigil - Saturday, April 8 at 8 PM

Easter Sunday, April 9 at 8:30 AM, 10 AM and 12 Noon

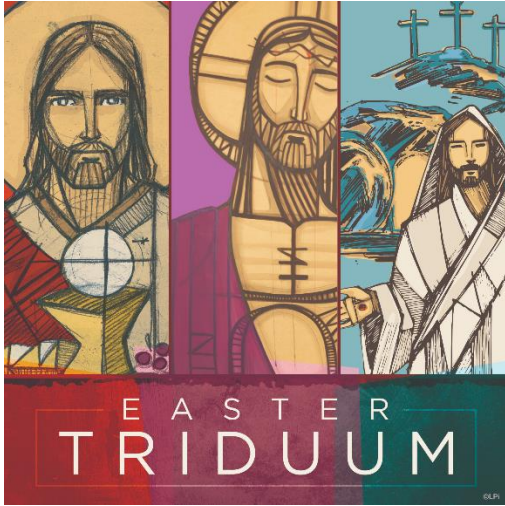


## SPECIAL PRAYER INITIATIVE FOR THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF POPE FRANCIS'S PONTIFICATE

An invitation is open to the faithful worldwide to pray at least one "Hail Mary", for the Holy Father's 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his petrine ministry. As part of the initiative, a special online map will feature virtual lighted candles, representing the prayers of the faithful who will have registered. The map will be presented to the Holy Father as a gift and in support for his ministry.

Anyone who wishes to participate may register using the following link (you can choose your language preference at the right upper corner): <https://www.decimus-annus.org/site/index>

## TRIDUUM ~ A SENSE OF SEASON



The word *Triduum* comes from the Latin and means “three days.” It is commonly pronounced “TRIH-doo-uhm” and is usually used in reference to the Easter Triduum, the three most sacred days in the church year. The Easter Triduum begins with the evening Mass of the Lord’s Supper on Holy Thursday, reaches its high point at the Easter Vigil and concludes with evening prayer on Easter Sunday. Often there is confusion about how that block of time can be counted as three days. The traditional Jewish practice of counting the days from sunset to sunset is used during the Triduum. Thus, Holy Thursday evening to Good Friday evening is the first day. Good Friday evening to Holy Saturday evening is the second day and Holy Saturday evening to Easter Sunday evening is the third day. [...on the third day He rose again from the dead...] After centuries of neglect, Pope Pius XII in 1955 restored the Triduum liturgies to their rightful place as the culmination of the entire liturgical year.

Although we talk of the three days, our Triduum prayer is best understood as one liturgy in three interlocking movements. The death and resurrection of the Lord cannot be separated. The meaning of these days is distorted when we imagine that the liturgy re-enacts the final events in the life of Jesus in a short historical review. We miss the point in that case. The mystery of Jesus’ death and resurrection is a present reality; the boundaries of time, and the boundaries of death, have no power here.

Our past, present and future are irrevocably marked by our own immersion into this mystery through baptism. We wash one another’s feet, reverence the cross, light fires in the night and proclaim the stories of our salvation with an awed awareness that this is what it means to be baptized. The Easter Vigil then is the premier time to welcome new members into the Church through baptism, confirmation and Eucharist.

Ideally, no other parish events are scheduled on these three days; the presence, time and energy of every person in the community are needed for what we do here. Yes, this may be inconvenient, but birth and death are rarely convenient! Our forty days of prayer, fasting and almsgiving lead us to the Triduum—beyond its history, into its mystery.

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## HELPING OTHERS

### NEEDS OF THE HOLY LAND - SPECIAL COLLECTION ON GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 7

The Good Friday Collection “Needs of The Holy Land” is coordinated by the Commissariat of the Holy Land. It is a Pontifical request for the Holy Land in support of the Christian communities, the works of the Holy Land and the upkeep of Holy Sites. Let us give generously to the needs of the Church in the land of Jesus.

### FOOD DRIVE IN SUPPORT OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD CENTRE - MEALS FOR THE HOMELESS

[Tomato Sauce](#), [Canned Tomatoes](#), [Soup and Stews](#), [Mayonnaise and Mustard](#), [Jams](#), [Granola Bars](#), [Beans](#), [Chickpeas](#), [Canned Corn](#), [Beans](#), [Breakfast Cereals](#), [Peanut Butter](#), [Canned Tuna and Salmon](#).

Please place non-perishable food items into the baskets at the back of the church. Thank you!

CASSEROLES FOR GOOD SHEPHERD REFUGE



Thank you to all the Bonnie Casserole Cooks who provided 43 casseroles to The Good Shepherd in March.

We welcome those who would like to be a part of this work of mercy. We can use your help to reach a goal of 50 in the month of April. Pans are readily available at the back of the church. Kindly sign for pans needed. Pick-up dates are April 24, May 29, and June 26.

“As Christians we are to feed the poor and help people in need. Feeding the needy is a part of serving one another and as we serve others we are serving Christ.”

SHARELIFE 2023 PARISH CAMPAIGN



Living the Gospel: 2023 Parish Campaign  
ShareLife Sunday Collections April 30 | June 4  
Our parish Goal is \$94,000

**Welcoming Jesus into our hearts by sharing our blessings**

Today is Palm Sunday.

In our Lenten observance, we have been called to welcome Jesus into our hearts. Let us follow His example of sacrifice by sharing with those who need our help the most. One way we can do so is by giving generously to ShareLife. Thank you for your support and for living the Gospel by providing for those in need.



SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL



*The person who shows love and compassion to those in any kind of affliction is blessed, not only with the virtue of good will but also with the gift of peace... Those who are unequal in their capacity to give can be equal in the love within their hearts. ~St. Leo the Great, pope*

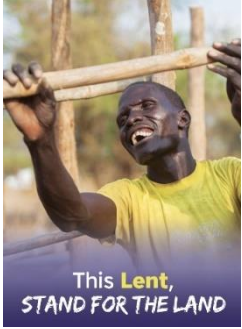
Vincetians strive to assist persons and families in need in our parish and surrounding community by providing gift cards for food and other essentials. Please pray for our neighbours in need and continue with your generosity to our SSVP boxes for the less fortunate and securely online through CanadaHelps at:

<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/society-of-st-vincent-de-paul-st-bonaventure-conference/>

Our confidential helpline is accessible 24 hours by calling **416-447-5571, ext. 570**

*A special collection for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul will take place on Holy Thursday.  
Thank you for your support of this important ministry.*

SHARE LENT 2023 - DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE: STAND FOR THE LAND



**Thank you for giving from the heart to Share Lent 2023!**

Development and Peace – Caritas Canada thanks you for supporting the *People and Planet First* campaign with your Share Lent donation. Thanks to your generosity! This will help support our sisters and brothers in Africa, Asia, Eastern Europe, Latin America and the Middle East.

If you have not had a chance to donate, there is still time to place your Share Lent envelope in the offertory or to donate online at [devp.org/give](http://devp.org/give).

Thank you for your continued prayer!

PRAYER



In our charity we remember those who are ill and all who have requested a remembrance in our prayers. We commend to the Lord the members of our parish who died recently:

- + Gerald Desjardins, + David Hui, + Teresa Brown, + Patricia Docherty, + Nina Jagaric, + FlordeLiz Noriel,
- + Donna McGuinness, + Claudine Fox, + Anita Baker, + Cecily Foss, + Madeline Fotyi, + Anthony Narayan,
- + Dennis Szechy, + Martha Fogh, + Kevin O’Sullivan, + Oliver Figueiredo, + Marcelina Manankil, + Mildred Cope,
- + Ranee Nadarajah, + Douglas Woollings, + George De Gannes, + June Burns, + Neil Pinto,
- + Geraldine Holen, + Dorothy Ying and + Vincent Chaisson

May heaven be theirs and may peace be to those who mourn their passing.

PRAYER NETWORK REQUESTS

Network members pray daily for the intentions which are held in confidence. New members are welcome! Call Teresa Krijgsman with your intentions: 416-444-4719.

UPCOMING EVENTS

MINISTRY WITH MATURING ADULTS - NURTURING OUR SPIRITUALITY IN THE SECOND HALF OF LIFE

**TUESDAY MORNINGS: Gatherings on ZOOM at 10:00 - 11:30 am**

Email: [mma@st-bonaventure.ca](mailto:mma@st-bonaventure.ca) to register

**April 11 - Healing Power of Laughter**  
Presenter: Alain Cote and MMA Members

**May 9 - In-Person Meeting**  
**Visioning for MMA Community, Blessing and Closing**  
Guest Speakers: Maureen & Curtis McDonnell

PLEASE JOIN US - ST. CLARE INN GALA ON APRIL 29, 2023

**The Secret Garden Spring Gala**

Saturday April 29, 2023 at 6:30 PM

The Donalda Club

12 Bushbury Road, North York ON M3A 2Z7.

Tickets are \$115.00 and can be purchased at

[www.stclareinn.com/events](http://www.stclareinn.com/events).

**Included in the ticket price: delicious food, a complimentary drink, a raffle ticket, and a 50/50 ticket.**

The gala will be a night filled with fun and fundraising, and will include live entertainment, silent and live auctions, a raffle prize draw and a 50/50 draw.



**Tickets will be available for sale after each Mass on the weekend of April 15/16. We hope you will join us! Thank you for supporting St. Clare Inn.**

REGIONAL MASS OF WELCOME FOR ARCHBISHOP LEO



Parishioners are invited to attend a regional Mass of Welcome taking place in the Central Region on

Tuesday, April 11, 2023 at 7 p.m  
at Blessed Trinity Parish,  
3220 Bayview Avenue,  
Toronto, ON

Parking will also be available at St. Luke's Lutheran Church (3200 Bayview Avenue), at Blessed Trinity School (across Blessed Trinity Parish) and at the Bayview Arena (3230 Bayview Avenue).

A reception will follow Mass in the parish hall. All are welcome! Please keep Archbishop Leo in your prayers as he begins his ministry as our shepherd.



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Casseroles for the Good Shepherd Centre, contact  
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REFLECTION

**“If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross.” Matthew 27:11:40**

“One of the priests executed during the Mexican Revolution was Miguel Pro. A famous photograph of his execution shows him with his arms outstretched in the form of a cross. The government took the photograph, mass produced it, and distributed it among the people as a means of both mocking the Church and showing people who was in charge. But within a year, the government banned the photo because it had become an icon of adoration among the Mexican people.

Where does real power reside? Pilate’s statement, “Do you not know that I have the power to release you, and the power to crucify you” is an illusion, for Jesus laid down his life of his own free will. At times, power seems to lie in the hands of the rulers of this world, but in due time, the truth emerges that it lies in the hands of God.

One of the truths embedded in the Passion of Jesus is that the reality of any given situation comes to light in God’s time. What looked like defeat on Good Friday was disclosed as the triumph of God’s love on Easter Sunday. The import of this truth for our lives is that no act of love is ever wasted. Every time we do the will of God, in spite of all appearances, we contribute to the redemption of the world. We may never see the positive impact of our good deeds; nevertheless, if they are acts of Love they are guaranteed by God.

“Love,” writes Evelyn Underhill, “after all, makes the whole difference between an execution and a martyrdom”. If the Crucifixion had not been an act of Divine Love, it would have been no more than a routine execution in a remote corner of the Roman Empire.

The same is true with us. Because we are members of the Body of Christ, whenever we unite our actions with Christ upon the Cross, they are redemptive. Love transforms the banal actions of daily life into divine deeds that plant the seeds of God’s transforming love in our world.

- A Meditation by Marc Foley, O.C.D.

**May the Lord bless you and keep you!**