

*Third Sunday of Easter  
April 23, 2023*



*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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# Bonnie News

*Franciscan Church of St. Bonaventure*

*On Belief in the Physical Resurrection of Jesus*

It is for all  
'literalists of the imagination,'  
poets or not,  
that miracle  
is possible and essential.  
Are some intricate minds  
nourished on concept,  
as epiphytes flourish  
high in the canopy?  
Can they  
subsist on the light,  
on the half  
of metaphor that's not  
grounded in dust, grit,  
heavy  
carnal clay?  
Do signs contain and utter,  
for them  
all the reality  
that they need? Resurrection, for them,  
an internal power, but not  
a matter of flesh?  
For the others,  
of whom I am one,  
miracles (ultimate need, bread  
of life,) are miracles just because  
people so tuned  
to the humdrum laws:  
gravity, mortality-  
can't open  
to symbol's power  
unless convinced of its ground,  
its roots  
in bone and blood.  
We must feel  
the pulse in the wound  
to believe  
that 'with God  
all things  
are possible,'  
taste  
bread at Emmaus  
that warm hands  
broke and blessed.

~ Denise Levertov

## LITURGY & SACRAMENTS

### THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

|                     |                 |  |
|---------------------|-----------------|--|
| Monday, April 24    | 9 AM            | † Marie Cantu  |
| Tuesday, April 25   | 9 AM            | † Doris Longman                                      |
| Wednesday, April 26 | 9 AM            | In ThanksgivingGabriel Family                        |
| Thursday, April 27  | 9 AM            | † Maureen Talley and one forgotten soul in Purgatory |
| Friday, April 28    | 9 AM            | † Mackie Ortega                                      |
| Saturday, April 29  | 5 PM            | † Myra and Reginald Foran                            |
| Sunday, April 30    | 8:30 AM         | The Parishioners                                     |
|                     | 10 AM           | † Maria Gabriela Duque Santos                        |
|                     | 12 PM           | † Mildred Cope                                       |
| Sanctuary Lamps     | † Neil Buchanan |  |
|                     | Vocations       |  |
|                     | The Friars      |  |

### 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.

### 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.

### 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.

**Fifty days for our delight for Christ is risen as all things tell.  
See, good Christian, ye rise as well!**



## HELPING OTHERS

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

We continue to collect food for the Good Shepherd Centre. We will accept all food donations  
And we are in need of the following:

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

# ShareLife

Living the Gospel: 2023 Parish Campaign  
ShareLife Sunday Collections April 30 | June 4

#### A ShareLife Campaign Update

Next week, we will be holding the second collection in our parish's ShareLife campaign. We ask for your kind generosity and support once again.

As Catholics, we are called to care for one another – and especially for those in need. One of the ways we do this is through our support of ShareLife. We express this love and care by supporting the work of ShareLife-funded agencies. Through their programs and services, we are able to fulfill this commandment.

Thus far we have raised **\$25,258** toward our goal of **\$94,000**. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at [sharelife.org/donate](https://sharelife.org/donate).

Thank you for “living the Gospel” through our parish ShareLife campaign.

Living the  
Gospel

“A Christian should be an *Alleluia* from head to toe.” ~ St. Augustine

## 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*

Vincentians 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**

## MARYGROVE CAMP & CAMP OZANAM



Marygrove Camp and Camp Ozanam are no-fee camps for girls, 5-13, and boys, 7-12, respectively. If you are or know of a single parent family, or one with a lower net income, with a child or children interested in a week-long, overnight camp experience this summer, please call the SSVP helpline at 416-447-5571 ext. 570 for more information and to register.

Transportation to the camps is provided.

## BUNDLE UP FOR THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL - MAY 6-7

The SSVP truck will be at the parish on the weekend of May 6-7. Please drop your gently used items directly into the truck which will be parked at the back of the property. Please check the bulletin boards at the back of the church for more information. **We will be accepting: All Clothing (any condition), All Footwear (any condition), Bedding (any condition), Drapery/Towels, Toys (new only).** **We do not accept the following: Baby items, Construction Material, Dishes, Furniture, Books, Video and Audio Cassettes.**

## 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,  
+ Raneer Nadarajah, + Douglas Woollings, + George De Gannes, + June Burns, + Neil Pinto,  
+ Geraldine Holen, + Dorothy Ying, + Vincent Chaisson and + Neil Buchanan

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

**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.

**We hope you will join us! Thank you for supporting St. Clare Inn.**

### A WORD FROM THE PASTOR...

We are so grateful here at St. Bonaventure to all those who volunteer, or have volunteered, their services with such generosity. During the pandemic many volunteers stepped down, and we have not had the opportunity to show our appreciation adequately. This word of thanks is a start.

We are currently looking to fill the many volunteer vacancies resulting from the pandemic. Please consider whether you might be willing to volunteer. It is a particularly generous and meaningful way to serve your fellow parishioners and to express your love of God and Church. You might not know exactly how your talents can be best directed (e.g. extraordinary minister of the Eucharist, ministry of lecturing, serving at the altar, welcoming worshippers at the door, etc.). We would be pleased to help you find what is right for you and the church.

Also, since 2008, Mark Huang, has been one of our cantors at the 5 pm Mass. Mark is stepping back from this ministry and we wish to thank him for his many years of service to the St. Bonaventure community. We wish him all the very best!

*With Gratitude, Fr. Tom*

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Society of St. Vincent de Paul  
416-447-5571 ext 570

Casseroles for the Good Shepherd Centre, contact  
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## REFLECTION

**“They said to each other, ‘Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?’” ~ Luke 24:32**

“When Jesus joins us on the road and explains the scriptures to us, we must listen with our whole being, trusting that the word that created us will also heal us. God wants to become present to us and thus radically transform our hearts.

The sacramental quality of the word makes God present not only as an intimate personal presence, but also as a presence that gives us a place in the great story of salvation. The God who becomes present to us is not only the God of our heart, but also the God of Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebecca, Jacob and Leah, the God of Isaiah and Jeremiah, the God of David and Solomon, the God of Peter and Paul, of St. Francis and Dorothy Day—the God whose world-embracing love is revealed to us in Jesus, the companion on our journey.

The word of the Eucharist makes us part of the great story of salvation. Our little stories are lifted up into God’s great story and there given their unique place. The word lifts us up and makes us see that our daily, ordinary lives are, in fact, sacred lives that play a necessary role in the fulfilment of God’s promises....We need the word spoken and explained by the one who joins us on the road and makes his presence known to us—a presence that is first discerned in our burning hearts. It is this presence that encourages us to let go of our hardened hearts and become grateful. As grateful people we can invite into the intimacy of our home the one who has made our hearts burn.”

~ Henri J.M. Nouwen, *With Burning Hearts: A Meditation on the Eucharistic Life*. (Maryknoll, NY: Orbis Books, 1994), pp. 58-61.

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