

*Fourth Sunday of Easter
April 30, 2023*



*Growing
in Spirit,
Community,
and Service*

Bonnie News

Franciscan Church of St. Bonaventure

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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The King of love my shepherd is,
whose goodness fails me never;
I nothing lack if I am his,
and he is mine forever.

Where streams of living water flow,
my Saviour gently leads me,
and where the verdant pastures grow,
with food celestial feeds me.

You spread a table in my sight,
a banquet here bestowing;
your oil of welcome, my delight;
my cup is overflowing!

And so through all the length of days
your goodness fails me never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing your praise
within your house forever!

~ Henry W. Baker, 19th C.

What are the pastures of these sheep if they are not the deepest joys of the everlasting fresh pastures of paradise? For the pasture of the saints is to see God face to face; when the vision of God never fails, the soul receives its fill of the food of life forever. And so, dear brothers and sisters, let us seek these pastures and there join in the joy of the celebrations of so many citizens of heaven. Let their happiness and rejoicing be an invitation to us. Let our hearts grow warm, let our faith be rekindled, let our desires for heavenly things grow warm; for to love like this is to be on the way.

~ St. Gregory the Great, 6th C.



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 p.m. Mass. Mark is stepping back from this ministry. For his many years of service to the liturgical life of our community, we thank him and we wish him the very best.

With Gratitude, Fr. Tom

LITURGY & SACRAMENTS

THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, May 1	9 AM	† Peter Glowczewski
Tuesday, May 2	9 AM	† Grazia Maida
Wednesday, May 3	9 AM	† George Pinto
Thursday, May 4	9 AM	† Mario Nasturzio
Friday, May 5	9 AM	† Judy Alvarado Tochi and Obi Osuji Juanita Waithe Vocations
Saturday, May 6	5 PM	† Maria and Manuel Ferreira
Sunday, May 7	8:30 AM	The Parishioners
	10 AM	Obioma Yagzie Osuji
	12 PM	† George De Gannes
Sanctuary Lamps	Reed and Tassone Families	
	John Smith	
	Kathleen D'Souza	

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 A.M. SUNDAY MASS

Please note: there will be no separate Liturgy of the Word with Children on Sunday, May 7 and May 14.

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

FIRST COMMUNION MASSES

Children prepared through our parish's *Growing Up Catholic ~ First Eucharist* program will be participating in Holy Communion for the first time during the 5 p.m., 10 a.m. and 12 p.m. Masses on the weekends of May 6/7 and May 13/14.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION & BENEDICTION ~ MAY 1 FROM 12:30 PM TO 2 PM

On the first Monday of each month, please join us 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

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.



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.

HELPING OTHERS

CASSEROLES FOR GOOD SHEPHERD REFUGE

Thank you to all the Bonnie Casserole Cooks who provided 53 casseroles to The Good Shepherd in April.

We welcome those who would like to be a part of this work of mercy. Pans are readily available at the back of the church. Kindly sign for pans needed.

Pick-up dates are 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.”

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.

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

SHARELIFE 2023 PARISH CAMPAIGN

ShareLife

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



ShareLife Sunday and the World Day of Prayer for Vocations

When you support ShareLife, you help educate our future priests. This past year, you invested in our Church's future by supporting 58 seminarians at St. Augustine's Seminary and Redemptoris Mater Missionary Seminary.

Thus far we have raised **\$28,258** 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. Thank you for supporting ShareLife!

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**

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,
- + Ranee Nadarajah, + Douglas Woollings, + George De Gannes, + June Burns, + Neil Pinto, + Geraldine Holen,
- + Dorothy Ying, + Vincent Chaisson, + Neil Buchanan, and + Clement Leung

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Casseroles for the Good Shepherd Centre, contact
casseroles@st-bonaventure.ca

REFLECTION

“Very truly I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep.” ~John 10:7

“Many years ago I was traveling by donkey from Nishapur, the city of the poet Omar Khayyam, in eastern Iran to Sabsevar, a three days journey to the west. We stopped in a tiny village of mud huts for the night, and when we arose next morning the dry dusty land was covered with a mantle of beautiful white snow. As the donkey driver stated firmly that it was impossible for his animals to move while the snow was so deep, there was nothing to do but wait till the snow melted a bit. So all that day we remained in the village.

In the afternoon I set out to see the sights about the village. Not far away I came to a mound of earth piled up in a large circle, like a crude rampart, and on the top of the mound all around the circle was a heap of dry thorns. As I stood wondering what this might be one of the villagers approached me. ‘Salaam,’ I said, ‘please tell me what this enclosure is for.’ ‘Oh, that is for the sheep,’ he replied. ‘They are brought here for the night for safety.’ ‘Good,’ I said, ‘but why have the dry thorns been piled on top of the wall?’ ‘That,’ he replied, ‘is a protection against wolves. If a wolf tries to break in and attack the sheep, he will knock against the thorns, and they will make a noise, and the shepherd will wake up, and drive off the wolf.’ ‘That is fine,’ I said, ‘but why does the wolf try to climb over the wall? Here is the entrance to the enclosure; it is open. There is no gate to keep out the wolf; he could easily enter here.’ ‘Oh no,’ said my guide, ‘you do not understand. That is where the shepherd sleeps, the shepherd is the gate.’

And then I understood something that had often puzzled me. It became clear to me why Jesus had in John 10 called himself the Gate and then immediately afterwards the Shepherd. Since he is the Shepherd he is also the Gate.”

– Eric Bishop, *Expository Times*, vol. 71, October 1959-September 1960, edited by A.W. Hastings and E. Hastings. Published by T. & T. Clark, Edinburgh, Scotland. Used with permission in *An Easter Sourcebook: The Fifty Days*. (Archdiocese of Chicago: LTP, 1988), 80-81. [“Gate” has replaced “door”, which was used in the original.]

May the Lord bless you and keep you!