

*First Sunday of Lent  
February 18, 2024*



*Growing  
in Spirit,  
Community,  
and Service*

# Bonnie News

*Franciscan Church of St. Bonaventure*



Detail of "Jesus Tempted in the Desert" (1886-1894), James Tissot (1836-1902), French, gouache over graphite on gray wove paper. Brooklyn Museum.

## *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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Lord, with you we shall go to the desert,  
driven like you by the Spirit,  
and we shall eat the Word of God,  
and we shall choose our God,  
and we shall celebrate our Pasch in the desert:  
we shall live in the desert with you.

Lord, we shall go to the desert to be healed,  
driven like you by the Spirit,  
and you will remove sin from our hearts,  
and you will cure our ills,  
and we shall celebrate our Pasch in the desert:  
O living one who generates life!

Lord, we shall go to the desert to pray,  
driven like you by the Spirit,  
and we shall taste the silence of God,  
and we shall be reborn in joy,  
and we shall celebrate our Pasch in the desert:  
we shall walk in God's strength.

~ Text by J. Servel (Fiche de chant G 221)

## NEW MINISTRY CENTRE HOURS

Please note, we have posted new hours for the Ministry Centre (parish office). They are: Sundays from 9:30 am to 2:30 pm; Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 9:30 am to 4 pm; and Saturdays from 3 pm to 7 pm. The Ministry Centre will be closed on Thursdays (meetings by appointment only).

## LITURGY & SACRAMENTS

### THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, February 19	9 AM	† David Tomcik
Tuesday, February 20	9 AM	Special intention for Catherine Chang
Wednesday, February 21	9 AM	† Tony Reddy
Thursday, February 22	9 AM	† Marjorie Mitchell
Friday, February 23	9 AM	† George de Gannes † Annie Soans † Dora Di Donato Radek and Christine Vo Truba
Saturday, February 24	5 PM	† Jessica Fitzpatrick
Sunday, February 25	8:30 AM	† Peter Glowczewski
	10 AM	† Neil Pinto
	12 PM	The Parishioners
Sanctuary Lamps    Bl. Sac. Bl. Sac. O.L. Chapel		† Joan Watson
		Intention of Susan Isaac
		† Matt Gleeson

## THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Confessions are heard on a weekly basis on Saturdays from 9 to 10 am in Our Lady's Chapel. In addition, confessions are heard on the first Monday of the month 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.

## 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 and + Matt Gleeson.

## 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.

## A MOTHER'S SOUP

“St. Bonaventure said that after the long fast of our Lord in the desert, when the angels came to minister to him, they went first to the Blessed Mother to see what she had on her stove, and got the soup she had prepared and transported it to our Lord, who relished it all the mother because his mother had prepared it. Of course.”

~ Dorothy Day, quoted in *A Lent Sourcebook: The Forty Days* (Archdiocese of Chicago: LTP, 1990), p. 67.

## ONLINE RESOURCES FOR LENTEN PRAYER, REFLECTION AND RETREATS

From Pray as you Go: “The Cry from the Cross.” The retreat will begin on Wednesday 14th February, with subsequent sessions released weekly on Mondays throughout Lent.

<https://pray-as-you-go.org/series/68-thecryfromthecross>

From Redemptorist Publications (UK): “A Word for Lent Retreat 2024” Online Streaming. Join Fr Denis McBride & Sr Janet Fearn this Lent as they invite you on a journey, a journey with Jesus. Pause for reflection and deeper personal prayer travelling through the Lenten Sunday Gospel with A Word for Lent. This new video series has been created to accompany their best-selling book. Purchase both the book and video to join them on the journey.

<https://www.rpbooks.co.uk/a-word-for-lent-retreat-2024-online-streaming>

Gregorian University Foundation 2024 Lenten Retreat FINDING AND CULTIVATING HOPE IN DIFFICULT TIMES Reflections drawn from the Gospel as well as from personal experiences that can offer participants inspiration, motives and practices for finding and cultivating hope this Lenten season.

<https://gregorianfoundation.org/lenten-retreat-2024/>

Maryknoll Office for Global Concerns: Lenten Reflection Guide 2024: Caring for Creation. Join us for prayer this Lent with reflections on the readings from Ash Wednesday February 14 through Palm Sunday, March 24th. The 2024 Lenten Reflection Guide: Caring for Creation contains reflections, questions, prayers, fasts, and actions based on each week's Gospel reading and the experience of Maryknoll missionaries who have lived and worked with marginalized communities around the world. We invite you to use this guide individually or in small groups to reflect upon your life patterns, to pray more deeply, and renew your spirit to face the realities of our world.

<https://maryknollogc.org/resources/seasonal-scripture-guide/lenten-reflection-guide-2024-caring-creation>

## HELPING OTHERS

### 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/>

**Tax Receipts for SSVV donations have been mailed out this past week.**

**Thank you to all who have donated to help our neighbours in need. Please note that by using a SSVV envelope you receive a tax receipt for \$20 or more in a calendar year. May God Bless your kind hearts.**

## SHARELIFE 2023 CAMPAIGN RESULTS



**Living the Gospel: 2024 Parish Campaign**  
**ShareLife Sunday Collections**  
**March 17 | April 28 | June 2**

### Support our vulnerable youth through ShareLife

In this time of Lent, we ask you to think of our brothers and sisters in need - especially our vulnerable youth who call the streets their home.

“Your gift ensures youth experiencing or at risk of homelessness have access to individualized support and variety of programs and services to meet their complex and diverse needs,” says Mark Aston of Covenant House Toronto. “With your caring support, youth have a safe space to turn to and a supportive team to help them plan their own path.”

Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at [sharelife.org/donate](https://sharelife.org/donate).

## CASSEROLES FOR THE GOOD SHEPHERD REFUGE



Preparing these meals in our homes is a great way to show that we care for our hungry neighbours who depend on the charity of others. If you are new to the parish and would like to join this mission of mercy, pans and recipes are available in the cupboard at the back of the church. Let's keep up the good work. Kindly sign for pans you need.

**A reminder that your casseroles are due at the Ministry Centre by Monday February 26<sup>th</sup>.**

## CWL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE - APPEAL TO ALL PARISHIONERS

If you are aware of any elderly members of the parish who may be experiencing loneliness, isolation or sickness that may render them needful of a compassionate ear we would be happy to reach out to them with a friendly phone call. Kindly contact Rosemary de Gannes at 416 460 1514 or email [rosiedeg04@gmail.com](mailto:rosiedeg04@gmail.com).

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - PANCAKE BREAKFAST - THANK YOU

The Knights of Columbus would like to thank all those who attended the 2024 Pancake Breakfast on Sunday 11th Feb 2024. It was a very successful event and we would also like to thank the CWL for also hosting their bake sale and our various sponsors who helped. **The winning number for the 50-50 Raffle is #35447599, please contact the parish office for your prize.**

## FAMILY DAY, MONDAY FEBRUARY 19, 2024 - THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED





## UPCOMING EVENTS

REFLECTION, REPENTANCE, RENEWAL

# Lent

**You are invited to join the  
St. Bonaventure CWL  
for a Lenten Retreat**


Sunday, February 25, 2024  
From 1:00 to 4:00 pm  
St. Bonaventure Parish Hall  
Tea, Coffee & Light Refreshments will be served

**Friar Tom will lead us in an afternoon of  
reflection, repentance and renewal**

All members of the parish are  
welcome

To rsvp or for more information contact Waveney Duarte at  
[waveneyduarte@rogers.com](mailto:waveneyduarte@rogers.com)




 **World Day of Prayer 2024**

**"I Beg You...  
Bear With One  
Another in Love"**

Ephesians 4:1-3

Artwork by Halima Aziz



**« Je vous en prie,  
supportez-vous les  
uns les autres avec  
amour »**

Éphésiens 4, 1-3

œuvre par Halima Aziz

Worship Service Information


**Saturday March 16, 2024 at 10:30am**

Day, Time

**Donway Baptist Church  
235 The Donway East**

Location

Service written by the World Day of Prayer Committee of Palestine, prepared and adapted for use in Canada by the Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada  
Service rédigé par le Comité JNP de la Palestine, préparé et adapté pour le Canada par le Réseau des chrétiennes du Canada



## CATHOLIC ESTATE PLANNING WEBINAR - SATURDAY FEBRUARY 24, 2024 AT 9 AM

### FREE CATHOLIC ESTATE PLANNING WEBINAR

- **How to avoid problems:** in your Will, in the Powers of Attorney, and through proper Estate Trustee selection
- **How to create your own legacy**
- **About our Catholic traditions around cremation, burials and funerals**

### 3 WAYS TO REGISTER:

1. scan this QR code:
2. follow this QR link: <https://QRCO.de/WebFeb24>
3. send an email to: [Development@ArchToronto.org](mailto:Development@ArchToronto.org) and write "webinar February 24" in the title line + your name(s) in the body of the message.



## CWL -THE JEAN MCCANN SERVICE AWARD FOR YOUTH

This award recognizes and affirms the role played in our Parishes by our confirmed Catholic youth (**ages 15-18**). This award emphasizes the necessity of service to others and shows appreciation to those young people who are taking the gospel message seriously. The applicant's written submission must **1) describe involvement with family, school, community, parish and other activities, 2) explain how he/she uses his/her talents in witnessing Christ and 3) tell us about his/her future plans and anything else that he/she wishes us to know.**

Students interested in receiving detailed information re this contest can contact Céline Massaroni at [cmassaroni10@sympatico.ca](mailto:cmassaroni10@sympatico.ca). submissions are due by **February 25, 2024**.

## 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 Meeting**

**Coffee and Conversation: 9:45 - 10:00 am, Meeting: 10:00 - 11:30 am**

#### **February 27, 2024: The Return of the Prodigal Son: A Lenten Reflection on the book of Henri J. M. Nouwen and the painting of Rembrandt**

The morning will include presentation, music, prayer, small group sharing and a time for reflection as we explore how Henri Nouwen was captivated by this beautiful painting and how we too can enter into the story of that very moving parable.

Facilitated by Trena Finnegan, Coordinator, Ministry with Maturing Adults at St. Bonaventure Parish

**Save the dates: March 5: TBD**

#### **Tuesday March 12, 10AM to 11:30AM: Estate Planning**

Do you have an estate plan? Are you planning to create one? This information session will explain what an estate plan is and the key steps needed to ensure that your assets are distributed in life or after death.

Presented by: Bruce Morrison, CPA CA

Mr. Morrison obtained his Chartered Accountancy designation in 1985. Since that time, he has been the Chief Financial Officer of a number of companies, including Southam, Maple Leaf Foods and the STRONCO Group. In 2017, he established his own financial services firm, BMF, where he specializes in taxation, restructuring and financing. Mr. Morrison teaches professional development courses for CPA Ontario and mentors CPA students. He is a former member of the Finance Committee of the Ontario Heart and Stroke Foundation, and a member of the Granite Club.

#### **Tuesday March 26<sup>th</sup> 10:AM to 11:30AM - Coffee and Conversation (and a little Scripture!)**

Join us on this Tuesday of Holy Week as we enjoy a coffee and a reflection on Holy Week.

Drop in and casual gathering. Stay as long as you like.



## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - CATHOLIC CITIZENSHIP ESSAY CONTEST

The Knights of Columbus invite all parishioner students in grades 8-12 to participate in the Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest. The theme, *"How can the Church evangelize in the digital age?"* prompts reflections on leveraging technology for spreading the Word. Submit a 500 to 750-word essay with parental consent by **May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024**, at the Parish Office. Entry forms and guideline are available at the back of the church or parish office. All participants will be recognized, and winners announced in June.

This is a valuable opportunity to showcase writing skills and reflect on the Church's role in the digital age. We encourage your participation to foster understanding of the Church's evolving mission. Good luck!

## CWL - SPIRITUAL BOUQUET CARD



The Catholic Women's League of Canada  
St. Bonaventure Parish Council  
Spiritual Bouquet for 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Ordinandi Dinner

The CWL is asking people to support The Ordinandi by offering them a spiritual bouquet. If you would like to participate, please select your intention from the list below. Slips are available at the back of the church. Please deposit the completed slip in the box provided. These will be offered up at the Ordinandi Dinner to the newly ordained. Please return them by **March 9, 2024**.

The Ordinand, the Transitional Deacons who study, pray and reside at St. Augustine's Seminary and at Redemptoris Mater Seminary. To honour their call and commitment to service and religious life, please select from the following (one or more):

- I will offer a Mass intention
- I will pray the Rosary
- I will attend Eucharist Adoration
- I will attend Blessed Sacrament visits
- I will complete the Stations of the Cross
- I will offer daily prayer
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

## CATHOLIC FAMILY SERVICES OF TORONTO - BREATHING SPACE ONLINE CAREGIVER PROGRAM



**Breathing Space** is an open 6-week support group to learn skills, develop coping strategies, and provide you support and resources in a safe, welcoming, and non-judgmental environment. Topics include:

1. Maintaining Emotional Balance (Feb 7, 2024)
2. Living a Wholehearted Life While Dealing with Chronic Illness (Feb 14, 2024)
3. I Matter Too: Caregiver Stress and Family Relationships (Feb 21, 2024)
4. Healthcare Resources and System Navigation (Feb 28, 2024)
5. Coping with Illness, Maintaining Independence, and Self Care (Mar 6, 2024)
6. Handling Pain and Suffering; Bereavement and Grief (Mar 13, 2024)

Wednesdays from 2-3 p.m. Online groups on Zoom **For further information and to register, please contact Corina Sumaway, Email: [csumaway@cfstoronto.com](mailto:csumaway@cfstoronto.com) / Phone: 416-921-1163 ext. 2230**



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FOR A PARISH REGISTRATION FORM TO COMPLETE

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[www.saintanthonyofpadua.net](http://www.saintanthonyofpadua.net)

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## REFLECTION

***“After Jesus was baptized, the Spirit drove him out into the wilderness.” - Mark 1:12***

What if we described Lent as a “Retreat”? A retreat, in Catholic and other religions, is a space of days taken out to pray and to be with the Lord. Often one goes to a retreat house to do these....I am not saying that you should disappear to the nearest retreat house for the five weeks of Lent. But what about letting each Lenten day partake of certain retreat practices? For instance, what about setting aside a little time each day to let your insides settle down for a while, to create a space within you to welcome God. Maybe set up a special place in your home or someplace else just to pray. How about a picture or crucifix or maybe a candle? Or just 10 minutes of silence?

And why not use some time to read in advance the gospel from the upcoming Sunday Mass? Sit down, read it slowly, and let the scene described take place within your heart and mind. This week you could ask Jesus how it felt to have the Spirit drive him into the desert, as described in this week’s Gospel.

The point? Let the Lord’s loving deeds be your motivation for “giving up” anything during Lent. Make a gift of gratitude to God—rather than just refraining from something or other. How does any of this prepare you for Holy Week and Easter? By doing exactly what Jesus does when he makes of himself a gift consisting of suffering and death. He is returning a gift of love to the Father. Lent prepares us to witness this reality of our savior.

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