



*Growing  
in Spirit,  
Community,  
and Service*

*Sixth Sunday of Easter  
May 14, 2023*

# Bonnie News

*Franciscan Church of St. Bonaventure*

When Jesus made in me His dwelling place,  
when God took possession of my heart,  
so well that since that hour,  
since that mysterious colloquy,  
that divine and delicious meeting,  
I have aspired to nothing else but to give my life  
in order to return a bit of His great love  
to the Beloved of the Eucharist  
who reposed in my feeble heart,  
inundating it with all of his favors.

- St. Elizabeth of the Trinity (1880-1906)

For to those who are thought worthy of the Divine love He promises that He will give a glorious reward and that He will crown them with exceeding great blessings. 'For I will manifest Myself unto them', He says. For to the pure in heart the mystery of the Godhead will be clearly revealed, and Christ gives them light, illuminating the path of every duty by His Spirit, and unveiling Himself and making Himself visible as it were by the ineffable torchlight of the soul.

- St. Cyril of Alexandra, (376-444 AD).

## **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*

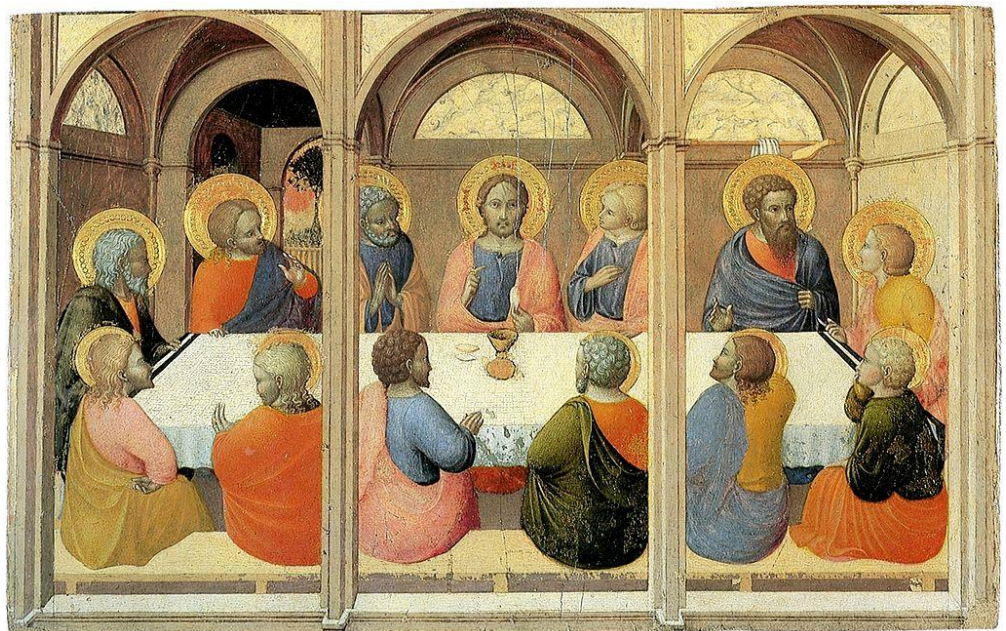
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## LITURGY & SACRAMENTS

### THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, May 15	9 AM	† Nimfa Chua
Tuesday, May 16	9 AM	† Florinda Ortuoste
Wednesday, May 17	9 AM	† Esperanza Gabriel
Thursday, May 18	9 AM	† Josef Sitar
Friday, May 19	9 AM	† Zaldy Senior Balde † Grazia Maida The Friars
Saturday, May 20 Sunday, May 21	5 PM	† Hugh Canning, father and son
	8:30 AM	The Parishioners
	10 AM	† June and Patrick Burns
	12 PM	Intentions of Steffen Cherry
Sanctuary Lamps	The Franco Family	
	† Andrew Tomcik	
	† Ross Abbott	

### 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.

### CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR FIRST COMMUNICANTS!



Congratulations to our parish's children participating in Holy Communion for the first time this weekend. May the Lord bless you and your families with an abundance of grace.

A special note of thanks to their parents, who shared faith with them through the *Growing Up Catholic* program and brought them to this special moment of further initiation into the life of Christ. Also, much gratitude to the parish catechists who helped support these families in preparation for this joyful moment.

### CONFIRMATION MASSES

Sixty-one youth of our parish will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation over the next two weekends with special Masses at 4 p.m. on Sunday, May 21 and 28, and during the regular 5 p.m. Mass on Saturday, May 27. Please keep them in your prayer.

### 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.

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

MOTHER'S DAY



*“A mother’s arms are made of tenderness,  
and children sleep soundly in them.” ~ Victor Hugo*

We wish all mothers blessings in abundance today and always.

Happy Mother’s Day!

THE MAY MAGNIFICAT BY GERARD MANLEY HOPKINS

MAY is Mary’s month, and I  
Muse at that and wonder why:  
Her feasts follow reason,  
Dated due to season—

Candlemas, Lady Day;  
But the Lady Month, May,  
Why fasten that upon her,  
With a feasting in her honour?

Is it only its being brighter  
Than the most are must delight her?  
Is it opportunist  
And flowers finds soonest?

Ask of her, the mighty mother:  
Her reply puts this other  
Question: What is Spring?—  
Growth in every thing—

Flesh and fleece, fur and feather,  
Grass and greenworld all together;  
Star-eyed strawberry-breasted  
Throstle above her nested

Cluster of bugle blue eggs thin  
Forms and warms the life within;  
And bird and blossom swell  
In sod or sheath or shell.

All things rising, all things sizing  
Mary sees, sympathising  
With that world of good,  
Nature’s motherhood.

Their magnifying of each its kind  
With delight calls to mind  
How she did in her stored  
Magnify the Lord.

Well but there was more than this:  
Spring’s universal bliss  
Much, had much to say  
To offering Mary May.

When drop-of-blood-and-foam-dapple  
Bloom lights the orchard-apple  
And thicket and thorp are merry  
With silver-surfèd cherry

And azuring-over greybell makes  
Wood banks and brakes wash wet like lakes  
And magic cuckoocall  
Caps, clears, and clinches all—

This ecstasy all through mothering earth  
Tells Mary her mirth till Christ’s birth  
To remember and exultation  
In God who was her salvation.





## 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.

## SHARELIFE 2023 PARISH CAMPAIGN - LIVING THE GOSPEL

# ShareLife

Living the Gospel: 2023 Parish Campaign  
ShareLife Sunday Collection: June 4

Thus far our parish has raised \$42,122.50 toward our goal of \$94,000.  
**Share your love on Mother's Day**



On Mother's Day, all moms deserve to be celebrated and supported. Did you know that our parish's ShareLife campaign is helping young women with an unexpected pregnancy? One such mother is Nikki, who was able to continue her education and receive practice assistance through a ShareLife-funded agency called Rose of Sharon.

“If it wasn't for you and for ShareLife, I don't know where we would be today,” says Nikki. “We will always and forever be grateful for your support!”

## 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**

**O praise the Lord all you nations! Acclaim Him all you peoples!  
Strong is God's love for us! Faithful the Lord forever! Alleluia!**

## 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.

## 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,  
+ Raneé Nadarajah, + Douglas Woollings, + George De Gannes, + June Burns, + Neil Pinto, + Geraldine Holen,  
+ Dorothy Ying, + Vincent Chaisson, + Neil Buchanan, + Clement Leung,  
+ Andrew Tomcik, and + Ross Abbott

## PRAYER NETWORK REQUESTS

Network members pray daily for your prayer intentions which are held in confidence. New members are welcome! Please call Teresa Krijgsman at 416-444-4719 with your prayer intentions or if you would like to join the prayer network.

## AVE MARIAS FOR MAY - THE NEW PILGRIM PATH

The month of May has long been associated with devotion to Mary, the Mother of God. Every day this May, you can listen to the different recordings of the traditional prayer, *Ave Maria* ('Hail Mary'). Some will be familiar to you, others may be less so. We hope you will enjoy them!

<https://www.newpilgrimpath.ie/ave-marias-for-may.html>

## NOVENA TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

Remembering the nine days the Apostles waited in the Upper Room, nine days of prayer to the Holy Spirit in preparation for Pentecost may begin on Friday, May 19.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### ST. BONAVENTURE BASEBALL LEAGUE - 2024



No BASEBALL!!! No wonder Spring is slow in coming - no BASEBALL at St. Bonaventure's this year. This particular activity involves so many participants; we simply were not adequately prepared to roll out the first post pandemic season. But, it's not too early to start thinking about 2024. Something for everyone to do: Coordinators, umpires, coaches, players, assistant coaches, and everything else that goes with it. But first, we need organizers. If you are interested to help plan and organize the 2024 season, contact [playball2024@st-bonaventure.ca](mailto:playball2024@st-bonaventure.ca)

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## REFLECTION

**“If you love me, you will keep my commandments.” ~John 14:15**

“Fidelity to the Lord’s commands flows from and expresses the love one has for him. As Jesus himself says, it is the decisive criterion—perhaps even the only reliable one—that designates those who truly love him. To inscribe it deeply in the disciples’ memory and heart, Jesus repeats it six times like a refrain. But what ‘commands’ is he talking about?...[T]he Gospels proclaim that Jesus himself is his disciples’ rule of life, ‘the way and the truth and the life’ (John 14:6). In his company, we may be sure of discovering our true good. He knows this: he can and wants to lead us to it because he loves us: he has given his life for us (John 15:13). What other bond can we have with him than that of love, the strongest and most intimate bond on earth and in heaven? And how then could we fail to keep his commands? They are the footsteps his passage has left on the earth, given so that his friends may come with him to the Father who waits at the end of the road.

Not that the Lord leaves us alone in the night of our exodus. He has asked the Father to give us ‘another Advocate to be with [us] always, the Spirit of truth...’ Invisible to human eyes, but perceptible with the eyes of faith, the Advocate allows the disciples to believe without having seen (John 20:29), to recognize ‘on that day’ that the Lord is in his Father, that we are in him and he is in us. The Spirit manifests itself by what it does in each of us, in the Church, and in the world. It is by being attentive to this that we perceive the Spirit’s active presence.”

- from *Days of the Lord, Liturgical Year. Vol. 3 Easter Triduum-Easter Season.*  
(Collegeville, MN: The Liturgical Press, 1993), 181.

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