

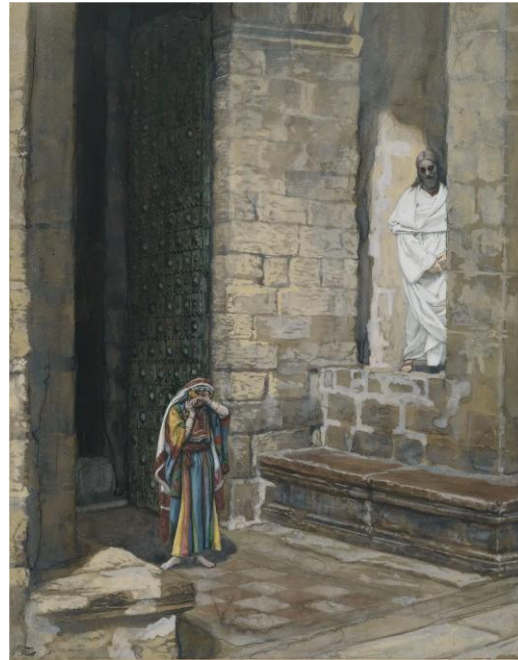


*Growing  
in Spirit,  
Community,  
and Service*

*Fifth Sunday of Lent  
April 6, 2025*

# Bonnie News

*Franciscan Church of St. Bonaventure*



*The Adulterous Woman Alone with Jesus (La femme adultère seule avec Jésus) (1886-1894), James Tissot (1836-1902) Opaque watercolor over graphite on gray wove paper. Brooklyn Museum, Public Domain.*

## *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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Will you throw the stone  
at those whom I welcome and do not condemn?

I desire love,  
learn its justice;  
have you forgotten my cross?

*You do not want the death of sinners,  
but that they may live.*

Lord, how many are my oppressors,  
many those who say of my soul:  
no salvation for it in its God.

If you remember sins, Lord,  
who then will be able to stand?  
But with you is forgiveness,  
I love you and I hope.

I give you thanks, God, my Master,  
with all my heart,  
for your love for me is great,  
you have drawn me from the depths of my misery

Commission Francophone Cistercienne, *Tropaires des dimanches*, 28 (Fiche de chant U LH 84).

## LITURGY & SACRAMENTS

### THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, April 7	9 AM	† Rev. Sr. Anna Chan
Tuesday, April 8	9 AM	† Jose Gabriel Congote
Wednesday, April 9	9 AM	† John Park
Thursday, April 10	9 AM	Intention of John Ruston, with thanksgiving
Friday, April 11	9 AM	Brothers, Sisters and Benefactors of the Order In thanksgiving, Nicholas Power † Wai-Ching Lee † Jude Weerasinghe
Saturday, April 12	5 PM	† Nimfa Chua
Sunday, April 13	8:30 AM	The Parishioners
	10 AM	† Tom Harasti
	12 PM	† Victor Pappalardo
Sanctuary Lamps	Bl. Sac.	Intentions of Celeste Hounkponou
	Bl. Sac.	Intentions of Olivia Tano
	Our Lady	† Anne Clune

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION & BENEDICTION - MONDAY, APRIL 7<sup>TH</sup> FROM 12:30 - 2:00PM

Join us along with one grade of students from St. Bonaventure School for Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

- 12:30 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, hymn, incensation, greeting and opening prayer
- 12:35 Scripture reading
- 12:40 Reflection on the Scripture reading
- 12:45 Intercessions concluded with the Lord's Prayer
- 12:50 Children head back to school
- Adoration continues with others who are present. This is open to all. A particular invitation is extended to the children's parents, grandparents, and godparents.
- 1:00 Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available from 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm.
- 2:00 Benediction with the Blessed Sacrament (hymn and incensation) followed by reposition.



### 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 during the 10 a.m. Sunday Mass. Children aged 4-9 are invited to hear and respond to God's Word. The volunteers guide the children through this communal liturgy, helping them to listen, understand and respond to God's Word.

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS ~ FRIDAYS THROUGH LENT

- ✠ On Friday, April 11th, this devotion will take place at 7 p.m.. All are invited to meditate Lord's embrace of the Cross. Members of the Knights of Columbus will lead the devotion.

## 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)

## 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

### 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).

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



### BUNDLE-UP CLOTHING DRIVE

ST. BONAVENTURE CHURCH PARKING LOT

BEFORE AND AFTER ALL MASSES: SATURDAY, APRIL 26 and SUNDAY, APRIL 27, 2025

*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/>



## JOYCE'S JOYFUL KNITTERS



If you knit or crochet or would like to learn you are welcome to come to Joyce's Joyful Knitters. We are a member of The Needlework Guild of Canada Toronto Branch. We meet in the Parish Centre, Francis Room, on the second Wednesday of each month after the 9:00 mass. We share our achievements, challenges and a cup of coffee / tea and treat. We are a registered charity, and all our items are distributed to several agencies throughout Toronto. Next date April 9, 2025.

## CWL INITIATIVE FOR 2025: SHARE THE WORDS

### FRIENDSHIP

Catholic Women's League members build enduring friendships. We celebrate new members, anniversaries and special events along the way. Meetings, socials, projects and conventions create bonds of friendship. Meet new friends from your parish and beyond.

Your place is among friends.



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!**



## 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.**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### LENTEN RETREAT - APRIL 7 & 8, 2025 LED BY FRIAR PAUL LININGER, OFM CONV.

Please join us as we welcome Fr. Paul Lininger, OFM Conv., Ph.D., the Director of Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation (JPIC) and Chair of the JPIC Commission of Our Lady of the Angels Province of the Conventual Franciscan Friars. He also serves as the JPIC Animator for the Conventual Franciscan Friars Federation of North America.

#### **Monday April 7 at 7 pm, Main Hall**

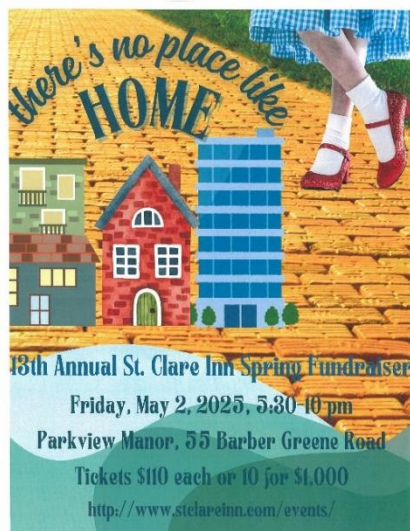
Fr. Paul will conduct a special presentation of the key principles and ethical guidelines rooted in the Catholic Church's social doctrine. These teachings provide a framework for moral and ethical decision-making in the context of social, economic and political issues.

#### **Tuesday April 8 at 7 pm, Main Hall**

Fr. Paul will continue the conversation about Catholic Social Teaching and Synodality.

***All are welcome!***

### 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)

## 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 8<sup>th</sup>, 10:00AM to 11:30AM - Main Hall**

**Inflammation and the Immune System, A Presentation by Delmanor, Wynford Retirement Living**

The body is under constant surveillance for potential danger and ready at any moment to send its army of repair chemicals to the scene to fight infection, heal injuries, repair normal wear, and tear, and protect the body from premature aging/illness. Inflammation is a protective action that the body uses so that healing can take place, but it can also be destructive to cells, organs, and tissues. We discover why this concept can be so confusing and how to promote healthy aging.

*The presenter is Whitney Hilts, Reginal Manager of Living Well Services who is trained in healthy aging including healthy eating, exercise, and mental health.*

**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.*

**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.**

LAST WEEKS OF LENT AND HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE



**Stations of the Cross**  
Friday, April 11 at 7 p.m.

**PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD**  
Saturday, April 12 at 5 p.m. and Sunday, April 13 at 8:30 a.m., 10 a.m. and 12 noon

**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)

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## REFLECTION

**“Neither do I condemn you. Go on your way, and from now on do not sin again.” ~ John 8:11**

We use *grace* to describe many things in life: a well-coordinated athlete or dancer; good manners and being considerate of others; beautiful, well-chosen words; consideration and care for other people; various expressions of kindness and mercy. Those statements remind me of Christ. What a perfect illustration of grace! Think of several examples with me. He stood alongside a woman caught in adultery. The Law clearly stated, “Stone her.” The grace killers who set her up demanded the same. Yet Christ said to those self-righteous Pharisees, “He who is without sin, let him cast the first stone.” What grace! Under the Law they had every legal right to bury her beneath the rocks in their hands - and they were ready. There they stood with self-righteous fire in their eyes, but he intervened in grace.

When his friend Lazarus died, Martha met him on the road and Mary later faced him in the house. Both blamed him for not coming earlier: “If you had been here, my brother would not have died!” (*John 11:21*) There is strong accusation in those words. He took them in grace. With the turn of his hand, he could have sent them to eternity; but he refused to answer them back in argument. That is grace.

When he told stories, grace was a favorite theme. He employed a gracious style in handling children. He spoke of the prodigal son in grace. As he told stories of people who were caught in helpless situations, grace abounded - as with the Good Samaritan. And instead of extolling the religious official who spoke of how proud God must be to have him in his family, Christ smiled with favor on the unnamed sinner who said, “God, be merciful to me, a sinner.” Even from the cross he refused to be angry with his enemies. Remember his prayer? “Father, forgive them.” No resentment. No bitterness. Amazing, this grace! Remarkable, the freedom and release it brought. And it came in full force from the only One on Earth who had unlimited power, the Son of God.

We, too, can learn to be just as gracious as he. And since we can, we must - not only in our words and in great acts of compassion and understanding but in small ways as well.... There will always be some - as those who glared at the woman taken in adultery - who will urge us to be stern, rigid, and cold-hearted. Yes, there are always a few who prefer stoning to forgiving, who will vote for judgment rather than tolerance. But my hope is that we might join the swelling ranks of those who decide that Christlike grace (with all its risks) is so much more effective, we opt for it every time. God honors such an attitude. ~ Charles R. Swindoll, “Grace—A Many-Splendored Thing” in *The Grace Awakening from The Value of Sparrows* webpage.

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