



*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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*The Ascension of the Lord
May 21, 2023*

Bonnie News

Franciscan Church of St. Bonaventure



Christ has ascended near to God, triumphant,
To prepare the house, near to God.
He remains with us in the land of the living,
He remains with us, near to God.
He will open to us, near to God, his kingdom,
Welcoming sinners near to God.

In heaven we will be near to God forever:
No cold, no hunger near to God.
And we will sing, full of joy, full of love,
And we will sing near to God.
And we will love, near to God, the universe
Completed by our hands, near to God!

In heaven we will have near to God, happiness
In glory and peace, near to God.
For we will enter into the joy of the Lord,
For we will enter near to God.
And we will find, near to God, our Lady
And our brothers, sisters, near to God.

~ D. Rimaud - C. Geoffray (Fiche de chant J 1)

Now the mystery of Christ's death is fulfilled, victory is won, and the cross, the sign of triumph, is raised on high. He who gives us the noble gifts of life and a kingdom has ascended into heaven, "leading captivity captive."

~ St. Gregory of Nyssa, (c.335-c.395 AD), *Sermon on the Ascension*.

LITURGY & SACRAMENTS

THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, May 22	9 AM	† Sam Go & Beatriz Santiago
Tuesday, May 23	9 AM	† Anthony Bombasi
Wednesday, May 24	9 AM	† Victor Andrew
Thursday, May 25	9 AM	Cathy O'Neill - Thanksgiving for 90 th Birthday
Friday, May 26	9 AM	† Georg Kralik † FlordeLiz Noriel † Kenneth K.H. Liu Brs, Srs. & Benefactors of the Order
Saturday, May 27	10 AM	Praying the Franciscan Crown, The 7 Joys of Our Lady
Sunday, May 28	5 PM	† Patrick Mok
	8:30 AM	Parishioners
	10 AM	† Jennifer Khayat, †Joza & Nazareth Daheen
	12 PM	† Agnes & Richard Ivany
	4 PM	Confirmation Mass
Sanctuary Lamps		† Johan Petan
		Tassone & Reed Families
		Vinodh Loganadhan

LITURGY OF THE WORD WITH CHILDREN AT THE 10 A.M. 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.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR CONFIRMANDI



Congratulations to the young people in our parish who receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this weekend. May the Spirit active in your lives be a sign of the new Kingdom of God's mercy in the world.

A special note of thanks to their parents and sponsors, who encouraged them to participate in our parish's Confirmation preparation program "Called to Mercy: Confirming Young People for a Mission to Witness." Also, much gratitude to the parish catechists who helped support the youth during our gathered session.

CONFIRMATION MASSES

Sixty-one young people of our parish will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this weekend and next weekend 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

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."

FOOD DRIVE IN SUPPORT OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD CENTRE

The Good Shepherd Centre: Providing Meals for Homeless and At-Risk Individuals

Thank you to all the parishioners who have contributed to the weekly food drive.

**The generosity of St. Bonaventure community has raised 3,000 pounds of food, so far this year.
A heartfelt thank you for helping people in need!!**

We continue to collect food weekly and accept all food donations. We are in need of the following:
Tomato Sauce, Canned Tomatoes, Soup and Stews, Mayonnaise and Mustard, Jam, Granola Bars, Beans, Chickpeas, Canned corn and peas, 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!!!*

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.

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

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

SHARELIFE 2023 PARISH CAMPAIGN - LIVING THE GOSPEL



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

Thus far our parish has raised \$46,285 toward our goal of \$94,000.

ShareLife and World Communications Day

On this World Communications Day, your support of ShareLife is improving the lives of Deaf people in our community.

More than 60% of families with a Deaf child do not know or use a signing language. Silent Voice, a ShareLife agency, is able to provide an array of accessible programs and services, responding to the needs of Deaf adults, youth, children, infants, and their families in American Sign Language (ASL). This is because of you. The help and support you give brings hope and changes many lives.

Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate. Thank you for your generosity!



SHARELIFE CORPORATE GOLF TOURNAMENT - MONDAY JUNE 5, 2023

Monday, June 5, 2023
Shotgun start at 1:00 pm
Royal Woodbine Golf Club, Etobicoke
Fees \$450 per golfer \$1,800 per foursome
Proceeds benefit ShareLife -funded social service agencies.
To register, visit <https://sharelife.org/how-to-help/corporate-campaign/golf-tournament/> or email Maria Panagakos at mpanagakos@archtoronto.org



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,
- + Raneen 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

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

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>

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.

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

SEEING WITH HEART - A DAY OF REFLECTION FOR CATHOLIC PARENTS OF LGBTQ YOUNG ADULTS

A Day of Reflection for Parents of LGBT Young Adults

Saturday, June 3, 2023: 9:00am - 4:00pm

Manresa Jesuit Spiritual Renewal Centre, 2325 Liverpool Rd., Pickering

This day of reflection will provide parents with an opportunity to share their stories, listen to presentations from an experienced Catholic priest, reflect on the gifts and talents of their children, and participate in group discussions. The day ends with Mass. We hope to provide a relaxed and supportive environment for parents to meet and interact with other parents, reflect, and discuss concerns, learn about resources, strengthen their love, and grow closer to God. Facilitator: Fr. Tom Rosica, CSB. A suggested offering of \$65 per person. Includes lunch. For more information or to Register: Call Mike Hyland - 647-296-2499

SAVE THE DATE - CWL FLEA MARKET - SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2023

Save the date! Save your stuff as you do spring cleaning!
We will need household items, clothing, jewellery, books and more.
Volunteer hours available for high school students. More information to come!

FARMER'S MARKET & OPEN HOUSE - REVERA RETIREMENT LIVING ON THURSDAY, MAY 25, 2023

Parishioners are invited to attend the Farmer's Market and Open House. Produce, arts crafts and Baked Goods by our CWL. Come out to support this community event & our CWL.

Revera Retirement Living
8 The Donway East
Toronto, ON

Thursday May 25, 2023, from 2 - 4:30 pm

CWL MEMBERS - BAKED GOODS NEEDED FOR THE FRAMERS MARKET & OPEN HOUSE

Calling all CWL Members and Parishioners who want to help!

Baked goods are needed for the Bake Sale!
Tell your friends to spread the work.

If you can provide baking, please call Elfreida at 416-424-4984.
Baked Goods must be delivered by Thursday May 25 at 11:00 am



PRAY THE FRANCISCAN CROWN, THE 7 JOYS OF OUR LADY

Saturday May 27, 2023, at 10 AM in the Church

The Secular Franciscans of St. Bonaventure Fraternity invite you to join with us in praying the Franciscan Crown Rosary. This will include reflections on the 7 Joyful mysteries in the lives of the Virgin Mary & St. Francis of Assisi.

ST. BONNIE'S CHOIR - COMING SOON!

Have a song in your heart? St. Bonaventure's is eager to start a new choir. Previous and new members are welcome. No restrictions on age - there will be something for everyone. The specifics of which mass we'll serve, and rehearsal times are yet to be decided. We need your input. Help us fine-tune our choir plan by completing our quick survey using the following link or QR code:

www.surveymonkey.com/r/stbonaventure_choir2023



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

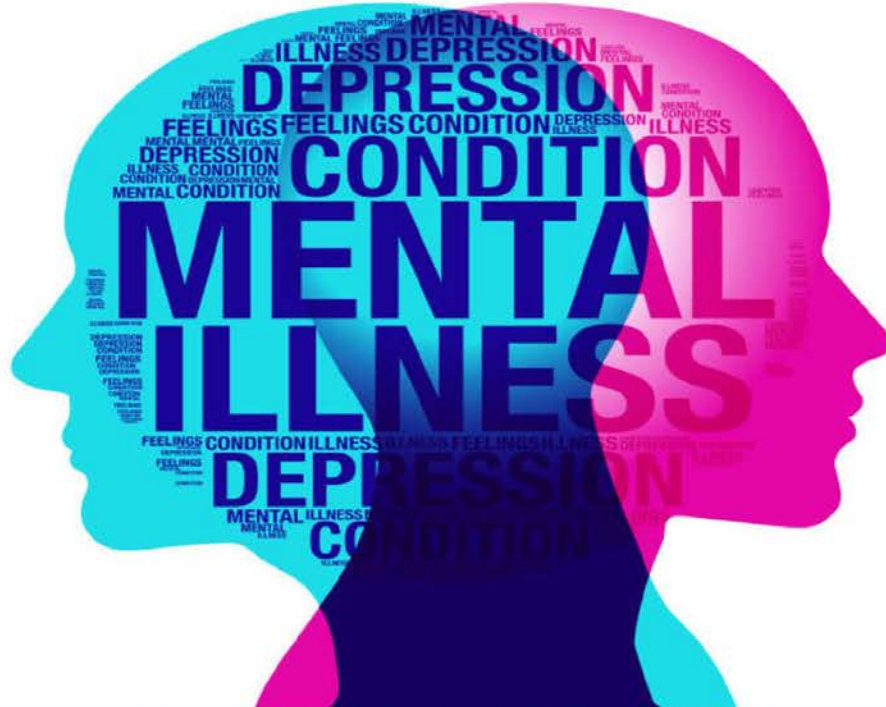


The Catholic Women's League of St. Bonaventure Parish



Presents

MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS



STOP THE STIGMA: IT'S OKAY TO ASK FOR HELP!

"It is essential that action is taken to fully overcome the Stigma that Mental Illness is often tainted with." - Pope Francis -

GUESS SPEAKER:

ARLETTE AMOROSA-AKAL: Holds a Master's Degree in Social Work [MSW] with a focus on Children and Families from the University of Toronto. She is a Registered Social Worker [RSW] and a Certified Anger Management Professional. With 24 years of Clinical experience Arlette manages and coordinates programs and services for a non-profit organization called "Kids and Youths Activity Center" of which she is the Founding Director. In her Private Practice Arlette assist Clients in areas of Anxiety, Depression, Relationship Issues and Trauma.

CWL GENERAL MEETING AND POTLUCK:

DATE: Sunday 11th June 2023

TIME: 1.00 pm – 3.00 pm

LOCATION: The Franciscan Church of
St. Bonaventure

1300 Leslie St, Toronto

**INVITING ALL PARISHIONERS AND
PARENTS!**

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

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

REFLECTION

“And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.” ~Matthew 28:20

“Our certitudes are based on faith in Christ. In him, God has demonstrated his power, ‘raising [Christ] from the dead and seating him at his right hand in the heavens.’ This is the same power that God deploys in us, enabling us to achieve a similar glory. Our hope is not based on speculation, but on what God has really done for Christ. The resurrection raised him ‘far above every principality, authority, power, and dominion, and every name that is named not only in this age but also in the one to come. And he put all things beneath his feet.’ Nothing can any longer prevent our hope, even if an ill-wind makes it waver sometimes. It is like the flame of the Easter candle. ‘The flame is weak and vacillating and always rises upward. A breath of air disturbs the flame, but it rights itself. An upward impulse restores its magic...The flame is a permanent verticality. Every poet who dreams of flame knows that the flame is living.’ (G. Bachelard, *La flamme d’une chandelle*, Paris, 1961.) But Christians are not dreaming. When they look at the burning Easter candle, they see it as the symbol of the living Christ who, risen to heaven, draws them irresistibly toward the heights where the inheritance of the resurrected awaits them.”

~ from *Days of the Lord, Liturgical Year. Vol. 3 Easter Triduum-Easter Season.*
(Collegeville, MN: The Liturgical Press, 1993), 211.

May the Lord bless you and keep you!