

*Second Sunday of Easter of Divine Mercy  
April 7, 2024*



*Growing  
in Spirit,  
Community,  
and Service*

# Bonnie News

*Franciscan Church of St. Bonaventure*



*Detail from the Maestà Altarpiece, verso (1308-1311) by Duccio di Buoninsegna (c. 1255-1260 - c. 1318-1319, Siena), Tempera and gold on wood. Duomo Museum, Duomo di Siena.*

## *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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## **St. Thomas the Apostle ~ by Malcolm Guite**

“We do not know... how can we know the way?”

Courageous master of the awkward question,  
You spoke the words the others dared not say  
And cut through their evasion and abstraction.  
Oh doubting Thomas, father of my faith,  
You put your finger on the nub of things  
We cannot love some disembodied wraith,  
But flesh and blood must be our king of kings.  
Your teaching is to touch, embrace, anoint,  
Feel after Him and find Him in the flesh.  
Because He loved your awkward counter-point  
The Word has heard and granted you your wish.  
Oh place my hands with yours, help me divine  
The wounded God whose wounds are healing mine.

*- Malcolm Guite, Sounding the Seasons: Poetry for the Christian Year (Norwich: Canterbury Press, 2012), 54.*

## LITURGY & SACRAMENTS

### THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, April 8	9 AM	† Ruth Kelso
Tuesday, April 9	9 AM	† Laura Medel
Wednesday, April 10	9 AM	Special Intention of Catherine Chang
Thursday, April 11	9 AM	Intentions of Barbara and Elaine Chaisson
Friday, April 12	9 AM	† Ray Mitropoulos † David Hui The Friars Rosita Bravo † Lajos Petrak
Saturday, April 13	5 PM	† Victor Pappalardo
Sunday, April 14	8:30 AM	† Grazia Maida
	10 AM	The Parishioners
	12 PM	† Tom Harasti
Sanctuary Lamps	† Frank Fernandes	
	Intention of Celeste Hounkponou,	
	Intention of Kevin Daly	

### 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.

### SOLEMNITY OF THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD ~ TRANSFERRED THIS YEAR

With March 25<sup>th</sup> having fallen within Holy Week this year, the celebration of the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord is transferred to Monday, April 8.

### 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, and + Marilyn Sher.

## 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.

## PRAYER FOR DIVINE MERCY

Eternal God, in whom mercy is endless and the treasury of compassion inexhaustible, look kindly upon us and increase Your mercy in us, that in difficult moments we might not despair nor become despondent, but with great confidence submit ourselves to Your holy will, which is Love and Mercy itself.

## HELPING OTHERS

### CASSEROLES FOR THE GOOD SHEPHERD REFUGE



By now most of us know where the casseroles are donated. The amazing work of The Good Shepherd carried out daily, no day off, is subsidized with the casseroles donated by a number of churches. **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



**Your ShareLife gift is a lifeline to families in need**

Many individuals and families silently suffer from depression, anxiety, grief and trauma. ShareLife-supported Catholic Family Services agencies provide a lifeline to those dealing with mental health challenges. "Your generosity allows us to assist some of the most vulnerable and marginalized members of our community. Without access to free support, they would be left alone and unable to get the help they need. Each donation impacts a life for the better. Thank you." - Elizabeth Pierce, Catholic Family Services of Durham

## 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 April 9<sup>th</sup> 10 AM to 11:30 AM**

**Get Ready to Downsize**

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

The decision to downsize isn't an easy one, but this workshop was created to help empty nesters catch a vision of what it can do for them. We'll explore the motivations to downsize, as well the obstacles, and move toward creating a plan that includes a timeline and possible destination. Consideration will be paid to various property options and deciding which makes the most sense depending on individual wellness, lifestyle and financial goals.

*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 The Decluttering Battle Plan, Best Reno's for Return on Investment and many more topics.*

**Tuesday, April 16<sup>th</sup> 10 AM to 11:30 AM**

**Eucharistic Worship and Synodality: The Mass as Central to our Journey Together ~ Part 2**

**Presented by Gregory Beath**

As the Bishops and lay representatives discern how to develop a Church that is more synodal, we can ask: in what ways does our celebration of Eucharist help us to live the communion, participation and mission envisioned in a Church that journeys together? This is a continuation of the presentation from Feb. 13; please feel free to participate even if you were not present for Part 1.

*Greg is your "resident" pastoral associate responsible for developing faith formation at St. Bonaventure's Church. Presently, he is focused on helping people enter the life of the Church through the evangelization and catechesis envisioned by the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults. He also supports parents in their vital role in the sacramental preparation of their children and their fostering faith in the home. He doesn't do this alone but works with dedicated groups of fabulous volunteers. He has been supporting parish ministry here and throughout the Archdiocese of Toronto for over 22 years. He and his family became parishioners of St. Bonaventure's in the early 1980's.*



## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL



"The Knights of Columbus Council 5080 would like to invite all Catholic Men of the St. Bonaventure parish who would like to find out more about the Knights of Columbus and what we do in this parish to contact us". **You can connect with us in a number of ways:**

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Online - [www.kofc.org](http://www.kofc.org)

## CONSECRATION OF THE FAITHFUL TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY ~ MONDAY, APRIL 8



At this time last year, Pope Francis invited Catholics to renew an act of consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary on the Solemnity of the Annunciation of our Lord that is typically celebrated on March 25<sup>th</sup>. Our Archbishop Francis Leo sees consecration to the Blessed Virgin Mary as a grace-filled opportunity for the people of Toronto to be renewed in the Holy Spirit. Due to the timing of Easter this year, the Annunciation will be celebrated on Monday, April 8<sup>th</sup>. After the 9:00 am Mass on April 8<sup>th</sup> we will have the consecration to our Blessed Mother. It consists of a passage from Scripture with a short reflection, the Apostles' Creed, a decade of the Rosary, the Prayer of Consecration, and some concluding prayers. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

By way of preparation for this consecration, there will be a prayer service at 3:00 pm on Sunday, April 8<sup>th</sup>. This is also Divine Mercy Sunday. This service will underscore Our Lady, under the title of her Immaculate Heart, as an agent of God's mercy in our lives.

## 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.

## ST. CLARE INN GALA - APRIL 27, 2024



Join us on Saturday April 27, 2024, at the Donalda Club for our annual spring gala, Retro 80's Night. Tickets can be purchased on the St. Clare Inn website at [www.stclareinn.com](http://www.stclareinn.com). 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!

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Casseroles for the Good Shepherd Centre, contact  
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## REFLECTION

**“Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.” - John 20:27**

Thomas loved Jesus doggedly, that is for sure. But he feared the dangerous situations that Jesus always walked right into. Thomas’ practical nature looked frankly at them and drew the pragmatic, pessimistic conclusion. Thomas the twin had twin emotions, love and fear.

Is it any wonder, then, that in this Sunday’s Gospel Thomas laid down unflinching requirements for believing in the resurrection? Take a look. His worst fears already had come true: Jesus had been killed. To deal with this sorrow Thomas resolved to accept the death stolidly. He would never slip and talk about his departed friend in the present tense, as if he were still here. Thomas the pragmatist knew that Jesus was dead and gone. He had predicted it.

Then came the new news. “Didymus, Jesus is alive! You were away, but suddenly he stood there among us even though all the doors were locked! He talked to us!” No. NO! Thomas’ heart could not accept it. He wanted it too much. He could not bear to believe it. “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nail marks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe.” (John 20:25)

This is exactly in character for Thomas/Didymus. These tough words are really a protection for a heart that would break in pieces if it were fooled by another false hope. “The only way I would believe such nonsense is if you give me absolute proof.” Jesus gave it. Fingers in nail marks, hand in side.

Thomas had always belonged to Jesus. Yes, he was cynical, but when he got the practical proof he needed, he sank to the ground in heart-rending surrender. “My Lord and my God.”

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