



*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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*Fourth Sunday of Easter
April 26, 2026*

Bonnie News

Franciscan Church of St. Bonaventure



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XXIII Dominus regit me by Malcolm Guite

To suffer my own dereliction for me,
To be my shepherd, and to lead me through
The grave and gate of death, in strength and mercy

Christ has come down. At last I've found the true
Shepherd and the false just fade away,
Before him. I will sing of how he drew

Me from the snares I set myself, how day
Dawned on my darkness, how he brought me forth
Converted me and opened up the way

For me, and led me gently on that path,
Led me beside still waters, promised me
That he'd be with me all my days on earth,

And when my last day comes, accompany
And comfort me, as evening shadows fall,
And draw me into his eternity.

Source: <https://malcolmguite.wordpress.com/2020/06/21/through-the-valley-of-the-shadow-responding-to-psalms-22-and-23/>

LITURGY & SACRAMENTS

THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, April 27	9 AM	† Zelia Netto
Tuesday, April 28	9 AM	† Mackie Ortega
Wednesday, April 29	9 AM	Estela Gabriel - Thanksgiving
Thursday, April 30	9 AM	Intention of Nena Bustos
Friday, May 1	9 AM	Vocations Intention of Gwen Fitzgerald & Family Intention of Mary Fitzpatrick † Kassi & Therese Jilla † Dominico Mazza
Saturday, May 2	5 PM	† Nealia Somasundaram
Sunday, May 3	8:30 AM	† Maria Lopez
	10 AM	The Parishioners
	12 PM	† Francesca Ranieri
Sanctuary Lamps	Bl. Sac.	† Marguerite Bourgeois
	Bl. Sac.	Intention of Joanna Ng
	Our Lady	Intention of Griffin Brennan - 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)



The Catholic Women's League incorporates a "theme a month" model to help councils live out the national focus "*Blessed are the Poor*" throughout the year.

May: Month of Mary - Mother of the Poor

This May, our Catholic Women's League invites all members to embrace our monthly theme, "Month of Mary - Mother of the Poor." Throughout the month we will be incorporating three simple but meaningful acts of generosity that reflect the spirit of Mary:

1. Say the rosary with your family.
2. Wear a red dress on May 5th for the Red Dress Campaign
3. Collect diapers, baby formula, and baby clothing for mothers in crisis or pregnancy centres.

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.

Prayer Service for Palliative Care – The CWL invites all parishioners to arrive early at **4:15 p.m.** before Saturday evening Mass on **May 2** for a **30-minute** prayer service for palliative care. The service will be based on the CWL *12 Hours of Prayer* guidelines and the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops' *Horizons of Hope* program. For additional resources go to: <https://www.cccb.ca/faith-moral-issues/suffering-and-end-of-life/>

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.



May items: Sugar.

*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



Marygrove Camp and Camp Ozanam: Providing a subsidized overnight camping adventure for eligible children.

Marygrove Camp welcomes girls ages 5-13 for an 8-day camping adventure on the shores of Georgian Bay
Camp Ozanam welcomes boys, ages 7-12 for a 7-day camping adventure on Deer Lake in South River.

Both camps provide a fully subsidized camp opportunity (no fees) for children from families who are experiencing difficulties as follows: Families who cannot afford to take their children on vacation due to restricted income, illness, lack of funds, and other challenges. Transportation is provided by luxury couches to and from the camps. Call our SSVP helpline to check eligibility and leave a message for **Judy: 416-447-5571, ext. 570.** Sessions, July through August, are filled on a first come/first served basis.



HELP NOT HARM: TAKE ACTION TO SUPPORT BILL C-218

Write your Member of Parliament Today! Visit HelpNotHarmCanada.ca

You're invited to visit HelpNotHarmCanada.ca where you can e-mail your Member of Parliament (MP), asking for their support of **Bill C-218 (The Right to Recover Act)**, which would amend the Criminal Code to prevent Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD) from being provided when mental illness is the sole underlying condition. Without this change, MAiD will be available for those suffering from mental illness alone beginning in March 2027. We are called to offer care, hope, and protection – not death – to those who are suffering and most vulnerable. Visit HelpNotHarmCanada.ca today and ask your MP to support Bill C-218.

SHARELIFE - SHARELIFE SUNDAY APRIL 26



ShareLife Sunday is this weekend, celebrating 50 years

Today is ShareLife Sunday, the second weekend of special collections. Since 1976, ShareLife has been rooted in our Catholic values of charity and in living the Gospel by caring for those in need. Over the decades, thousands of people across our archdiocese have come together through parish campaigns, school drives, workplace giving, and personal acts of kindness to make a difference in the lives of countless individuals and families.

ShareLife recognizes that all humans are created in the image of God, with a commitment to the dignity of the individual and the right to life, working on behalf of the poor and vulnerable. As we celebrate this milestone anniversary in 2026, we invite you to join us in honouring this legacy of serving the marginalized in our parish community and around the world.

With your support, ShareLife-funded agencies can continue to provide vital services - like counselling for families, support for isolated seniors, and care for those facing mental health challenges - for years to come.

Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at 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 (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.

Staying Safe in the World of AI

Tuesday, May 12, 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM Location: Main Hall

Presenter: TechGuides <https://techguides.ca>

With AI, computers and phones can now write messages, make calls, and create photos that look completely real—making it harder to know what to trust. Join us to learn what's changed, how some people are taking advantage of it, and simple ways to protect yourself. **No experience needed. No device required.** Come with your questions! **ALL** are welcome.

Save the Date - Upcoming Sessions: 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!



Today is the last day to purchase tickets.
Tickets will be on sale after ALL masses.
Tickets: \$120 each or \$1100 for a table of 10.

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

MAGNIFICAT BREAKFAST - MAY 30 9:30AM TO 12:30PM

Join **Our Mary, Cause of our Joy, Toronto Chapter** for our 52nd Magnificat Breakfast. 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.

Saturday May 30, 2026 from 9:30am-12:00pm.

St. Benedict Parish Hall. 2194 Kipling Ave. Etobicoke, ON.

Doors open at 9:00am.

Guest Speaker: Rachel Martinez

Registration \$36. Register Online: CREDIT & DEBIT cards accepted. Added Service fee.

Register by Mail

Send cheque, payable to Magnificat to:

Magnificat, c/o 11 Watercliffe Rd M9W 4E5

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

Inquiries:

Kathy: 647-969-9352 magnificat.toronto.chapter@gmail.com

SEATS NOT SOLD AT THE DOOR

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

Magnificat, A Ministry to Catholic Women, is an international ministry that exists to evangelize and to encourage Catholic women to grow in holiness through opening more fully to the power and the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Through the Magnificat Prayer Meals, this anointed ministry provides opportunities for a faith-sharing experience in a relaxed social setting. Magnificat ministers to women whose faith in the person of Jesus Christ has allowed them to believe in activity of God's spirit in their lives. It also has great appeal to women who may be struggling with faith or who have lost touch with the Church.

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REFLECTION

“...and the sheep hear his voice.” ~ *John 10:3*

A shepherd once told me that sheep are completely helpless if they are unshorn, especially if they get turned on their back. Maybe you and I remember our childhood when we turned various insects on their back to watch them struggle and never achieve their proper legside down position—without help. Another thing about sheep is their loyalty. It does shade into stupidity, the way they follow the shepherd without question. But there is something deeply symbolic of love if the shepherd is kind and careful with them.

History tells us that all the sheep were kept together in a big sheepfold where the various shepherds had brought their small herds down to Jerusalem. Without brands, without markings of any kind, how, you might ask, does each shepherd get back the sheep that belong to him or to his boss? Well, first, the shepherd calls each of his flock by name. He has been with them on the hillsides so that he knows just who each sheep is. The one with the nick in its ear, the one with the pretty face, the one that limps. There is a name for each one because they are not just a herd; each has a personality that is special, just like human beings. And second, the sheep each recognize not only the name he calls them by, but the actual voice of the shepherd. It is a much loved sound to them. The one who flipped them back on their feet when he found them upside down. The one who protected them from wolves. The one who took them to fresh pastures when they had eaten the fields down to nubs. A stranger's voice could not have the gentle resonance of their own master and friend.

Alright, so why does Jesus use sheep imagery on the upcoming fourth Sunday of Easter? I suppose it is obvious but, if you will pardon the comparison, you and I are a lot like sheep. The shepherd calls us each by name—the utter God of the universe does this (of the galaxy, infinity, etc.). God is great enough that in Jesus he knows each and every one of us better than we know ourselves. The name he uses for each of us reaches way down into the full potential of our souls, calling us to be most truly who we are in ourself and in the Lord. An intimate recognition within each of us responds. And, like the sheep, each of us knows by heart the sound of God's voice. Alright, we may misunderstand it, ignore it, resist it, slam all our gateways shut to it, but in our moments of sane and solitary wholeness our spirits know the sound of that voice. It resonates within us.

Whichever ones of us are free hearken and follow. The call is safe, in spite of wolves and wildness all around. The call lets our fear drop away, turns us right side up so that we can go follow our master and friend over rocks and even through dark valleys. Often people insult the human race by calling it a bunch of sheep. But this Sunday it is the greatest compliment we could get.

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May the Lord bless you and keep you!