



*Growing
in Spirit,
Community,
and Service*

*Fourth Sunday of Easter
April 21, 2024*

Bonnie News

Franciscan Church of St. Bonaventure



Le Bon Pasteur, detail, attributed to Jean Baptiste de Champaigne (1631-1681).
Oil on canvas. Palais des Beaux-Arts de Lille.

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,
appointments only.*

Saturday:

3 pm to 7 pm

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Shepherd who with your tender calls
From deep slumber has wakened me,
You who made of this log the staff
On which your powerful arms are held,

Upon my faith turn your pitying eyes,
For I confess you my love and lord,
And to follow you pledge my word,
Your beauteous feet and calls so mild.

Hear me, Shepherd who dies for love,
Flinch not at my frightful sins,
You to the humbled so much a friend,

Stay, and let my cares be heard. . .
Though why do I ask that you stay for me,
When to make you stay your feet are nailed?

by Felix Lope de Vega y Carpio

Translated from the Spanish by Kate Flores

LITURGY & SACRAMENTS

THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, April 22	9 AM	† June Lobo
Tuesday, April 23	9 AM	† Esther Villarroel-Hiller
Wednesday, April 24	9 AM	† Mario Cantu
Thursday, April 25	9 AM	Intention of Vera Ryan
Friday, April 26	9 AM	Gabriel Family, in thanksgiving Brothers, Sisters and Benefactors of the Order Intention of Andrea Chaisson † Bob McCormack 65th wedding anniversary of Bob and Vida Nairn Birthdays of Elizarman Ifurung and Chaddeus Joson
Saturday, April 27	5 PM	The Parishioners
Sunday, April 28	8:30 AM	† Mackie Ortega
	10 AM	Intention of Maria Louisa Abano
	12 PM	† Anna Korbylo
Sanctuary Lamps	Bl. Sac.	Intention of Bonnie Beverly
	Bl. Sac.	Intention of Monty Williams SJ
	Our Lady	† Phylis Wong

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Confessions are heard on a weekly basis on Saturdays from 9 to 10 am in the Mary Chapel. You can always make an appointment with Fr. Peter or Fr. Tom to celebrate this Sacrament in which we encounter our merciful God.

LITURGY OF THE WORD WITH CHILDREN AT THE 10 AM SUNDAY MASS

For children ages 4 to 9. A parent is welcome to accompany a child who is too shy to participate on their own.

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:

+ Jim Meyer, + Marjorie McGinty, + Gerry Devlin, + Alice Eaglen, + Deanna Andrew, + Norman Bell,
+ Jean-Gabriel Castel, + Romi Walsh, + Brigid O'Rourke, + Joyce Dias Lamoureux, + Joan Watson,
+ Matt Gleeson, + Denise Baranecki, + Jhonny Mujica, + Alberto Samonte, + Marilyn Sher, + Mary-Lou Gleeson.

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.

O SHEPHERD OF SOULS

O Shepherd of souls, and o first voice, through whom all creation was summoned, now to you, to you may it give pleasure and dignity to liberate us from our miseries and languishing.

~ St. Hildegard of Bingen, (1098-1179)

HELPING OTHERS

CASSEROLES FOR THE GOOD SHEPHERD REFUGE



The casseroles that you make, in addition to the casseroles made by a number of other parishes, augments the amazing work carried out on a daily basis by The Good Shepherd Refuge and the many volunteers. There are no days off and the need is great!

The Bonnie's cooks contributed 61 casseroles in the month of March. A BIG thank you from those you may never meet who enjoy a hot meal. Someone will not go hungry because of your efforts in this mission of mercy.

Please open your hearts and your kitchen to keep up this much needed support for The Good Shepherd Refuge. May God bless your kind heart for participating.

The cupboard at the back of the church has pans and recipes. Kindly remember to sign for the pans you need. **Next due date is Monday, April 29.**

FOOD DRIVE FOR THE GOOD SHEPHERD



The weekly food drive at St. Bonaventure helps provide meals for the homeless and at-risk individuals in our community. The Good Shepherd is again asking for food donations to assist in feeding the homeless. Thank you for your ongoing support.

THE MOST NEEDED ITEMS

Tomato Sauce
Canned Tomatoes
Soup & Stews

Mayonnaise
Pasta
Granola Bars

Beans and Chickpeas
Canned Corn
Breakfast Cereals

Peanut Butter & Jam
Salmon & Tuna
Tea / Coffee

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL



SERVING IN HOPE. Vincentians 'Serve in Hope' because we are called to bring the love of God and the compassion of Jesus to people in need. St. Vincent said, "God demands first the heart, then the work". It is only with our heart that we can bring compassion, respect and devotion to members of our community who are vulnerable and marginalized.



By visiting people in need in their homes and walking alongside to guide them to resources to break the cycle of poverty, we give them hope for the future.

Your generous donations to our poor boxes and through Canada Helps do help us make a difference. Thank you!

Our confidential helpline is: **416-447-5571 Ext. 570**. In addition to donating through our poor boxes located at our three main exits, online donations can be made securely through our QR code or the following link:

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

SHARELIFE 2024 PARISH CAMPAIGN

Living the Gospel: 2024 Parish Campaign
ShareLife Sunday Collections
March 17 | April 28 | June 2



Invest in our Church's future by giving to ShareLife

Your kindness and devotion enable St. Augustine's Seminary, along with the Office of Vocations and Redemptoris Mater Missionary Seminary, to provide an excellent formation for our seminarians as they pursue a life of service. This past year, you invested in our Church's future by supporting 58 seminarians at St. Augustine's Seminary and Redemptoris Mater Missionary Seminary.

This Sunday, April 21, we celebrate the 61st World Day of Prayer for Vocations. There has never been a better time to support and pray for our seminarians, wherever they may be on their journey.

Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.

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

MINISTRY WITH MATURING ADULTS

**Nurturing Our Spirituality in the Second Half of Life
With a Focus on Care of the Body, Mind and Spirit
In Person Meetings**



Tuesday May 7th 10:AM to 11:30AM

The Decluttering Battle Plan

Presented by Sharon Parenteau, Sales Representative S.M.A.R.T Realty Solutions.

Clutter is the #1 reason that seniors stay in a home that no longer suits their needs. It's an enemy that can be defeated with a straightforward 5-step strategy that overcomes the overwhelm. Deal with surplus stuff with this expert-approved strategy.

Sharon is a resale specialist with many years of experience helping downsizers transition from their oversized homes to comfortable downsizing living options. She offers many helpful workshops including Downsizing, Best Reno's for Return on Investment and many more topics.

Tuesday May 21st 10AM to 11:30AM

Fitness in The Second Half of Life

Presented by Kristina Marks

- Living strong, fit, healthy, and happy lives, well into our 80' and beyond. In this workshop we will explore various forms of exercise and the benefits they offer as we live out our second half of life well. We will discuss a plan of action for living our lives to the fullest as we continue to focus on the care of body, mind and spirit.

For over 20 years Kristina has participated in a strength training program. She is passionate about fitness and what it can do to improve quality of life. With her extensive post secondary education and many certifications, she is excited to share her passion for muscle mechanics with people of all ages and backgrounds.

CWL GENERAL MEETING - APRIL 23, 2024

Put on your boogie shoes and come out for some Line Dancing fun!

Bring your dancing shoes to the next St. Bonaventure CWL General Meeting on Tuesday April 23, 2024 at 7 p.m. in the St. Bonaventure Parish Hall. The suggested donation for the dance instructor is \$5.

We look forward to seeing you there!

ST. CLARE INN GALA - APRIL 27, 2024 AT 6:30 PM



Join us for our annual Spring Gala on Saturday April 27, 2024, at 6:30 PM
The Donalda Club
12 Bushbury Drive
North York

The theme this year is Retro 80's Night.

Tickets can be purchased on the St. Clare Inn website at www.stclareinn.org or after each Mass this weekend. Tickets are \$115 per person.

The evening will include wonderful food, entertainment, silent and live auctions, a raffle and much more. We hope to see you there!

If you are unable to attend, you can still support St. Clare Inn by making a donation. *Thank you for your support!*

QUEEN OF APOSTLES RENEWAL CENTRE - WOMEN TOGETHER RETREAT - MAY 4, 2024



The Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre invites all women to the 2024 Women's Day Retreat located at:

1617 Blythe Road, Mississauga

Time: 8:30 am - 3:00pm

Cost: \$45.00 includes lunch

The theme for the retreat is Attitude with Gratitude

For more information: contact: Jean 905-2785229 or office@qoa.ca

We look forward to seeing you there!

MARY GROVE CAMP AND CAMP OZANAM SUMMER CAMP



Come and have fun this summer!

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.

MAGNIFICAT BREAKFAST - ST. BENEDICT'S PARISH - MAY 25, 2024



Join our Mary, Cause of our Joy, Toronto Chapter for our 48th Magnificat breakfast on Saturday May 25, 2024 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at St. Benedict Parish Hall located at 2194 Kipling Avenue, Etobicoke. Treat your mother, sister, colleague or friend to an inspirational morning that includes a hot breakfast, praise and worship led by our spirit-filled music ministry, a personal testimony of the transforming love of Christ in the life of an invited speaker. Priests are available for women wishing to avail themselves of the sacrament of Reconciliation. Our guest speaker is Mariela Sol Torroba Hennigen. Registration is \$35.

You can **Register Online** - CREDIT and DEBIT cards accepted (added service fee); or **By Mail**:

Send cheque, payable to Magnificat to:

Magnificat, c/o 111 Jeffcoat Dr. Etobicoke, ON M9W 3B9

include with cheque: your name, address, phone number, email and full name of other guests you are registering

For inquiries, please contact Feiona: 416-846-4068;

Email: magnificat.toronto.chapter@gmail.com

For complete details and to register online: <https://www.stbenedicts.ca/magnificat-breakfast>

SEATS NOT SOLD AT THE DOOR

THANK YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEERS



A big thank you to the volunteers of St. Bonaventure Parish! We appreciate and celebrate your faithful service within our parish community.

Thank you for volunteering and making every moment matter. We couldn't do it without you!

"So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith." Galatians 6:10

COURTYARD AND WALKWAY PROJECT

As you can see, our project is underway! The walkways near the back of the Parish Centre and Ministry Centre have been removed and the area has been excavated. We are proceeding with repairs to the foundation walls and then they will be waterproofed. This area is not accessible.



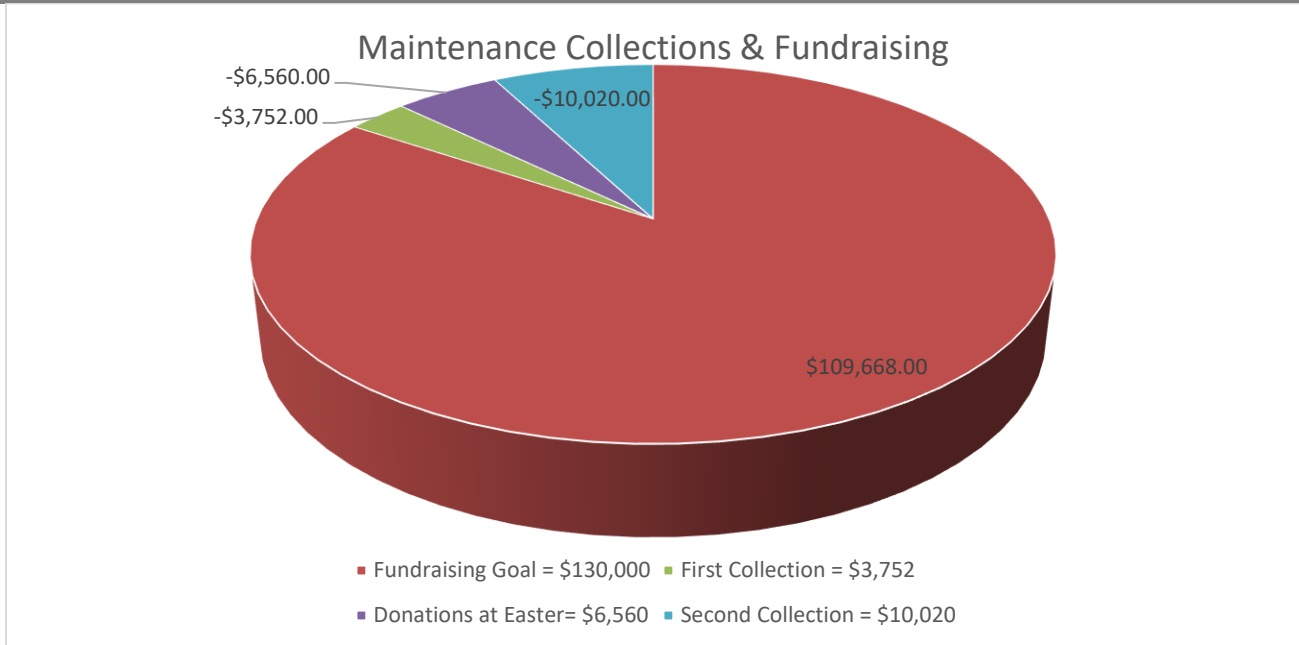
Currently, the following doors are closed and off limits:

The South side front door of the church is closed.

1. The North side Sacristy & back corridor of the Church is closed. Please use the back south side door, the Blessed Sacrament Chapel door and the North side front door.
2. The Ministry Centre front doors are closed. Please use the back door closest to the church. A doorbell has been installed.
3. The Parish Centre back doors are closed. Please use the front doors.

We want to ensure everyone's safety. Please be extra cautious while walking around the property and the parking lot. The Knights of Columbus will be available to assist with directions and assistance in the parking lot. We thank you for your cooperation and patience during the construction.

COURTYARD AND WALKWAYS PROJECT - UPDATE



The work on our project has begun. The demolition of the cross tower is moving along, and we have started on the walkways closest to the Ministry Centre and the back entrance to the Parish Centre. They have completed the repairs to the foundation wall of the Parish Centre, and they have completed the waterproofing to the exposed areas. We have discovered some problems with the water drainage, and we are working on finding the best solution to correct it before we can go ahead with completing the concrete on the walkways.

We have collected \$20,332 towards our \$130,000 fundraising goal. We have \$109,000 left to raise! We are also grateful to have received \$7,000 in December in anticipation of this project, prior to the project approvals.

We have 4 more scheduled Maintenance Collections for the balance of the year:
July 7th, September 1st, November 3rd, and December 1st, 2024.

**Every donation counts and brings us closer to achieving our goal.
Thank you for your generosity and your continued support of the parish!**



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FOR A PARISH REGISTRATION FORM TO COMPLETE

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<https://www.tcdsb.org/SCHOOLS/STBONAVENTURE/>

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

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

REFLECTION

“I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me.” ~ John 10:14

In our Gospel passage Jesus uses the image of the shepherd to tell us something about the kind of love he offers us and how it has such power. First, he tells us that, as our shepherd, he knows us all by name. He knows each of us. He is the shepherd; he knows us all by name. He knows each of us. He is the shepherd not just of a flock, but of each sheep in the flock. This is new. The God of the Old Testament was mainly the God of a nation, a whole people. Our God, Jesus is saying, is not the God of a nation, but a God for every single person. To him every one of us is real. We exist for him as individual persons, every one of us. We can pray to him in our own names. For Jesus each human soul is of infinite value. He will never sacrifice one of us for the supposed good of the whole - as Caiaphas will recommend that Jesus himself be sacrificed for the good of the people (John 11:50). The only sacrifice that Jesus recognizes is the one he himself will make, on behalf of all of us, the sacrifice that will end all sacrifices. This image of total giving is not what one would learn in shepherding school. It is not what we would call cost justified. It is certainly not an image of life as survival of the fittest. But what Jesus says and does, here and elsewhere, is never meant to be cost justified. He transforms the image of the shepherd, indeed any image of human life, to mark out wholly new possibilities, not dreamt of in our philosophy.

He also tells us that his sheep know his voice. I think this is true of sheep. They do not see well, but can hear each other's cries and the calls of the shepherd. For them the shepherd is his voice. Think of our own experience: we have not seen Jesus, but we have all heard him. We have heard his Word, as we did when we heard the Gospel read...in this very church, and it is his words we are thinking about right now. We are hearing Jesus's voice, hearing his voice that does not die, and he is telling us that he knows us by name and loves each of us with an unbounded love. When our shepherd dies for us he does not leave us abandoned or orphaned, but returns to us, remains with us. -Excerpt from J.B. White's homily "The Good Shepherd". To read the homily, go to: <https://thevalueofsparrows.wordpress.com/2015/04/23/homily-the-good-shepherd-by-james-boyd-white/>

May the Lord bless you and keep you!