



*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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*Third Sunday of Easter
April 19, 2026*

Bonnie News

Franciscan Church of St. Bonaventure



*Meal at Emmaus (2024), A.N. Mironov. Oil on canvas.
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Emmaus 2 A Sonnet by Malcolm Guite

Luke 24:25-26 Then he said unto them, O fools, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken: Ought not Christ to have suffered these things, and to enter into his glory?

*We thought that everything was lost and gone,
Disaster on disaster overtook us
The night we left our Jesus all alone
And we were scattered, and our faith forsook us.
But oh that foul Friday proved far worse,
For we had hoped that he had been the one,
Till crucifixion proved he was a curse,
And on the cross our hopes were all undone.
Oh foolish foolish heart why do you grieve?
Here is good news and comfort to your soul:
Open your mind to scripture and believe
He bore the curse for you to make you whole
The living God was numbered with the dead
That He might bring you Life in broken bread.*

Source: <https://malcolmguite.wordpress.com/2023/04/23/two-sonnets-for-the-road-to-emmaus-4/>

LITURGY & SACRAMENTS

THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, April 20	9 AM	† Esther Villarroel-Hiller
Tuesday, April 21	9 AM	† Bertha Betancourt Vargas
Wednesday, April 22	9 AM	† Doris Longman
Thursday, April 23	9 AM	† Alfonz Pavli
Friday, April 24	9 AM	The Friars † Mario Cantu † Luigino Costa † Manny & Denia Enrile † Romula & Aurora Villamil
Saturday, April 25	5 PM	† Diane Marchisello
Sunday, April 26	8:30 AM	The Parishioners
	10 AM	† Marguerite Bourgeois
	12 PM	† Anna Korbylo
Sanctuary Lamps	Bl. Sac.	Intention of Susan Sare - Healing
	Bl. Sac.	Intention of Joanna Ng - Healing
	Our Lady	Intention of Susan Sare - Healing

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.



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 helped Tara rebuild her life

Tara's childhood was anything but safe. Conflict and fear filled her days, and as she grew older, home became unbearable. She waited, hoping things would change, but she had to leave once she became a teenager. Because of your warm heart, Tara found safety at Covenant House Toronto, a Catholic Charities agency you support through ShareLife. After a short stay in the crisis shelter, she moved into the Rights of Passage (ROP) program, determined to rebuild her life.

You gave Tara the strength to take charge of her future - adding her name to waitlists for affordable housing and taking steps to stand on her own. In the meantime, she balances multiple part-time jobs while staying in school, saving every dollar she could. With your caring support, she connected with a counsellor to begin working through the challenges that had forced her to leave home. Today, she's living independently and building the future she once thought was out of reach.

ShareLife Sunday special collections are taking place next weekend on April 26. 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 18 & 19

A Heartfelt Thank-You to our Parish Volunteers

Dear Parish Volunteers,

With grateful hearts, we wish to extend our sincere thanks to each one of you who so generously offer your time, talent, and energy in service to our parish community.

From our **choir and musicians**, who lift our prayers through song; to **hospitality ministers, lectors, Eucharistic ministers, altar servers, and decorators**, who help make our liturgies prayerful, welcoming and beautiful - your dedication enriches our worship in countless ways. We are equally thankful to those who lovingly care for our **plants and church environment**, ensuring our sacred space remains vibrant and inviting.

To our **Coffee teams, Office volunteers, Youth Ministry Leaders, Children's Liturgy volunteers, Finance Council members, Counters, Catechists & Sponsors, Members of the Prayer Network, those who take Holy Communion to the homebound, & our Volunteer Screeners** - your behind-the-scenes efforts are essential to the life of our parish. Each act of service, whether large or small, plays an important role in helping St. Bonaventure remain a place of faith, fellowship, and care.

Without your generosity and graciousness, we simply would not be able to do the many things we do as a parish family. Please know that your work and dedication do not go unnoticed. We are deeply grateful for all that you do and cannot thank or appreciate you enough.

Although our words of thanks may never be enough, we would like to express our gratitude in a meaningful way.

All parish volunteers are warmly invited to attend Mass on **Saturday, April 18 at 5:00p.m.**, and **Sunday, April 19 at all Masses**, where a special blessing for our volunteers will take place.

Following the Mass, please join us for refreshments in the Parish Hall as we come together to celebrate *you* and all that you do for our parish community.

With sincere gratitude and appreciation,

St. Bonaventure Parish

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!

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 19. 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

RITE OF ACCEPTANCE

Have you ever been intrigued by a travel brochure or the travel section of the Sunday newspaper? They lay before us all the marvels and wonders of the distant and different lands. They may show us places and things that we've never seen; they hint at adventures that can't fully be described. Usually, we spend a minute or an hour imagining what the journey might be like and then we turn the page or set the brochure down.

Those who come to us to find out about Catholic church begin with a period of inquiry. The period of inquiry might be compared to reading a travel brochure. What kind of journey might this be? What might we encounter on the way? Where might we end up? These are important questions but asking them is not the same thing as taking the journey.

The Rite of Acceptance into the Order of Catechumens - celebrated at the end of the period of inquiry - is something like sign-up day. At this Liturgy, the inquirers who have asked the questions now are ready to embark on the journey arrive at our door. We greet them and ask them what they want they want what we told them that we could help them discover: faith, baptism, eternal life. We mark them with the cross, for this is the sign of all who are on this journey. We give them the holy scriptures: It is the guidebook that we use on the way. We promise to be with them on this trip, for we are still on it ourselves. And we give them wise guides - sponsors, catechists, pastors and many others - to surround them and support them as they learn the ways of the road.

Any good travel agent will tell you that she or he cannot guarantee how a journey will end, or what exactly will happen along the way. But in faith we can say that if we and those we invite on this journey are faithful to the one who has called us to make it, then the end of the journey will be more marvelous than we imagined at the onset.

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REFLECTION

“...he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them.” Luke 24: 30

It is this intense desire of God to enter into the most intimate relationship with us that forms the core of the Eucharistic celebration and the Eucharistic life. God not only wants to enter human history by becoming a person who lives in a specific epoch and a specific country, but God wants to become our daily food and drink at any time and any place.

Therefore, Jesus takes bread, blesses it, breaks it, and gives it to us. And then, as we see the bread in our hands and bring it to our mouths to eat it, yes, then our eyes our opened and we recognize him.

Eucharist is recognition. It is the full realization that the one who takes, blesses, breaks, and gives is the One who, from the beginning of time, has desired to enter into communion with us. Communion is what God wants and what we want. It is the deepest cry of God's and our heart, because we are made with a heart that can be satisfied only by the one who made it. God created in our heart a yearning for communion that no one but God can, and wants, to fulfill. God knows this. We seldom do. We keep looking somewhere else for that experience of belonging. We look at the splendor of nature, the excitement of history, and the attractiveness of people, but that simple breaking of the bread, so ordinary and unspectacular, seems such an unlikely place to find the communion for which we yearn. Still, if we have mourned our losses, listened to him on the road, and invited home into our innermost being, we will know that the communion we have been waiting to receive is the same communion he has been waiting to give.

There is one sentence in the Emmaus story that leads us right into the mystery of communion. It is the sentence: “...they recognized him; but he had vanished from their sight.” In the same moment that the two friends recognize him in the breaking of the bread, he is no longer there with them. When the bread is given them to eat, they no longer see him sitting with them at the table. When they eat, he has become invisible. When they enter the most intimate communion with Jesus, the stranger—become friend—is no longer with them. Precisely when he becomes most present to them, he also becomes the absent one.

Here we touch one of the most sacred aspects of the Eucharist: the mystery that the deepest communion with Jesus is a communion that happens in his absence.

From: Henri J.M. Nouwen, *With Burning Hearts: A Meditation on the Eucharistic Life*.
(Maryknoll, NY: Orbis Books, 1994), pp. 88-90.

May the Lord bless you and keep you!