



*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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*Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord  
April 13, 2025*

# Bonnie News

*Franciscan Church of St. Bonaventure*



*The Foal of Bethphage (L'ânon de Bethphagé) (1886-1894), James Tissot (1836-1902) Opaque watercolour over graphite on gray wove paper. Brooklyn Museum. Public Domain.*

### **Jesus Weeps by Malcolm Guite**

Jesus comes near and he beholds the city  
And looks on us with tears in his eyes,  
And wells of mercy, streams of love and pity  
Flow from the fountain whence all things arise.  
He loved us into life and longs to gather  
And meet with his beloved face to face  
How often has he called, a careful mother,  
And wept for our refusals of his grace,  
Wept for a world that, weary with its weeping,  
Benumbed and stumbling, turns the other way,  
Fatigued compassion is already sleeping  
Whilst her worst nightmares stalk the light of day.  
But we might waken yet, and face those fears,  
If we could see ourselves through Jesus' tears.

## LITURGY & SACRAMENTS

### THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, April 14	9 AM	† Grazia Maida
Tuesday, April 15	9 AM	† Lillian Verbeek
Wednesday, April 16	9 AM	† Bertha Betancurt
Holy Thursday, April 17 Mass of the Lord's Supper	7 PM	† Miguel de los Santos
Good Friday, April 18 Friday of the Passion of the Lord	12 PM 3 PM	<i>No intentions permitted</i> <i>No intentions permitted</i>
Holy Saturday, April 19 Easter Vigil	8:30 PM	The Parishioners
Easter Sunday, April 20	8:30 AM	† Vinodh Abel Loganadhan
	10 AM	† Esther Villarroel-Hiller
	12 PM	† Delores and Gregorio Torres
Sanctuary Lamps	Bl. Sac.	† George DeGannes
	Bl. Sac.	Intentions of Maeve
	Our Lady	† Joyce DeGannes

### THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION AT ST. BONAVENTURE PARISH

Please note: confessions will not be heard on Holy Saturday, April 19. The regular time will resume on Saturday, April 26 from 9-10 a.m.. In addition, you can always make an appointment with Fr. Peter or Fr. Tom.

### LITURGY OF THE WORD WITH CHILDREN

Please note: there will be no Liturgy of the Word with Children on Easter Sunday. It will resume on Sunday, April 27.

### HOLY COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND

Our parish has an active Eucharistic Ministry to the Homebound. Our Eucharistic Ministers provide pastoral visits and bring Holy Communion to parishioners who are unable to attend church because of illness, disability or age. If you or someone you know might benefit from this ministry, please contact us at [homebound@st-bonaventure.ca](mailto:homebound@st-bonaventure.ca) or at 416-447-5571 ext. 590 and let us know.

### SCRIPTURE SHARING GROUP AT ST. BONAVENTURE'S

The Scripture Sharing group meets every Wednesday from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the Oak Room of the Parish Centre to prepare for the readings for the upcoming Sunday. Reflecting on the spirituality of the scriptures before Mass can have a great impact on hearing the Word proclaimed on Sunday. Participation via ZOOM is available. For more information, please contact Tom: [tom.burns6727@gmail.com](mailto:tom.burns6727@gmail.com)

### "WHEN WE EAT THIS BREAD AND DRINK THIS CUP" ~ RESUMING COMMUNION FROM THE CHALICE

On Holy Thursday and subsequent Sunday liturgies, we will resume distributing Communion from the chalice. To be sure, the fullness of Christ's presence is given to us when we participate in Holy Communion through either partaking of the Body or the Blood of the Christ. Nevertheless, the mysteries of Christ's self-offering and our "taking up" of his self-emptying are more fully expressed and experienced when Holy Communion is given under both the Bread of Life and the Cup of Salvation. The manner of reception from the chalice is to take and drink. After replying "Amen", carefully receive the chalice from the Minister of the Communion. Take a sip. Then, carefully return the chalice to the Minister. Please do not intinct with the Host. The Ministers of Communion have been trained to distribute with care and reverence. Common sense tells us that if we have either a contagious illness, a mild cold, or a compromised immune system, we must refrain from receiving from the chalice. Children who have made their First Communion may receive with the permission of their parents.

## 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 Long, + Bernard Nottage, + Anna Szatmary, + Christopher Harris, + Blanca Graciela, + Martin Frank,  
+ Thelma Jonathan, + Jeanette Bertheau, + Edward Baker, + Joyce De Gannes, + Rochelle Labrador,  
+ Vinodh Loganadhan, † Barbara Makowicz, and † Anne Clune.

## 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 **416-709-8150** with your prayer intentions or if you would like to join the prayer network.

## HELPING OTHERS

### SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL - BUNDLE-UP CLOTHING DRIVE



**BUNDLE-UP CLOTHING DRIVE: SATURDAY, APRIL 26 and SUNDAY, APRIL 27, 2025  
ST. BONAVENTURE CHURCH PARKING LOT BEFORE AND AFTER ALL MASSES**

*The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul is pleased to accept clothing, linens, draperies, shoes and boots for use in the Society's programs and services, to assist people in need, and to retail to raise funds to support our outreach.*

Donated goods are provided to our Neighbours in Need in communities across the GTA and to those whom we serve through our [supportive housing and outreach programs](#). This work is facilitated through the Society's Stores Division, which has a warehouse and two stores.

#### Donation Guidelines

*Thank you for thinking of us—these are the items we can and cannot accept.*

**Items we accept:** Bedding, drapery, textiles, clothing coats, boots and shoes, towels, new toys only.

**Items we do not accept:** Appliances, dishes, books, all baby furnishing and items, large furniture items and beds, used toys, construction material, video or cassettes.

*You can also assist others in need by donating to our poor boxes or securely through CanadaHelps:*

<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/society-of-st-vincent-de-paul-st-bonaventure-conference/>



## LENTEN CHALLENGE - MAKE A CASSEROLE FOR THE GOOD SHEPHERD

**Thank you** to all the parishioners who responded to the plea for more casseroles. On short notice, 35 new cooks joined the team. The rest will surely respond in April and in the months to come. **We sent a total of 87 casseroles to the Good Shepherd in March.** This is amazing and the highest number to date. Thank you to all the regular cooks who have donated and still do after years of service to this Mission of Mercy. This collective effort enables us to share with others the blessings we receive. What a blessing awaits all who hear the plea for help. Recipes and pans are available in the cupboard at the back of the church. Please drop off your frozen casserole to the Ministry Centre during office hours, anytime in April. **Last drop off date for April is the 28th.**

## CWL INITIATIVE FOR 2025: SHARE THE WORDS



### FULFILLMENT

If you only knew...joining the Catholic Women's League will help you find fulfillment. This one-stop women's organization focuses on faith, service and social justice. Become active and involved in your area of interest. Your place is among us.

CWL General Meeting is on Thursday April 24<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm in the Main Hall.

#### Human Trafficking Awareness

*"Human trafficking is a grave violation of human rights that affects millions of lives worldwide. Together, we can raise awareness, empower survivors, and take steps to end this injustice. This meeting is an opportunity to learn, collaborate, and inspire action."*

We hope to see you there to learn more about this important issue!

## SHARELIFE

### You open the door to safety from abuse



Your support of ShareLife-funded agencies is a saving grace for victims of domestic abuse. Maria was trapped in an abusive relationship, isolated from family and friends. A mother of three, pregnant with her fourth, she needed to escape for her safety and theirs. At Safe Centre of Peel, led by Catholic Family Services Peel-Dufferin, 17 partner agencies unite to care for families. They provide legal assistance, safe housing, and financial aid. Through your solidarity, Maria and her young children were able to secure the freedom they deserve.

Thus far we have raised **\$9,045.65** toward our goal of **\$109,000**. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at [sharelife.org/donate](https://sharelife.org/donate).

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### 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, usually twice monthly, September to June. We look forward to welcoming you and feel free to invite a friend. A sincere thank you to all who bring a snack to share! If you would like more information, email Trena Finnegan Coordinator Ministry with Maturing Adults: [trena@st-bonaventure.ca](mailto:trena@st-bonaventure.ca)

**Tuesday April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 10:00AM to 11:30AM - Main Hall**

**Are we really listening? Learn practical ways to be Empathic**

Empathic listening is the deepest form of listening that helps you understand another's perspective and allow them to feel safe, heard and validated. It is an essential and learned skill to build and strengthen any meaningful relationship in a way that shows compassion and caring. Dr. Sagrati will provide practical ways to use empathic listening to help strengthen our relationships with our families, friends and community.

*Bio: Dr. Sandra Sagrati is a clinical psychologist, who works with children, teens and adults. She obtained her doctoral degree at the University of Toronto, worked at the CAMH, and now works in her own private practice, Toronto West Psychology. She has published research in the areas of depression and anxiety, and has recently published a book, Pivot Self-Talk: Stop Asking All the Wrong Questions.*



## GROWING IN *Spirit, Community, and Service*

**Tuesday May 6<sup>th</sup>, 10:00AM to 11:30AM Main Hall**

**Pilgrims of Hope on a Synodal Path**

This presentation will begin with some of the basic principles of synodality including locating the phase at which the church currently is situated following the second gathering in Rome last October. Through the lens of the Jubilee of Hope theme, we will look at why synodality brings us hope. We will then conclude with a taste of synodal conversation.

*Presenter: Christine Way-Skinner is a doctoral candidate at Regis St. Michael's College in Toronto. Her work focusses on the promise of synodality for a healthier, more faithful church. She has spent over 30 years serving the church through parenting and pastoral ministry. She has written several books for both children and adults.*

**Tuesday May 20<sup>th</sup> - 10:00AM to 11:30AM Main Hall**

***When should I think about Palliative Care?* More information to follow.**

**Tuesday June 3<sup>rd</sup> - 10:00AM to 11:30AM Main Hall**

***Ways to get Stronger and Healthier at Home* More information to follow.**

**Tuesday June 17<sup>th</sup> - 10:00AM to 11:30AM Main Hall**

***Exploring Our Need to Give Back by Sharing Our God Given Talent* More information to follow.**

## **13<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL SPRING FUNDRAISING EVENT IN SUPPORT OF ST. CLARE INN, FRIDAY MAY 2, 2025**

**"No Place Like Home"**

**Parkview Manor, 55 Barber Greene Road**

**Friday, May 2, 2025, 5:30 - to 10 PM**

This evening will feature live music, a full dinner, silent and live auctions and some fantastic surprises! Our 2025 theme, **"No Place Like Home,"** embodies the comfort, joy, and transformative spirit of St. Clare Inn. Tickets are: \$110/each or discounted price of \$900 for a table of ten. So, grab your friends; entertain some clients and help us fill the Inn. If you are interested in becoming a sponsor of this event, please contact:

[info@stclareinn.org](mailto:info@stclareinn.org)

## **DAY OF REFLECTION AND PRAYER FOR THE BEREAVED AT MANRESA JESUIT SPIRITUAL RENEWAL CENTRE**

"Where is God in my pain? How is God working in my grief?" Grieving a loved one can shake or give a new shape to our faith. At this gathering, you will have the opportunity to share your grief story in a community of faith and to reflect in a prayerful way on your experience. Draw renewed strength and hope to continue the journey. Facilitated by: *Sr. Claire Marchal ~ Before entering the congregation of the Xaviere Sisters sixteen years ago, she spent three months in India where she volunteered in a centre of the sisters of Mother Teresa caring for the dying. Back in France, she volunteered in palliative care while working in industry and maturing her vocation call.*

*Mary Hyland has been walking with those who are grieving for many years as a volunteer. She is a retired Pediatrician. She has honed her skills as a listener and caregiver for the bereaved, while training with the Archdiocese of Toronto and with the Victorian Order of Nurses.*

**When: Saturday, May 10th, 2025, from 9:30 am - 5:00 pm**

**Location: Manresa Jesuit Spiritual Renewal Centre 2325 Liverpool Road, Pickering, ON L1X 1V4**

**Suggested Offering: \$65.00 pp Includes coffee/tea break and lunch.**

**More information or to register, contact: Mary Hyland at 905-441-0957**

## **COFFEE MONDAYS FOR SENIORS AT HAWTHORN SCHOOL - MONDAY MARCH 3RD AT 3:15PM**

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 and a performance at 3:15 pm on the following Mondays: **April 14, May 12, June 9**

For more information: Contact Queenie Yu at 416-444-3054 or [gyu@hawthornschoo.com](mailto:gyu@hawthornschoo.com)

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# Three Days to Rediscover Our Identity in Christ

Kathy Kuczka

During the Passover seder, the youngest person at the table asks, “Why is this night different from all other nights?” The leader then names those things that make the Passover seder different from other holiday meals. As we prepare for the Sacred Paschal Triduum, we may ask, “What makes these days different from all other days?”

The word *Triduum* is a Latin word that means “three days.” The Church calls the three days before Easter—Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday—the “culmination of the entire liturgical year” (*General Norms of the Liturgical Year and the Calendar*, 18). During the span of seventy-two hours, the community commemorates the core of what they believe—Christ, crucified, buried, and risen—as well as the heart of who the community is—a people freed and forgiven, restored and renewed by Christ’s resurrection.

These mysteries are too much for one day. They must take place over several days. Even so, the Church observes them as one unified celebration, designing them to flow one into another. On Holy Thursday, the Evening Mass of the Lord’s Supper ends without a dismissal, continuing into the night, and perhaps the next morning, with adoration before the Blessed Sacrament. On Friday, the Celebration of the Passion of the Lord begins without a greeting and ends without a dismissal. On Holy Saturday, the Easter Vigil begins after nightfall.

To prepare for the Sacred Triduum, members of the community clear their calendars to journey with Christ, with the elect who will receive the initiation sacraments at the Vigil, and with one another through death to new life. This journey demands spiritual preparation that is different from other major feasts. With the exception of the sacraments of penance and the anointing of the sick, the Church abstains



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from celebrating any sacraments on Good Friday and Holy Saturday. The tabernacle is empty from the beginning of the Mass of the Lord’s Supper to the end of Holy Communion at the Easter Vigil. Even the environment is made bare. On Holy Thursday, the altar is stripped and crosses are removed so that the Celebration of the Passion of the Lord begins without a cross, without candles, and without cloths on the altar. The faithful keep a paschal fast that anticipates the joy of Christ’s resurrection.

During the Triduum, the Church’s most powerful Scriptures are proclaimed, special rituals are performed, and symbols are employed. The washing of feet is reserved for the Mass of the Lord’s Supper on Holy Thursday. The adoration of the cross is observed only at the Celebration of the Passion of the Lord on Good Friday. The community gathered after dark under the shadow of a full moon is called for only at the

Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday. The lighting and blessing of a fire, and the community processing behind the Paschal candle takes place only at the Easter Vigil. Unlike the common practice of celebrating Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist on separate occasions, the Triduum brings these three sacraments of initiation together in one grand liturgy.

The three days that make up the Triduum are different because, unlike any other days in the liturgical year, the community walks through the most profound mysteries of its faith. We encounter Christ in the most solemn Scriptures, rituals, and symbols of our tradition. If we do this well, we will be drawn into a deeper intimacy with Christ’s dying and rising. We will know Christ’s victory over death as ours. We will rediscover who we truly are—a chosen people, the beloved of God, unafraid of death, assured of new life.



## PASCHAL TRIDUUM ~ THE GREAT THREE DAYS SCHEDULE



### THE PASCHAL TRIDUUM ~ THE GREAT THREE DAYS

#### MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Holy Thursday, April 17 at 7 p.m.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in repose in the Parish Hall after Mass concludes with Night Prayer at 10 p.m.

*Please note: no morning Mass on Holy Thursday*

#### COMMEMORATION OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

Good Friday, April 18 at 12 noon and 3 p.m.

#### Blessing of Easter Food Baskets

Holy Saturday, April 19 at 11 a.m. in the church

*Please note: confessions will not be heard on Holy Saturday*

#### THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

Easter Vigil in the Holy Night- Holy Saturday, April 19 at 8:30 p.m.

*First celebration of the Resurrection with the Sacramental Initiation of our Elect.*

Easter Sunday, April 20 at 8:30 a.m., 10 a.m. and 12 noon

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO HELP DECORATE THE CHURCH FOR EASTER



We are looking for some volunteers to help us decorate the church for Easter. We will be gathering in the church on Holy Saturday, April 19<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am.

If you would like to help, please contact the Ministry Centre at 416-447-5571 or email us at [admin@st-bonaventure.ca](mailto:admin@st-bonaventure.ca)

## HEALTH AND WELLNESS FAIR AT DELMANOR WYNFORD

You're welcome to join us for our Health and Wellness Fair at Delmanor Wynford. Attendees can enjoy:

- Fitness & Seated Boxing Classes
- Health & Wellness Expert Advice
- Lecture: "Your Mind Matters" presented by Janice Goldmintz
- Presentation: "Assistive Technologies" presented by CNIB

Date: Thursday April 24th Time: 10:30am to 1:30pm  
Location: 187 Wynford Drive, Toronto  
Contact Iryna or Marissa for more info: 416-331-9797



Please note: our main entrance does not open on to Wynford Drive. Access to our front door is via the private road on the immediate north side of our building. Paid parking is available on the private road between Wynford and the Don Valley hotel.

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FOR A PARISH REGISTRATION FORM TO COMPLETE

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### Casseroles for the Good Shepherd Centre

416-447-5571 ext 580

### Society of St. Vincent de Paul

416-447-5571 ext. 570

### St. Anthony of Padua Mission Aid

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416-690-9904 [www.saintanthonyofpadua.net](http://www.saintanthonyofpadua.net)

## REFLECTION

**“Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!” ~ Luke 19:38**

Nothing surprises me anymore now that I’ve been here [Santa Cruz, Bolivia] for over a week. So I’m not shocked to see a woman show up for the Good Friday service carrying a long ribbon-like piece of last Sunday’s palm. Then, as people start filling the pews, I notice more and more of these yellow branches appearing. By the start of the service in honor of the Passion and death of our Lord, there are palms in every part of the church... When I look out over the crowded church this Good Friday afternoon, their custom of celebrating “Palm Friday” starts to speak powerfully to me. The pious folks who have come back today carrying last Sunday’s palms with them actually show deep insight into the great paradox of Christian life. The bright yellow strips of palm are accusing fingers pointing to a sad truth: we are the same people who greeted Jesus at his triumphal entrance into Jerusalem just five days ago.... We are amazingly fickle creatures when you think about it. We pray, we go to church, and then without a qualm we turn and calmly crucify Christ in our neighbour with a well-aimed insult. We thank God with great fervor for loving us unconditionally, but then a moment later refuse to help a neighbour in need. Palm Sunday turns into Good Friday with alarming speed....

The palm branches have an interesting role in Holy Week. We saints on Earth carry them in the crowd on Palm Sunday as symbols of our belief that Jesus is the Messiah. Some saints carry them in the Good Friday procession as a reminder of our weakness and unfaithfulness. But the palm branches don’t disappear with the burial of Jesus. No, they show up one last time at the end of every believer’s journey. In the Book of Revelation, Saint John tells us: *After that I saw there was a huge number, impossible for anyone to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe, and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. They shouted in a loud voice, “Salvation to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!”* In the victory celebration in Heaven, all the saints will be carrying palms. The branches will be the sign of our sharing in Christ’s final triumph over sin, over our unfaithfulness and over death itself.

The procession has left the church now. A few dozen have stayed behind to go to confession. I walk over and sit on a hard wooden chair in the little open alcove that will be my confessional. The first penitent, a sun-dried old man, shuffles toward me. A well-worn palm branch is clutched in his gnarled brown hand. Will he bring it with him once again, I wonder, when he comes to celebrate on Easter Sunday? ~ Albert Holtz, O.S.B., “Fatima Parish, Santa Cruz, Bolivia—Waving Your Palm” in *Pilgrim Road: A Benedictine Journey through Lent*, condensed from <https://thevalueofsparrows.wordpress.com>

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