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### **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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*The Second Sunday of Easter ~ Divine Mercy Sunday  
April 27, 2025*

# Bonnie News

*Franciscan Church of St. Bonaventure*



*The Appearance of Christ at the Cenacle (Apparition du Christ au cénacle), 1886-1894. James Tissot (1836-1902). Opaque watercolor over graphite on gray wove paper. Brooklyn Museum. Public domain.*

### **This Breathless Earth by Malcolm Guite**

We bolted every door but even so  
We couldn't catch our breath for very fear:  
Fear of their knocking at the gate below,  
Fear that they'd find and kill us even here.  
Though Mary's tale had quickened all our hearts  
Each fleeting hope just deepens your despair:  
The panic grips again, the gasping starts,  
The drowning, and the coming up for air.  
Then suddenly, a different atmosphere,  
A clarity of light, a strange release,  
And, all unlooked for, Christ himself was there  
Love in his eyes and on his lips, our peace.  
So now we breathe again, sent forth, forgiven,  
To bring this breathless earth a breath of heaven.

<https://malcolmguite.wordpress.com/2022/04/17/this-breathless-earth-a-recent-sonnet-2/>

**Fifty Days for our delight, for Christ is risen as all things tell.  
See, good Christian, ye rise as well!**

## LITURGY & SACRAMENTS

### THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, April 28	9 AM	† Mackie Ortega
Tuesday, April 29	9 AM	Thanksgiving for Gabriel Family
Wednesday, April 30	9 AM	† Efigenio Torres
Thursday, May 1	9 AM	† Peter Glowczewski
Friday, May 2	9 AM	Intentions of the Leong Family Vocations † Lino Ammaturo † Ben Foo † Igino Durante † Allen Leung † Theresa Rait
Saturday, May 3 Sunday, May 4	5 PM	† Carol Costello
	8:30 AM	† Virginia Doty
	10 AM	The Parishioners
	12 PM	† Jose Layno
Sanctuary Lamps	Bl. Sac.	† Pope Francis
	Bl. Sac.	For the children receiving Holy Communion for the first time
	Our Lady	† Pope Francis

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

Confessions are heard on a weekly basis on Saturdays from 9 to 10 a.m. in the Confessional Room. In addition, you can always make an appointment with Fr. Peter or Fr. Tom.

### LITURGY OF THE WORD WITH CHILDREN

Liturgy of the Word with Children is celebrated at the 10 a.m. Mass for children ages 4-9.

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

We have resumed distributing Communion from the chalice at the Sunday Masses. 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.

### 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.

## FIRST COMMUNION DURING THE SUNDAY MASSES OF THE EASTER SEASON

The children of the parish, who have been preparing with the support of their parents and parish catechists since January, will receive Holy Communion for the first time this Sunday at 12 pm and over the next few Sundays: May 3 at 5 pm, May 4 at 10 am, and May 11 at 12 pm. Their reception of Holy Communion is a continuation of their initiation into the life of Christ that began the day they were Baptised. They find their place at the Lord's Table on the Lord's Day at His invitation and in the midst of the Eucharistic assembly, which is the clearest expression and experience of being Church. Please pray for them and their parents, and show them great hospitality as brothers and sisters in the Lord.

## 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)

## THANK YOU TO ALL WHO VOLUNTEERED AND SERVED DURING THE PASCHAL TRIDUUM

A special note of thanks to the parishioners who volunteered their time on Holy Saturday by cleaning the floors and pews in the church, creating and displaying the floral arrangements, washing the windows and placing the altar cloths. It was a large effort made lighter by your generosity of spirit. Thanks, too, to all who served in the various liturgical ministries and ministry of hospitality ...all to glorify God through our worship. Thank you.

## 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

### MAKE A CASSEROLE FOR THE GOOD SHEPHERD

**Thank you** to all the parishioners who responded to the plea for more casseroles. 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.**

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



### ST. BONAVENTURE CHURCH PARKING LOT BEFORE AND AFTER ALL MASSES THIS WEEKEND!

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. **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/>



## CWL INITIATIVE FOR 2025: SHARE THE WORDS

### GOOD WORKS



Imagine if you knew the great works done by Catholic Women's League members. As social justice activists, we pray and work for family, friends and all people to change current issues and make this world a better place. We hope you will join us!

### ST. BONAVENTURE COUNCIL AWARENESS WEEKEND ~ MAY 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> at all the Masses

The St. Bonaventure Council of The Catholic Women's League of Canada invites you to get to know us during our Membership Awareness Weekend! We're not just a group that chats on email—we're living, breathing women who actively participate in parish ministries, support parish events, and make a real difference in our community. Come and see for yourself how we combine faith, fellowship, and a little fun along the way. Let's make an impact together—because we're better together! Can't wait to meet you!

## SHARELIFE

### You ensure a brighter future for at-risk children

As many as 7,000 youth are homeless across Canada on any given night. Covenant House, an agency you support through ShareLife, provides a refuge for at-risk youth. They offer safe housing alongside healthcare, education, and employment guidance. Thanks to your compassionate heart, young people like David can move from a life on the street to a life with a future. **The second ShareLife Sunday of the year is May 4.** We ask you to share your blessings through the parish or at [sharelife.org/donate](https://sharelife.org/donate). Thank you for living the Gospel! Thus far we have raised **\$31,086.45** or **\$23.5%** 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

### INTO THE WOODS JR. AT HAWTHORN SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

"Into the Woods Jr." music and lyrics by Stephen Sondheim; book by James Lapine, will be performed by the students at Hawthorn School for Girls.

Performances: May 1<sup>st</sup> ~ 7 p.m.      May 2<sup>nd</sup> ~ 7 p.m.      and      May 3<sup>rd</sup> ~ 2:30 p.m.  
Adults (18+): \$15    Students (ages 7 to 17): \$7    Children (6 and under) and Seniors (65+): Free  
Family Pass (2 adults and 3 students): \$30

For tickets, scan the QR code before noon on May 1<sup>st</sup> or contact:

[hsgplay@hawthornschool.com](mailto:hsgplay@hawthornschool.com)    Hawthorn School for Girls, 101 Scarsdale Rd. North York, 416-444-3054





## 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

## 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 look forward to seeing you soon at one of our upcoming gatherings!

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! If you would like more information: Email Trena Finnegan Coordinator Ministry With Maturing Adults: [trena@st-bonaventure.ca](mailto:trena@st-bonaventure.ca)

**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?***

This presentation will cover the following: What is palliative care? How do people access palliative care, eligibility, and cost? The difference between palliative care and end-of life care (e.g. hospital, hospice, home). What support services exist for families of individuals receiving palliative care including physical, psychological and spiritual support as well as grief support available?

*Presenter: Susanne Urzendowsky is a dedicated social worker with over eight years of experience in Toronto. She leads a psychosocial team in delivering hospice programs such as Grief and Bereavement, In-Home Visiting, Recreation Therapy, and Art Therapy in Toronto and Newmarket. Since 2016, she has focused on palliative care and participated in the HPCO Advance Care Planning education and became a HCC ACP Regional Champion. Susanne is a strong believer that social workers play an important role in facilitating Advance Care Planning conversations.*

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

***Ways to get Stronger and Healthier at Home***

Getting stronger, building muscle and having more energy is possible for everybody. You don't need to go to a fitness centre or invest in expensive equipment. You can exercise when you want in the comfort of your own home. A chair, broomstick and some simple fitness equipment can help you kickstart your day or give you the mid-day break you need. In this talk, Deacon Michael Carrera, a professional fitness trainer and wellness coach will walk you through some practical home-based exercises and answer questions you may have.

*Presenter: Michael Carrera has a masters degree in exercise science and has authored and co-authored four books: Periodization Strength Training for Sports (2nd ed.), The Catholic Workout book and DVD, Conditioning Young Athletes and Soul Winner. Soul Loser. A Remarkable Story of Finding Meaning in the Wisdom of the Day. Two of his books have been translated into multiple languages. Michael was recently ordained a Permanent Deacon for the Archdiocese of Toronto. He lives in Toronto, Canada, with his wife and four children.*

**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***

In our eldering years, we grow in our awareness of our need to give back and to try and make the world a better place while using our gifts and charisms that God has given to us individually. We will learn the difference between gifts and charisms and explore ways of using our time and talent in order to give back for all the blessings we have received. *"We are gifted in certain ways and sometimes we don't even realize it. Perhaps this is an occasion, an opportunity, to ask, 'How am I gifted?'" - Archbishop Francis Leo on Stewardship Sunday.*

*Presented by: Trena Finnegan, Coordinator - Ministry with Maturing Adults*

***Save the Dates: July 8<sup>th</sup>, August 5<sup>th</sup>***

**LIFE-GIVING WOUNDS: HEALING RETREAT FOR ADULT CHILDREN OF DIVORCED OR SEPARATED PARENTS**

The Life-Giving Wounds retreat invites participants to move through the broken image of love that appeared to them in their parents' relationship to their deepest origin and identity as God's beloved, capable of great love. The next retreat will be from Friday, May 16 at 6 p.m. to Sunday, May 18 at 3:30 p.m. at St. Augustine's Seminary (2661 Kingston Rd., Scarborough). Must be 18 or older to attend. Cost: \$340 per person (\$200 for students), which includes meals, lodging and retreat material. Limited subsidies are available if cost is a concern. Please contact [lgwtoronto@proton.me](mailto:lgwtoronto@proton.me). For university/college students, contact your campus minister for more information. Space is limited. To register, visit: <https://bit.ly/LGW-TO-Retreat-Register2025>

**WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER EXPERIENCE ~ JUNE 27-29, 2025**

Uncover the Secrets to a Lasting, Supportive, and Transformational marriage. Reconnect. Renew. Rekindle. The Marriage Encounter experience is a heart haven that helps you listen, share and connect more deeply. There's no group discussion. It's just about the two of you learning to be the best, most loving and thriving couple you can be. Join us on June 27-29 at Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre (1617 Blythe Road, Mississauga, ON) for a weekend that could change your life. This weekend is for couples, whether you are newlyweds or have been married for decades. For more information or to register, contact: Christian & Elizabeth Arroba, 416-554-4439 OR 416-554-7062 OR e-mail: [christian.elizabeth.arroba@wwme.org](mailto:christian.elizabeth.arroba@wwme.org)

**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. For more information, eligibility requirements, and to register, please contact Judy at 416-390-9495.



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## Join us at our 13th Annual Spring Fundraiser in support of St. Clare Inn

St. Clare Inn is a non-denominational privately funded transitional housing program that supports homeless women with mental health challenges.

Learn more about St. Clare Inn by visiting [www.stclareinn.com](http://www.stclareinn.com)

**Date/Time:** Friday, May 2, 2025, 5:30-10 pm

**Location:** Parkview Manor, 55 Barber Greene Road

**Cost:** \$110 each or 10 tickets for \$1000

Experience an unforgettable evening with dinner, silent & live auctions, raffles, live entertainment, and more!

Scan the QR code or visit <http://www.stclareinn.com/events/> to purchase your tickets!





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### Casseroles for the Good Shepherd Centre

416-447-5571 ext 580

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416-447-5571 ext. 570

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## REFLECTION

**“Thomas answered him, ‘My Lord and my God!’” ~ John 20:28**

In the Gospel Reading, the risen Jesus appears to ten of his apostles. Thomas is missing. The ten are convinced. But when Thomas rejoins them after Jesus has vanished, Thomas is highly skeptical. A week later, Jesus appears to all eleven of them and invites Thomas to make good on his skeptical challenge. Jesus tells him, *Put your finger in my wounds and believe!* And then, without so much as touching Jesus, Thomas believes. Actually, then, all Thomas did was see Jesus and his wounds, and then he believed. But, of course, that is just what the other ten apostles did in the first appearance of Christ, when Thomas was absent. So why didn't Christ make his first appearance to the apostles at a time when Thomas was there too? Why did Christ first appear when Thomas was absent? Why single Thomas out in this way?

Thomas had trusted Jesus and believed he was the Messiah. But then the Romans killed Jesus; and when they did, they also killed the hope in Jesus that Thomas had. How much Thomas trusted before the crucifixion can be understood by the way Thomas hardened his heart against trust in the aftermath. “The bigger they are, the harder they fall,” we say. And the bigness of Thomas's heart and the greatness of his trust in Jesus can be seen by how hard Thomas fell when he thought his trust was betrayed. Thomas thought he had made a fool of himself by believing in Jesus, and he was not going to let his heart be broken again. And so when he heard the other apostles express their belief, he scoffed. In scoffing, Thomas protected himself against further heartbreak by turning his back on Jesus and all that Jesus meant to him. And maybe that is why Jesus left Thomas out of his first appearance to the apostles. When heartbreak is so powerful, it can need space to breathe, to let its pain come to fruition. Maybe if Thomas had not been able to move all the way from heartbreak to skepticism, he would not have been able to move back to Jesus so powerfully either. Without any more evidence than any of the other apostles had, Thomas says to Jesus, “My Lord and my God!”

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