

*Easter Sunday
April 9, 2023*



Bonnie News

Franciscan Church of St. Bonaventure

*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

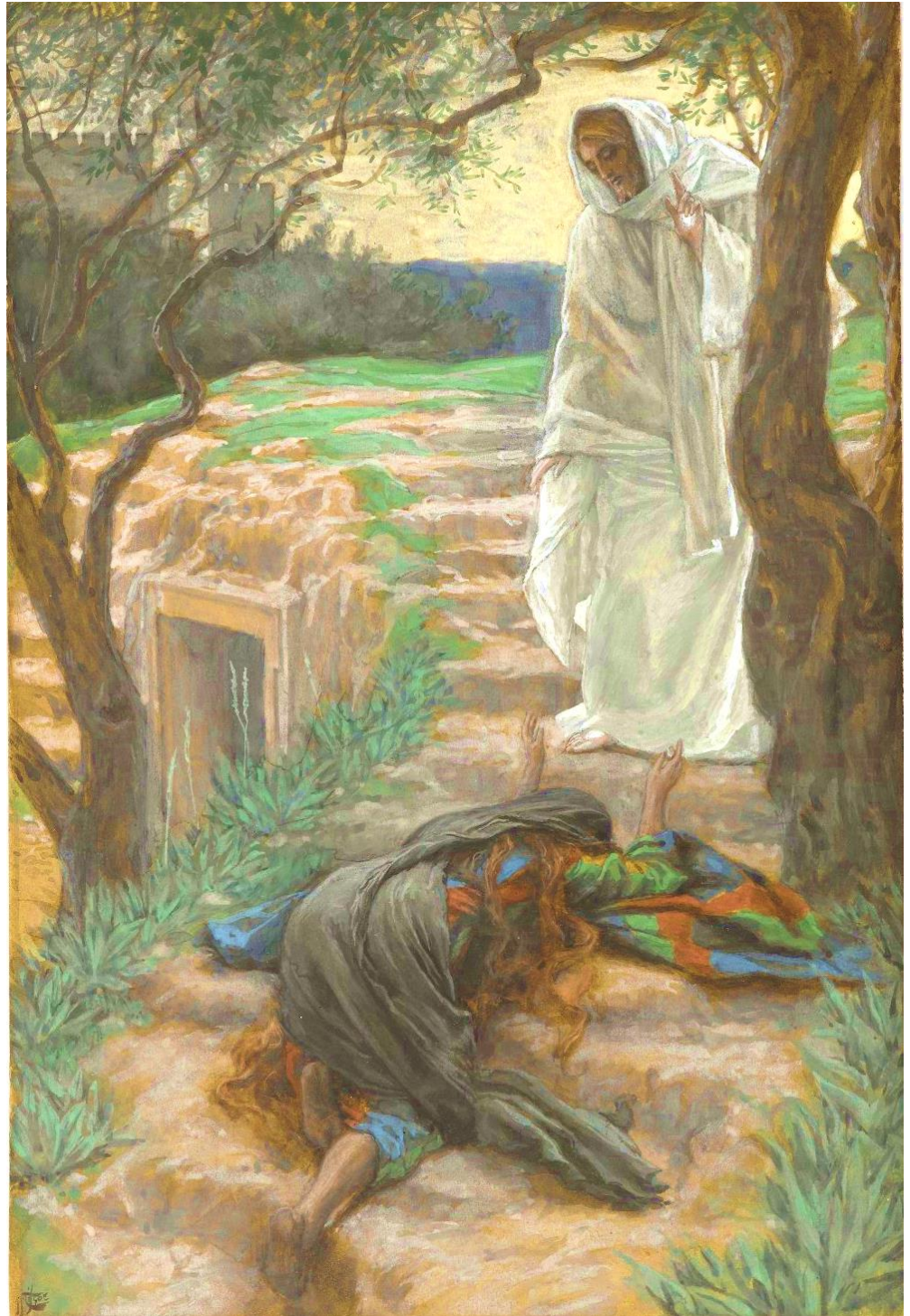
*Monday, Wednesday,
Friday*

*and by appointment on
Tuesday & Thursday*

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James Tissot (French, 1836-1902). *Touch Me Not (Noli me tangere)*. 1886-1894. Opaque watercolour over graphite on grey. Brooklyn Museum.

Welcome, glorious of days, O happy day of the triumph of Christ,
O sterling day flowing with joy, the first day! ~ Adam of St. Victor

FROM THE PASTOR...

Good People of St. Bonaventure,

Christ is risen! Alleluia! He was dead, but he lives in a new way now that allows us to live today in his Spirit.

This morning you got out of bed and took a deep breath. You have eaten, or soon will. You may bump into others, or it might be a quiet day alone. You can see today as a gift from God to live in the Spirit of the Risen Lord.

From the darkness of sleep to the brightness of light; From hunger and thirst to food and drink that nourish you for the day; from the memory of yesterday to the prospect of blessings today, the chance to get it right today, apologize for the mistakes of yesterday and forgive, share goods with neighbors in need, praise God for the gift of today.

Christ is Risen! Let us rise with him. Let us praise the God of the living!

The friars of St. Bonaventure wish you the blessings of Peace, Goodness and Joy.
Happy Easter!

LITURGY & SACRAMENTS

THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE ~ THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

Monday, April 10	9 AM	† Hugh Canning, Father and Son
Tuesday, April 11	9 AM	† Celine Chiu-Ko
Wednesday, April 12	9 AM	† Edith Downey
Thursday, April 13	9 AM	† Frances Macdonald
Friday, April 14	9 AM	Intentions of Christopher Dy † Grazia Maida Intentions of Juanita Waithe Parishioners
Saturday, April 15	5 PM	† Carmen Alejandrino
Sunday, April 16	8:30 AM	† Nimfa Chua
	10 AM	† David Sullivan
	12 PM	† Norman and Pauline Morton
Sanctuary Lamps	† George de Gannes	
	† Odette Ollivierra	
	Marcel Gery	



For us, the faithful, Christ has begun a bright new day,
eternal and inextinguishable. God is the author of this wonder.
From impossible beginnings God has produced wonderful results.
~ Anonymous hymn, 2nd Century

EASTER MEAL BLESSING



God of glory, the eyes of all turn to you
as we celebrate Christ's victory over sin and death.
Bless us and this food of our first Easter meal.
May we who gather at the Lord's table
continue to celebrate the joy of the resurrection
and be admitted finally to the heaving banquet.
Amen.

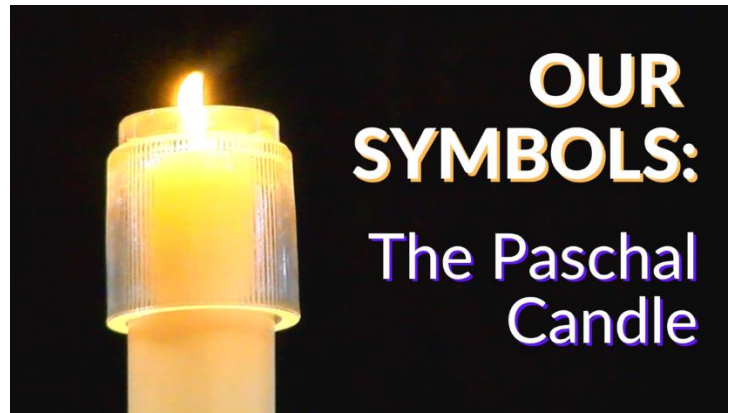
THE PILLAR OF FIRE

What is this great paschal candle that stands in our midst, that during the Fifty Days of Easter seems always to be burning, never to go out?

It is the pillar of fire by which God led the children of Israel from slavery to freedom, through the dusty desert to the land flowing with milk and honey. Behind it, we marched freed from sin from the gloom of exile back into our church's house on Easter's eve. With it, we led those chosen for the sacraments of new life to the font of baptism that is both tomb and womb.

It is the holy sign of Christ our Light. (Thanks be to God!) On it, we traced the sign of Christ yesterday and today, the beginning and the end, the alpha and omega. Into it, we pressed five jewels that are the wounds of divine hands and feet and side. For it, we sang our song of consecration and praise: "On this night of grace, O holy Father, accept this candle, a solemn offering, the work of bees and of your servants' hands, an evening sacrifice of praise, this gift from your most holy Church." From it, we take our own light, a flame divided but undimmed. All who are baptized walk in its glow.

For fifty days it shines gloriously in the assembly of the church. Then, held in a place of honour near the font, it is brought out and lit for every evening sacrifice of praise, for every baptism and every funeral, every birth and every birth unto eternal life. And as the days and seasons turn, slowly this pillar of finest wax and strongest wick is consumed, burned down, eaten up by fire, sacrificed—like Christ himself—and never truly extinguished. And so it measures our days and seasons until it is Easter again, until once more we sing in the light of a new paschal candle: "May this flame be found still burning by the Morning Star: the one Morning Star who never sets, Christ your Son, who coming back from death's domain, has shed his peaceful light on humanity, and lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen." Thanks be to God!



Why Are Three Sacraments Received at the Easter Vigil?

Kristopher W. Seaman

As the priest lays hands on the newly baptized and anoints them with chrism at the Easter Vigil, some in the assembly are surprised. Indeed, until their participation in the Christian initiation process, some of the sponsors of these new Christians were not aware that at the liturgy in which candidates are baptized, they also are confirmed and receive the Eucharist.

Many of us who were baptized as infants cling to the notion that sacraments are initially received at different liturgies. After all, our experience was Baptism as an infant, First Communion around second or third grade, and then Confirmation with the bishop years later, perhaps in eighth grade or high school. Why, then, do people who are baptized at catechetical age (around seven years old and above) or as adults, receive Confirmation and Eucharist at the same liturgy?

Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist are called the sacraments of initiation. For much of the first thousand years of the Church, people were confirmed immediately after Baptism and then received Communion at the same liturgy. For various reasons, the reception of these sacraments were split up and celebrated at different liturgies.

A little more than fifty years ago, at the Second Vatican Council, the decision was made to restore the catechumenate, the initiation process of the early Church. That process is the foundation to the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults through which individuals are initiated into the Church. With the restoration of the catechumenate, Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist were again received in that order at one liturgy.

When these three sacraments are received at the same liturgy, their connection is highlighted. People are completely initiated into the Church and adopted as God's own as they receive the Holy Spirit in Baptism and Confirmation, and are drawn closer to the Father through Christ in the Eucharist.

You may have noticed that the architecture in many churches reflects the connection of the sacraments. Often when we enter a church, the baptismal font from which we bless ourselves, remembering our Baptism, is directly across from the altar. We can easily see that Baptism leads to the table of the Lord, from which we receive the Eucharist. Having received the Eucharist, we are sent forth in mission to do God's work in the world.



The reception of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist at one liturgy highlights their connection to each other.

Eucharist not only completes initiation but renews our Baptism every Sunday when we gather as the Body of Christ. The laying on of hands and anointing of chrism at Confirmation "confirms" the Holy Spirit given at Baptism. Through the Holy Spirit, we are made the "anointed ones" of Christ.

Since the three sacraments of initiation are received at one liturgy, the newly baptized are incorporated into the Church completely at the Easter Vigil. These new Christians do not need to wait for the initiation to be "confirmed" or to be welcomed at the table of the Lord.

As members of the Church, they will participate fully in the both the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist each Sunday. Having received the Eucharist, they will join the rest of the Body of Christ in being sent forth to spread the Good News in the world in word and deed.

This is the day the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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

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

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.”



The wedding feast of the Lamb has begun.
The bride is radiant, clothed in glory. Alleluia! Alleluia!

SHARELIFE 2023 PARISH CAMPAIGN



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

Jesus' love for us invites us to give to others, especially those most in need. ShareLife agencies continue to support the most vulnerable in our community through services that are only possible through your kind and generous donations.

Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate. A blessed Easter to you all!



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**

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.

Let us, therefore, be glad on this day whereon our Jesus,
by his resurrection, opened to us the way of life. ~ Missal of St. Gall

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 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.

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
casseroles@st-bonaventure.ca

REFLECTION

“So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, ‘Greetings!’ And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshipped him.” ~ Matthew 28:8-9

“...the evangelist reminds us that the Lord’s resurrection is essentially a matter of faith. It would be fruitless to try to find ‘proofs’ in the Gospel that would attest to the truth of the resurrection in a way that would withstand historical scrutiny. Easter faith rests on the truthful testimony of those who saw the risen Christ. Moreover, this faith has left indelible marks on human history ever since that ‘first day of the week’ when the announcement of the resurrection was received and passed on by witnesses who were wholly unprepared for this mission.

May your tongue proclaim these things, woman, and explain them to the sons of the kingdom who wait for me to awaken; me, the Living One.

Go quickly, Mary, gather my disciples.

In you I have a loud trumpet:

play a song of peace to the fearful ears of my hidden friends,

waken them all from sleep, so that they may come to meet me and light their torches.

Go and say: ‘The bridegroom is awake, coming out of the tomb, leaving nothing within.

Dispel your mortal grief, apostles, for he is risen who offers fallen humankind the resurrection.’”

- (Days of the Lord. Vol. 3, Easter Triduum Easter Season. Collegeville: Liturgical Press, 1991, p. 60, with quote of hymn by Romanus the Melodist, 6th C.)

CHRIST IS RISEN! ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA! THE LORD IS TRULY RISEN! ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA!