



*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 in Ordinary Time
February 1, 2026

Bonnie News

Franciscan Church of St. Bonaventure



The Sermon on the Mount (1598), Jan Brueghel the Elder (1568 - 1625). Oil on copper. Getty Centre.
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Peace

Peace between neighbours,
Peace between kindred,
Peace between lovers,
In love of the King of life.

Peace between person and person,
Peace between wife and husband,
Peace between woman and children,
The Peace of Christ above all peace.

Bless, O Christ, my face,
Let my face bless everything;
Bless, O Christ, mine eye,
Let mine eye bless all it sees.

Originally from the Carmina Gadelica III, 267. Source:
<https://www.journeywithjesus.net/> quoting from Esther de Waal, editor,
The Celtic Vision (Liguori, MO: Liguori/Triumph, 1988, 2001), pp. 78-79

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LITURGY & SACRAMENTS

THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, February 2	9 AM	† Florinda Ortuoste
Tuesday, February 3	9 AM	† Michael Price
Wednesday, February 4	9 AM	† Mario Chui
Thursday, February 5	9 AM	Intention of Radek Votruba & Family
Friday, February 6	9 AM	Vocations Intention of Marla Zupan Intention of Gerald Blasby † Kenneth Mackinnon Sr. † Margaret Creedon O'Shea † Geoffrey Prabhu † Miguel de los Santos
Saturday, February 7 Sunday, February 8	5 PM	† Shirley Ainsworth Felthman
	8:30 AM	† Kwai Yeung
	10 AM	† Joseph Champagne
	12 PM	Parishioners
Sanctuary Lamps	Bl. Sac.	Personal Intentions
	Bl. Sac.	Intention of Gerald Blasby
	Our Lady	Intention of Marguerite Bourgeois

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, and + Diane Marchisello.

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.



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EUCARISTIC ADORATION & BENEDICTION - MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2 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 in the Mary Chapel from 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm

2:00 Benediction with the Blessed Sacrament (hymn and incensation) followed by reposition

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK - FEBRUARY 7 AND 8, 2026

The ministry of Jesus to the sick is central to the life of the Church. February 11 (Memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes) highlights the healing ministry of the Church. It reminds us that service to the sick and suffering cannot be neglected. It recognizes the great effort of doctors, nurses, health care institutions and pastoral care givers to restore health to those afflicted with illness and disease.

The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated after the 5 p.m. Mass on Saturday, February 7 and after the 12 noon Mass on Sunday, February 8 for: those who are experiencing serious illness, were involved in a serious accident, or who are suffering from chronic infirmity or mental illness; those anticipating surgery or major medical tests; and any elderly person, especially when frailty is pronounced.

HELPING OTHERS

ST. BONAVENTURE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE (CWL) THEME OF THE MONTH

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.

February: Month of Love and Compassion

Visit members in seniors' homes, bring them a care package and pray with them.

ST. BONNIE'S JOYFUL KNITTERS - NEXT MEETING IS FEBRUARY 11 AT 10 AM



Part of the Needlework Guild of Canada, our knitting group at St. Bonaventure's shares our handiwork with those in need, helping to support 22 agencies. Our work is entirely accomplished by volunteers. We meet the second Wednesday of each month in the Francis Room of the Parish Centre. We provide items for infants, toddlers, children, teens, and adults. Knitted items may include hats, mitts, scarves, shawls, etc. Please come and see what we are all about. A friendly group will welcome you. For more information, please call 416-447-5571.

SHARELIFE 2025 CAMPAIGN TOTALS

We raised \$119,992.65, which represents 110.1% of our \$109,000 goal. Congratulations!

This extraordinary milestone was made possible because of your faith, your trust, and your decision to give, even during a year that brought real economic strain for many families and communities.

Through your generous spirit, ShareLife-funded agencies were able to continue walking with those facing hunger, isolation, mental health challenges, family crisis, and displacement—ensuring care reached people when they needed it most. Thank you for your generosity and continued support for ShareLife and the agencies that rely on this support.

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SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL: MOVED BY MERCY, SERVING IN HOPE



Are you called to become a Vincentian?

We can harm or heal those around us in so many ways. It does not need to be a miracle! A greeting, a look, a smile, a touch can bring the peace of Christ to someone in desperate need of reassurance - and no less can they harm and wound. ~HW

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul provides material assistance to those in need. We meet people where they are, listening without judgement, being present, respectful and encouraging.

We need more committed members to volunteer: to help with collecting donations after Mass, to expand our outreach within our parish boundaries, especially to young and expectant mothers, to help with the various duties of running a viable charitable organization. Perhaps you have some time, some expertise, some special gift to share?



We are inviting people into a vocational experience, persons moved by the Gospel. One member, Domenica, said this, "The work of SSVP fills my cup in a world that empties it."

Online and one-to-one orientation and training are provided. A vulnerable sector check is necessary for full membership. For more information, please email Jack or Judy at john.cole@sympatico.ca.

Contact us at [416-447-5571](tel:416-447-5571), ext. 570. Thank you for your continuing prayers, support and generosity. New members warmly welcomed. Vincentians stand with two St. Vincent de Paul boxes after weekend masses. You may also donate through Canada Helps: <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/society-of-st-vincent-de-paul-st-bonaventure-conference/>

"For myself, I became a Vincentian because I wanted to make a difference and help people in need. The reason I stay involved is that my spiritual relationship with God has become stronger while being a Vincentian and I want that relationship with God to continue to become stronger; and I also want to continue being part of helping people in need and giving back to my community. I believe that I will continue to be a Vincentian for as long as I am physically able to do so" ~Unknown

UPCOMING EVENTS

NEWS FROM THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Silver Rose Program - Our Lady of Guadalupe

The Silver Rose, a symbol of prayer, unity, and respect for life, will be visiting St. Bonaventure Parish from February 15 to February 17.

During this time, parishioners are invited to come and spend time in prayer before Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Unborn and of the Americas.

💡 Special Rosary Prayer Evening

Date: Friday, February 16

Time: 7:00 PM

Location: St. Bonaventure Parish

This rosary-centered prayer service is an opportunity to pray for respect for life, the spiritual renewal of our communities, and the intentions of families.

All are warmly invited to attend.

Pancake Breakfast

Breakfast on Sunday, February 15, from 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., at the St. Bonaventure Parish Hall.

Enjoy a delicious breakfast of pancakes, sausages, fruit, and coffee/tea.

 **Tickets: \$10 Adults | \$5 Children (4-12)**

 **Tickets available after all Masses, at the Parish Office, and on the day of the event.**

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- ✉ E-Transfers accepted: send to koc5080treasurer@outlook.com
(E-transfer tickets will be collected at the entrance on event day.)
- 🎁 50/50 Draw during the event.
- rition Please consider donating cans of tuna in support of the local food bank.
Bring your family and friends and support this great parish tradition!

Volunteers Welcome - Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus - St. Francis Council 5080 warmly welcome men and women of our parish who feel called to serve and support our parish and community.

You **do not need to be a Knight** to volunteer. Whether you can help occasionally or more regularly, your time and talents are truly appreciated, and there is a place for everyone to help.

If you are interested or would like more information, please contact us at: GK5080@ontariokofc.ca

Please note that, in accordance with the Knight of Columbus requirements, **all volunteers are required to complete a police background check.**

Thank you for your generosity and for helping us build a stronger, more caring parish community.

DON MILLS RETIREMENT RESIDENCE - MARDI GRAS PANCAKE BRUNCH - FEBRUARY 17, 2026

Tired of the Cold and snow? Join Don Mills as we travel to New Orleans for a Mardi Gras Celebration Pancake Brunch! **Tuesday, February 17, 2026, at 9:30am - 10:30am. 2 Green Belt Drive North York.** To RSVP please call Ewa or Robert at **641-660-1068.**



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!

Next Session:

Tuesday, February 10: Beating the Winter Blues! During this time of year, the effects of *grief* can leave us "frozen in our tracks." In these early months, the world *outside* of us much like the world *inside* of us can be frigid, colourless, silent and still. We often ask ourselves, "How can I manage what I am *feeling*?" "Is there actually *something* to look forward to?" "Will I *endure* until the spring arrives?" Hence in this seminar, Arcangelo explores the *signs and symbolism* of winter. Together, we note certain insights that can in fact, assist us through our seasonal journey.

Arcangelo Limanni is a registered psychotherapist working for Catholic Family Services of Toronto as the New Beginnings Program Promoter. In 2005 he began his studies at the University of St. Michael's College in Toronto and in 2016 obtained a master's degree in religious education. He graduated from the Master of Arts in Counselling Psychology at York University in 2024. He has a special passion for grievers and has personal experience in bereavement, separation/divorce and other unrecognized loss. Through his own experiences and outreach, Arcangelo approaches grief and loss through *enthusiasm, empathy* and *education*. He gives back to the grieving through support group facilitation, public speaking and community engagement.

If you would like more information, e-mail Ministry with Maturing Adults at: mma@st-bonaventure.ca

Save the Dates for the Winter Sessions:

February 24: Church Tour, presented by Gregory Beath

March 10: Lenten Retreat, presented by Trena Finnegan

March 24: St. Francis and the Mystery of Salvation (Stigmata), Presented by Fr. Tom Reist

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REFLECTION

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.” Matt. 5:2

Jesus took special notice of the “disadvantaged” people, as our culture likes to call them. On Sunday we will hear him explain that the most blest people are the poor [in spirit], the ones who grieve, the ones who are meek, the ones hungry and thirsty for fairness [“righteousness”], the merciful, and the peacemakers. It is easier to see why the peacemakers and the merciful and the ones hungering for fairness deserve blessedness. These are people we already admire. But the poor? And those who grieve? Oh, and I forgot about the ones whom people insult and persecute and utter every kind of evil falsely against because of Jesus. Ouch.

Most of us would have compiled just the opposite list. Blest are you if you are rich. Blest are you if never have to grieve over losing someone you love. Blest are you if you are admired and free of enemies and spoken well of at all times. Don’t these sound much more like the good life we want for ourselves and our friends? Yes, in a way. But isn’t there a danger in these wonderful sounding states of life. Riches and honor can be lures that lead away from love. If I am rich I am tempted to let that be my identity, external though it is. If I am highly admired I might well be enticed to believe that I actually am what people say about me. Either of these can lead to pride, which in this case means paying attention only to myself and what pleases me. If this happens, and if it leads to the bad kind of pride, still a quiet voice inside us will cry, “I am your real self and you have covered me over. You are smothering me. Help!”

God loves each of us in this “real self.” It is the part of us that God knows best and loves most. God calls us to be what we really are, persons who are loved as we are, and who love in return. What we own, how honored we feel, how swollen up with pride we are—these are undependable. They get in the way, sometimes tragically. God’s Spirit dwells deeper within us, and if we learn to live from that inner spot we will find we are living lives of peace and fruitfulness. That is why the beatitudes make deep sense. If we do learn to live from the home within us, we will find God’s love there. And we will find also love of others, comfortably dwelling with it. This will be true even if poverty and insults are our external condition. It takes a while to learn, sometimes a great while. Watch Jesus if you want to know what it is like.