

*Fifth Sunday of Easter
May 7, 2023*



*Growing
in Spirit,
Community,
and Service*

Bonnie News

Franciscan Church of St. Bonaventure

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life:
Such a way as gives us breath;
Such a truth as ends all strife,
Such a life as killeth death.

Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength:
Such a light as shows a feast,
Such a feast as mends in length,
Such a strength as makes his guest.

Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart:
Such a joy as none can move,
Such a love as none can part,
Such a heart as joys in love.

~ George Hebert, (1593-1633).

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 place is where the Father is; the way is Christ, according to his own declaration: "I am the way, and the truth and the life; no one comes to the Father except through me."

Let us set out on this way, let us hold fast to truth, let us follow life. It is the way that leads us, the truth that strengthens us, the life that is restored to us through him.

Yes, Lord Jesus, we do follow you, but we can only come at your bidding. No one can make the ascent without you, for you are our way, our truth, our life, our strength, our confidence, our reward. Be the way that receives us, the truth that strengthens us, the life that invigorates us.

~ St. Ambrose of Milan, (339-397).



LITURGY & SACRAMENTS

THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, May 8	9 AM	† Odette Olliviera
Tuesday, May 9	9 AM	† George Pinto
Wednesday, May 10	9 AM	† Judy Alvarado
Thursday, May 11	9 AM	Molly Mitchell
Friday, May 12	9 AM	† Eva Haigh Juanita Waithe Vinodh Loganadhan Daniel Bourke
Saturday, May 13	5 PM	† David Sullivan
Sunday, May 14	8:30 AM	† Nimfa Chua
	10 AM	The Parishioners
	12 PM	† George De Gannes
Sanctuary Lamps	Johan Petan	
	Vinodh Loganadhan	
	The Loganadhan Family	

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.

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.

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.”

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 **\$36,928** toward our goal of **\$94,000**.

“Your sacrificial gift will truly make a difference in the life of someone turning to a ShareLife agency in their moment of need.” – Cardinal Thomas Collins

The third ShareLife Sunday of the year is June 4. We ask you to share your blessings and give generously through the parish or at sharelife.org. Thank you for living the Gospel!

Living the
Gospel

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**

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

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>

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

MINISTRY WITH MATURING ADULTS - MAY 9 @ 10 AM , MAIN HALL

**Ministry with Maturing Adults
Nurturing Our Spirituality in the Second Half of Life**



The Franciscan Church of St. Bonaventure



ANNOUNCEMENT



The MMA meeting for **May 9, 2023** is in **PERSON!!**

Come out and socialize with us as we talk about the sessions of this past fall and winter and what we would like to see as discussion topics for this coming fall.

Refreshments and goodies will be available to complement our gathering.

Come one, come all to the Main Hall in the Parish Centre at 10:00 am - See you all there!!



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Casseroles for the Good Shepherd Centre, contact
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REFLECTION

“I am the way, and the truth and the life.” ~John 10:7

“Jesus himself used images to reveal the mystery of his person, his Passover and the mission that he will carry out till the end of time on our behalf. In him, the invisible God has taken human form. He is, for all people, from generation to generation, ‘the way and the truth and the life.’ In leaving this world to go to the Father near whom ‘there are many dwelling places,’ he has entrusted his followers with the responsibility of continuing the work whose foundations he has laid. The ‘house of God,’ his ‘people’ will never cease to grow. Come from more and more diverse backgrounds, all must find their place in peace and joy. This concern led the apostolic Church to institute seven Greek speakers to serve the tables of their community. In its human structure, the Church always needs reforms. *‘Every renewal of the Church essentially consists in an increase of fidelity to her own calling. Undoubtedly this explains the dynamism of the movement toward unity. Christ summons the Church, as she goes her pilgrim way, to that continual reformation of which she always has need, insofar as she is an institution of men here on earth. Consequently, if in various times and circumstances there have been deficiencies in moral conduct or in Church discipline, or even in the way that Church teaching has been formulated—to be carefully distinguished from the deposit of faith itself—these should be set right at the opportune moment and in the proper way.’* [Vatican II, *Decree on Ecumenism*, no. 6]”

- from *Days of the Lord, Liturgical Year. Vol. 3 Easter Triduum-Easter Season.*
(Collegeville, MN: The Liturgical Press, 1993), 160-161.

May the Lord bless you and keep you!