



*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

9 am: Monday to Friday

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday: 9 to 10 am

Ministry Centre

Hours

*10 AM– 4 PM
Monday, Wednesday,
Friday
and by appointment on
Tuesday & Thursday*

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*Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 12, 2023*

Bonnie News

Franciscan Church of St. Bonaventure

The Gift of Life

Life is a night all dark and wild,
Yet still stars shine:
This moment is a star, my child –
Your star and mine.

Life is a desert dry and drear,
Undewed, unblest;
This hour is an oasis, dear;
Here let us rest.

Life is a sea of windy spray,
Cold, fierce and free:
An isle enchanted is to-day
For you and me.

Forget night, sea, and desert: take
The gift supreme,
And, of life's brief relenting, make
A deathless dream.

~ Edith Nesbit

“So as far as a human being can, you must do what Christ the Son of God did, and become a promoter of peace both for yourself and for your neighbor. Christ calls the peacemaker a child of God. The only good deed he mentions as essential at the time of sacrifice is reconciliation with one's brother or sister. This shows that of all the virtues the most important is love.”

~ St. John Chrysostom

NEW PARISHIONER 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.

LITURGY & SACRAMENTS

THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, February 13	9 AM	† Vince Turner
Tuesday, February 14	9 AM	† Lily F.W. Chiu
Wednesday, February 15	9 AM	† Robert Beiswanger
Thursday, February 16	9 AM	† David Sullivan
Friday, February 17	9 AM	† Holy Souls in Purgatory Special Intentions Patricia Macdonald Members of the Rodrigues Family
Saturday, February 18	5 PM	† Andrew Woloshen
Sunday, February 19	8:30 AM	Intentions of Tochi Osuji
	10 AM	The Parishioners
	12 PM	† David Tomcik
Sanctuary Lamps	Sherwin Chua	
	Margaret Murphy	
	† Joshua Lopez	

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Couples must contact the Ministry Centre at least one year in advance of the anticipated date. A preparation course is also required.

CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: A NEW TIME AND PLACE FOR CONFESSIONS

Confessions are heard on a weekly basis on Saturdays from 9 to 10 am in the Mary Chapel. In addition, during our monthly Eucharistic Adoration (first Monday of each month) confessions are heard from 1 to 2 pm. Finally, 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

Sundays at the 10 a.m. Mass for children ages 4 to 9 (older children who “missed out” the past two years due to pandemic restrictions may participate.) A parent is welcome to accompany a child who is too shy to participate on their own.

MEMORIAL OF ST. CYRIL AND ST. METHODIUS ~ FEBRUARY 14

Although not as famous as the saint we celebrate popularly today, Valentine, Cyril and Methodius, like Valentine, represent the strength of Christian love, as the strong bond of brotherly love of these two men strengthened them as they spread Christianity among the Slavic peoples of Europe.

Cyril and Methodius were born in the early ninth century in Thessalonica, which is now part of contemporary Greece. Methodius, the elder, was born around 818 AD and Cyril around 827 AD. Some sources claim that they were ethnically Turkish by birth, others that they were Greek. Their father died when they were still young and they were raised by the great preacher Theoktistos, who was not only a revered minister but was a powerful figure in the court of the Emperor.



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Cyril was sent on his first missionary expedition East on his own, while Methodius became an abbot of a monastery. Cyril returned and studied philosophy, while he continued having great influence in the affairs of the empire. The brothers were sent on a mission to Moravia, at the request of Prince Rastislav of Moravia. Moravia had recently rejected paganism and converted to Christianity. But the people needed more instruction in the faith. Cyril and Methodius, imitating Christ's gospel command to journey two-by-two, traveled to Moravia and spread the faith. Furthermore, they created a new alphabet—Glagolitic—to write down the Slavic language, in order that they might receive religious instruction and practice the liturgy in the local tongue. This original alphabet still exists as modern Cyrillic (named after Cyril himself). The brothers worked tirelessly to bring Christianity to the Slavs in their native tongue. They translated the liturgy and most books of the Bible into the Slavonic language.

Cyril died in 869 in Rome and Methodius died several years later in 885, after serving as archbishop of Moravia after his brother's death. The brothers have been celebrated as saints early as the eleventh century, and many Eastern European countries honor them with public holidays. They are the patron saints of Europe and also of Bulgaria, Macedonia, Czech Republic, and Slovakia.

They are witnesses to the creative ability of missionaries to bring the love of God into every culture and to speak the Word of God in rich and beautiful new languages.

Saints Cyril and Methodius, brothers who spread Christianity throughout Eastern Europe—pray for us!

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HELPING OTHERS

CASSEROLES FOR GOOD SHEPHERD REFUGE

Baking a casserole at home in support of The Good Shepherd is a great way to help feed the hungry and be of service to a stranger. Please consider joining this Ministry. Pans and recipes are available for your convenience.

A few of our cooks are on holiday so we need additional casseroles to meet a generous donation of food for the Good Shepherd. The January casseroles totalled 44. Great!! Thank you!! Let's try for 50 in February. Info casseroles@st-bonaventure.ca or call 416-447-5571 ext. 580

FOOD DRIVE IN SUPPORT OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD CENTRE

Help provide meals for homeless and at risk individuals in our community.

Most Needed Items:

Tomato Sauce, Canned Tomatoes, Soup and Stews, Mayonnaise and Mustard, Jams, Granola Bars, Beans, Chickpeas, Canned Corn, Beans, Breakfast Cereals, Peanut Butter, Canned Tuna and Salmon.

Please place non-perishable food items into the baskets at the back of the church. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL



Please assist Vincentians to lift the burdens of others, especially those who struggle to afford the basic necessities of life, and to refresh them with humble care and service.

Your donations to our three poor boxes and through Canada Helps do make a difference. Thank you! Online donations can be made securely through the following link: <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/society-of-st-vincent-de-paul-st-bonaventure-conference/>

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:

+ Gerald Desjardins, + David Hui, + Teresa Brown, + Patricia Docherty, + Nina Jagaric, + FlordeLiz Noriel,
+ Donna McGuinness, + Claudine Fox, + Anita Baker, + Cecily Foss, + Madeline Fotyi, + Anthony Narayan,
+ Dennis Szechy, + Martha Fogh, + Kevin O'Sullivan, + Oliver Figueiredo, + Marcelina Manankil,
and + Mildred Cope

May heaven be theirs and may peace be to those who mourn their passing.

PRAYER NETWORK REQUESTS

Network members pray daily for the intentions which are held in confidence. Let the Prayer Network know when a situation is resolved, and members will offer prayers of thanks. New members are welcome! Call Teresa Krijgsman with your intentions: 416-444-4719.

UPCOMING EVENTS

PANCAKE BREAKFAST & BAKE SALE - SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2023 - AFTER ALL MASSES



Knights of Columbus
Pancake Breakfast
February 19, 2023
Main Hall
After all the Masses
Tickets:
Adults \$7
Children \$3



and

CWL Bake Sale

Shop the sale after breakfast!

Donations of baked goods will be greatly appreciated.

MINISTRY WITH MATURING ADULTS

Nurturing Our Spirituality in the Second Half of Life

TUESDAY MORNINGS: Gatherings on ZOOM at 10:00 - 11:30 am

Next Meeting Dates: February 14, March 14, April 11 and, May 9

Email: mma@st-bonaventure.ca to register

SAVE THE DATE! - ST. CLARE INN GALA ON APRIL 29, 2023



Save the Date

*St. Clare Inn Fundraising Gala
In Person Event
Saturday, April 29, 2023*

More information to follow

CWL LENTEN RETREAT - ALL MEMBERS OF THE PARISH ARE WELCOME!

WATER, LIGHT, & LIFE

REFLECTING ON JOHN'S LENTEN GOSPELS
WITH CHRISTINE WAY SKINNER



Living Water by Judith Fritschman, Healing of the Blind Man - Brian Jenkel, The Raising of Lazarus by Edward Knippers.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2023

9:30 AM - 12 NOON

ST. BONAVENTURE PARISH HALL

HOSTED BY THE ST. BONAVENTURE CWL PARISH COUNCIL
PLEASE REGISTER WITH JILL TONUS
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Casseroles for the Good Shepherd Centre, contact
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Please don't forget to notify us if you have a
change in address or phone number.
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REFLECTION

**"Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets;
I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. ~ Matthew 5:17**

"God revealed commandments to serve as markers on the road of life. God constantly encouraged but did not force [human beings] to remain faithful.

That God-given law is not like a code fixed once and for all in its letter by a faraway lawgiver. It is an expression and a transmission of divine wisdom. Those who meditate on it and live accordingly acquire that wisdom which is not of this world, which leads them into God's very mystery. As centuries rolled on, prophets warned against the ever renewed temptation to reject divine wisdom in favour of human wisdom....

Jesus, anointed by the Spirit, who 'sees the depths of everything, even God's,' has brought all former revelations to their fulfillment. With an unequalled authority, he teaches righteousness according to God. He reveals the true relationship that human beings must have with the Law, purified of all legalism, a law that demands a commitment of the whole being, and of its centre: the heart."

~ From Days of the Lord Vol. 4 Ordinary Time ~ Year A (Collegeville: The Order of St. Benedict, 1992), 62.

May the Lord bless you and keep you!