



*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

Monday to Friday: 9 am:

**Sacrament of
Reconciliation**

Saturday: 9 to 10 am

**Ministry Centre
Hours**

Sunday:

9:30 am to 2:30 pm

**Monday, Tuesday,
Wednesday, Friday:**

9:30 am to 4 pm

Thursday: Closed

Saturday:

3 pm to 7 pm

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*Second Sunday of Easter
April 12, 2026*

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Franciscan Church of St. Bonaventure



Doubting Thomas (c. 1308-1311), Duccio di Buoninsegna (1255-1319). Tempera on wood. Museo dell'Opera del Duomo (Siena). Public domain. Source: Wikicommons.

St. Thomas

And we—we too—when He shall appear,
Shall we not also feel the thrill
Of his dear hand, so kind, so near,
And see the marks of Calvary still?

O Thomas! not for thee alone
Was that sweet proof of love divine;
For us the same bright hope is shown,
And we shall touch those wounds of thine!

We shall not need to ask the way,
Or wonder if the word be true;
For in that clear and perfect day,
Our eyes shall see the Saviour too.

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LITURGY & SACRAMENTS

THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, April 13	9 AM	† All Souls in Purgatory
Tuesday, April 14	9 AM	† Grazia Maida
Wednesday, April 15	9 AM	† Cynthia Dawson
Thursday, April 16	9 AM	Intention of Radek Votruba & Family
Friday, April 17	9 AM	Brothers, Sisters & Benefactors of the Order Special Intention of Eva Estrella Intention of Pia Benosa & Julien Thialon † Dorothy Greene † Miguel De Los Santos
Saturday, April 18	5 PM	† Shirley Ainsworth Felthman
Sunday, April 19	8:30 AM	Intention of Cherry-Ann Ayin
	10 AM	† Pedro Villarroel
	12 PM	The Parishioners
Sanctuary Lamps	Bl. Sac.	Dennis & Annette Mendonca
	Bl. Sac.	† Louis Emilien
	Our Lady	Intention of Secile Look Hong

HOLY COMMUNION FOR THE HOMEBOUND



If a parishioner is unable to attend Sunday Mass due to serious illness, recovery from surgery, or frailty in old age, then Extraordinary Ministers of Communion to the Homebound (specifically trained for this ministry) will bring the Eucharist to them. If you or someone you know might benefit from this ministry, please contact us by e-mail at homebound@st-bonaventure.ca or call Mary Catherine directly at 416-303-0269.

FAITH & 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:

+ James Durbano, + Joyce Chong, + Ann O'Leary, + Michael Price, + Theresa Duffy, + Rev. Sal Badali,
+ Nabor Sequeira, + Diane Marchisello, + Suzanne McCallister, + Jorge Carvalho,
+ Justyn Klym, + Patrick Doty, + Nealia Somasundaram And + Jennie Mayer.

PRAYER NETWORK REQUESTS

The **Prayer Network** is a group of parishioners who pray daily for all the prayer requests received by the Network. Nearly 45 parishioners are members of this group which began 1994. All prayer requests are kept in confidence, and no names are included when requests are passed onto the Network. Please contact **Teresa Krijgsman** at **416-709-8150** with your prayer intention or if you would like to become a member of the Prayer Network.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION & BENEDICTION - MONDAY, APRIL 13, 2026 12:30PM - 2PM

Join us along with one grade of students from St. Bonaventure School 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

12:50 Children head back to school

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



HELPING OTHERS

ST. BONAVENTURE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE (CWL)



Monthly Motivations 2026-2027 - Legumes for Fortunes

Please drop off donations of dried beans/chickpeas/lentils at the back of the church. You may also prefer to donate to the Community Share Food Bank online and they will spend the money wisely.

DR. SIMONE'S CANADIAN FOOD FOR CHILDREN

St. Bonaventure Parish collects bulk food staples (rice, pasta, soap, sugar, cooking oil, canned fish, etc.) once a month. Also, shoes, clothing, medicines, medical devices and school supplies are contributed and stored in a storage room in the Parish Centre. These items are then driven to Dr. Simone's CFFC warehouse by St. Bonaventure volunteers and pack them for shipping to approved, vetted destinations (schools, missions, etc.) Dr. Simone and his wife were challenged to start this ministry by Mother Teresa, and they have been awarded the Order of Canada for their service to the worlds less fortunate.



April items: Pasta.

Please Drop off your donations at the back of the church behind the toddler area.

Thank you for your generosity!

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL: BUNDLE UP COLLECTION APRIL 18 & 19



We are collecting your donations at **St. Bonaventure on April 18 & 19, 2026.**

What we accept all clothing (any condition), all footwear (any condition), Bedding (any condition) drapery/towels, toys (new only).

What we do not accept Baby items (cribs, car seats, strollers, or any other baby furniture), Construction material (any condition), Dishes (any kind), Furniture (any kind), Books/Video/Audio Cassettes.

For more information visit
www.ssvptoronto.ca or scan
the QR code



We DO NOT ACCEPT
appliances, baby or regular furniture,
books, mattresses, dishes,
construction material or video tapes
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SHARELIFE



Through ShareLife, you provide safety to those in need

Your kindness makes it possible for refugees to create a sanctuary here in Canada, providing hope and new beginnings to our brothers and sisters in need. Like Hetvi, who came to Canada, seeking refuge but found her hope shattered by her husband's control and abuse. Isolated, and desperate, her cries for help initially went unheard. Because you care, she found solace through Catholic Crosscultural Services (CCS), a Catholic Charities agency you support through ShareLife. Here she received housing support, and counselling in her native language, as well as financial and legal assistance, food banks, childcare, and healthcare.

The Office for Refugees of the Archdiocese of Toronto is another agency you support through ShareLife, facilitating critical care for refugees. Director Deacon Rudy Ovcjak says: "On behalf of the thousands of refugees who have been forced to flee their homes and native lands, and who now find refuge in Canada - a land of freedom and peace - I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude for your incredible kindness and generosity. Your unwavering support allows our office to sponsor hundreds of refugees each year, the majority of whom are Christians fleeing persecution for their faith in Christ."

The second ShareLife Sunday of the year is April 26. Thus far we have raised: **\$107,126.40 towards our goal of \$125,000 or 86%**. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.

UPCOMING EVENTS

CELEBRATING OUR VOLUNTEERS - APRIL 19

During **Volunteer Appreciation Week (April 19-25)**, we want to say a heartfelt *thank* you to all who give their time and talents so generously to our parish. We truly couldn't do half of what we do without you.

All Volunteers are warmly invited to attend **any Mass on Sunday, April 19**, where a special blessing for our volunteers will take place. Following Mass, please join us for **cake and coffee in the Parish Hall** as we celebrate *you* and all that you do.

FRANCISCAN YEAR OF GRACE - APRIL THEME: *FRATERNITY & COMMUNIO*

As we continue our journey through the **Franciscan Year of Grace**, the month of **April** invites us to reflect on ***Fraternity and Communio*** - our shared life in Christ and the call to deepen the bonds of community.

As an expression of this month's theme, all parishioners are warmly invited to celebrate **Evening Prayer** in the style of Taizé on the **2nd Sunday of Easter, April 12 at 7 p.m. in the church.**

Following Evening Prayer, we'll gather in the Parish Hall for an **Easter Dessert Potluck**: a joyful opportunity to share fellowship and sweet treats together. Bring a favourite Easter dessert to share or simply come and enjoy the company of our parishioners. You can drop off your Easter dessert in the Main Hall before Evening Prayer from 6:30 to 6:50 p.m. Let us continue to grow in gratitude, unity, and joy in the Risen Lord and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit.



COFFEE MONDAYS FOR SENIORS AT HAWTHORN SCHOOL



As a gesture of respect and gratitude for senior citizens in the community, the students at Hawthorn School would like to invite all seniors to Hawthorn's monthly Coffee Mondays. Join us! Enjoy complimentary coffee & snacks at 3:15 pm on Monday, April 13. For more information: Contact Queenie Yu at 416-444-3054 or gyu@hawthornschool.com Hawthorn School, 101 Scarsdale Rd, Toronto. www.hawthornschool.com

MINISTRY WITH MATURING ADULTS



Ministry With Maturing Adults with the Focus on Nurturing our spirituality in Body, Mind and Spirit in the Second Half of Life

We aim to provide you with helpful and relevant information from our own presentations and our partners in the community while meeting and enjoying our Tuesday morning gatherings (10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.), usually twice monthly, September to June. We look forward to welcoming you and feel free to invite a friend!

Funeral Preplanning

Tuesday, April 14, 2026 - 10:00 AM Location: Main Hall

Presenters: Glen Day and Natasha Muzzatti, Heritage Funeral Home

Learn more about the funeral planning process and the peace of mind that comes with planning ahead. Making funeral arrangements in advance allows you time to consider your options and create a service that truly reflects your values and wishes. Family members may also be included in the planning, helping to ensure the service meets the needs of everyone involved. All are welcome to attend.

Liturgical Music as a Vocation

Tuesday, April 28, 2026 - 10:00 AM Location: Church

Presenter: Ken de Los Santos, Singer & Pianist

Music in the morning! Enjoy live liturgical music and an engaging presentation by Ken de Los Santos, exploring music as a calling and its role in worship and ministry.

Save the Date - Upcoming Sessions: May 12 & May 26, and June 9 & June 23, 2026

More details to follow.

ST. CLARE INN SPRING FUNDRAISER EVENT ON MAY 1ST



Friday, May 1, 2026. 5:30pm - 10:00pm
Parkview Manor, 55 Barber Greene Road.
Join us for an inspiring evening of dinner, live entertainment, raffles, auctions, and more!



Tickets will be on sale after ALL masses on **Sunday, April 12**. Tickets: \$120 each or \$1100 for a table of 10. Last day to purchase tickets is April 26th.

St. Clare Inn is a non-denominational, privately funded transitional home helping homeless women facing mental health challenges. Learn more at www.stclareinn.com

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REFLECTION

**“Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hands and put it in my side.
Do not doubt but believe.” (John 20:27)**

[The following is a reflection based on Easter Sunday’s First Reading; the imagery is appropriate for today’s Gospel, too.]

He Lives as Forgiveness

Our first reading from the Acts of the Apostles finds us on the day of Pentecost. Filled with the Holy Spirit, Peter steps forward to speak as a martyr in the original sense—a witness of the Risen Lord. Confronting the same throng from which the disciples had once hidden in fear, he now speaks with unfettered boldness, condemning the crowd for their role in the lynching of Jesus.

And yet, in light of his prior denial of Jesus, one must intuit that Peter’s accusation is also a confession: *Yes, you disturbingly violent, fickle, indifferent people, you let this happen. And you know what? I’m no different—I let it happen, too. We all leaned on the convenient excuse of uninvolved involvement with him.*

The encounter with the Risen Lord produced a transformation in Peter. The wounds in Jesus’ hands and side became reminders, always there to see, of his formerly timid, divided heart. And yet the stupefying fact that Jesus was alive, that his first words, as he passed through the barricades of fear, were “Peace be with you” and “Be not afraid,” impressed upon Peter an unfathomable mercy. Peter’s witness of the Risen Christ meant experiencing his own failures enveloped in an ever-greater tenderness, mightier than the grave, and certainly mightier than human mediocrity. In light of this encounter, Peter could never again prefer uninvolved involvement from Jesus, no matter the cost.

It is not enough to say the Risen Lord forgives us. Rather, the Risen Lord exists as forgiveness; gazing over his body and probing its holy, glorious wounds, we discern the contours of our own guilt and redemption. How could we ever again prefer uninvolved involvement? ~Justin Bartkus

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May the Lord bless you and keep you!