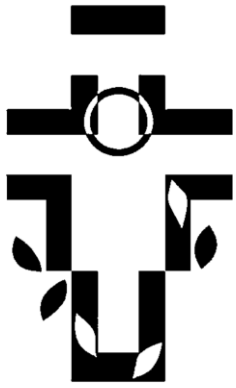


*The Presentation of the Lord
February 2, 2025*



Bonnie News

Franciscan Church of St. Bonaventure

*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

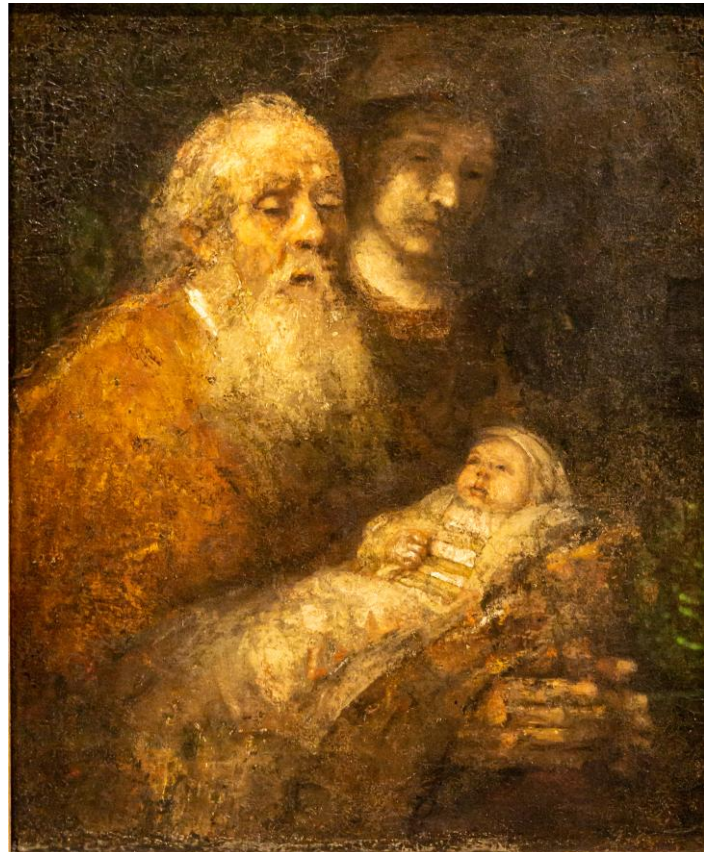
Thursday: Closed

Saturday:

3 pm to 7 pm

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Simeon in the Temple (1669), Rembrandt (1606-1669). Oil on canvas. Nationalmuseum. Sweden. Public Domain. Source: Wikicommons.

Candlemas ~ a sonnet by Malcolm Guite

They came, as called, according to the Law.
Though they were poor and had to keep things simple,
They moved in grace, in quietness, in awe,
For God was coming with them to His temple.
Amidst the outer court's commercial bustle
They'd waited hours, enduring shouts and shoves,
Buyers and sellers, sensing one more hustle,
Had made a killing on the two young doves.
They come at last with us to Candlemas
And keep the day the prophecies came true
We glimpse with them, amidst our busyness,
The peace that Simeon and Anna knew.
For Candlemas still keeps His kindled light,
Against the dark our Saviour's face is bright.

LITURGY & SACRAMENTS

THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, February 3	9 AM	† Martin Frank
Tuesday, February 4	9 AM	† Selvyn and Patricia Squire
Wednesday, February 5	9 AM	† John S.K. Lee
Thursday, February 6	9 AM	† Margaret Ward
Friday, February 7	9 AM	Intention of Frances Fong Intention of June Yee † Lino Ammaturo † Paul Crawford † Willi Notarius † The Souls in Purgatory
Saturday, February 8	5 PM	† Carrie Tan
Sunday, February 9	8:30 AM	† Marie Desjardins
	10 AM	Intentions of Aileen and Erica Geromo
	12 PM	The Parishioners
Sanctuary Lamps	Bl. Sac.	Intentions of Joyce De Gannes
	Bl. Sac.	† Edward Baker
	Our Lady	Intentions of Joyce De Gannes

LITURGY OF THE WORD WITH CHILDREN

Liturgy of the Word with Children is celebrated at the 10 a.m. Mass for children ages 4-9.

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.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION & BENEDICTION - MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3RD 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.

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 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

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 and + Edward Baker

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.

THE JUBILEE PRAYER ~ REFLECTION ON THE VERSES



Last weekend, cards with the Jubilee Prayer were available at the entrances of the church. This weekend we begin a reflection on each of the verses of the prayer.

Today's verse: Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother..."

The Jubilee Prayer begins by invoking God as our Father in heaven with the same familial and trusting closeness that is reminiscent of the Lord's Prayer. The prodigious goodness of the Father is experienced and known through the gift of faith that is given to us. All life is gift from God. So, too, faith is a gift from God. We can only believe that Jesus Christ is the

Son of God and our Saviour because the Father gives us the gift of faith and we receive this gift with openness. With the heart's ascent, we discover Jesus as our brother. Through the gift of faith, we come to know that the Father is generous, close to us, and we belong to the family of God.

This week, take a moment to give thanks to God for the gift of faith given to you. Give thanks, too, for the people who have helped nurture and sustain your faith.

A PRAYER FOR CANDLEMAS

The darkness is still with us, O Lord. You are still hidden and the world which you have made does not want to know you or receive you. You are still the hidden child in a world grown old. You are still obscured by the veils of this world's history, you are still destined not to be acknowledged in the scandal of your death on the cross. But I, O hidden Lord of all things, boldly affirm my faith in you. In confessing you, I take my stand with you. If I make this avowal of faith, it must pierce the depths of my heart like a sword, I must bend my knee before you, saying, I must alter my life. I have still to become a Christian. (Karl Rahner, Prayers for Meditation.)

HELPING OTHERS

CASSEROLES FOR THE GOOD SHEPHERD REFUGE - YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Our casserole makers are part of a collective effort to serve, individuals facing hunger, who come to the Good Shepherd for a daily meal. The need is great!! We invite you to consider being a casserole maker. We welcome new volunteers to join in this Mission of Mercy. Recipes and pans are available in the cupboard at the back of the church. Please drop off your January casseroles by February 24. Thank you in advance!

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL - YOUR DONATIONS HELP !



We received a thank you card from one of our Neighbours in Need. We have permission to share the message of gratitude with our parishioners through the bulletin. These are the words in the card ...

"To all the sponsors and volunteers and people who support this cause.

Thank you so much for being so kind, caring and compassionate and generous to the families who are really in need. There are families who unfortunately struggle a lot due to mental health issues and physical health issues and cannot do things that makes their ends meet. So, helping us during our crisis and also, during festive times is very helpful. Thank you for everything." Sabrina and Family



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/>

UPCOMING EVENTS

A CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE IN THE ARCHDIOCESE OF TORONTO FEBRUARY 8/9



As part of Marriage Sunday 2025 celebrations, Bishop Ivan Camilleri will preside at a special Mass to honour married couples, with special recognition for those celebrating 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th and 60+ wedding anniversaries in 2025. The Mass will take place at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, February 9, 2025 at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica (65 Bond Street, Toronto). All married couples will have an opportunity to renew their marriage commitment. All are welcome to attend. *Couples celebrating a 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or 60+ anniversary in 2025 may register for reserved seating.* All other seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. Those who are unable to attend

at the Cathedral are invited to join the celebration via [livestream Mass](#). The broadcast will begin at 2:15 p.m. Registration and other important information can be found at: www.archtoronto.org/marriage.

We extend special thanks to married couples throughout the archdiocese, who, through their witness, remain a shining example of faith, commitment and love!

PARISH ENVELOPES

The remaining 2025 parish envelope boxes have been moved into the Ministry Centre. Please visit the Ministry Centre to pick up your envelopes.

2024 DONATION TAX RECEIPTS WILL BE MAILED OUT WEEK OF FEBRUARY 10TH, 2025

In preparation for processing the tax receipts, please call the office at 416-447-5571 or email us at admin@st-bonaventure.ca by February 7th, to update any changes to your contact information, any changes to your address or your email address, if you wish to receive your receipt by email.

MINISTRY WITH MATURING ADULTS



With a focus on nurturing our spirituality in body, mind and spirit in the second half of life and finding meaning and purpose in our daily life, always with a spirit of gratitude and practicing welcoming and hospitality to those we encounter each day in our families, communities and beyond.

We hope 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! There is no need to pre-register for these events below. Just come and you will be warmly welcomed! And feel free to invite a friend! If you would like more information, email: Trena Finnegan, Coordinator Ministry with Maturing Adults: trena@st-bonaventure.ca

Tuesday February 4th, 10:00AM to 11:30AM - Main Hall

Downsizing Property Options - Not just Condos

Condos are a safe, convenient and affordable downsizing option, but they certainly are not the only one! Join me as I share property options beyond just a condo apartment. We'll cover:

- condo and freehold senior friendly housing
- the pros and cons of buying vs renting
- financial considerations for each option presented

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

Tuesday February 18th 10:00AM to 11:30AM- Main Hall

Cultivating an Attitude of Gratitude and experiencing Joy in Life's second Act

We continue exploring the needs that Sr. Schaeffler identifies in her writings and focus on the need to be grateful as we live out our life in the second act.

We will spend time in small groups, pondering, wondering and discussing these needs with guided questions.

We will then explore and share in the large group creative ways to practice, celebrate and live out these needs so that we can continue to enjoy life to the full.

Facilitated by: Trena Finnegan, Coordinator - Ministry with Maturing Adults

Tuesday March 4th, 10:00AM to 11:30AM - Main Hall

Preparation for Ash Wednesday, March 5th, Lenten Reflection - *The Woman at the Well, John 4:1 - 42*

An Encounter with a Loving and Compassionate God

We will spend the morning reflecting on this Lenten scripture passage and have a time where we are led into the "desert" to look at our inner selves. There will be a time for coffee and sharing in small groups together.

Facilitated by: Trena Finnegan, Coordinator - Ministry with Maturing Adults

Tuesday March 18th, 10:00AM to 11:30AM - Main Hall

Living Out Our Time and Talent Using God's Gifts

During this morning session we will hear from parishioners and others who are using the time and talent that God has given them and in turn they are experiencing a deepening of their faith and being energised. This time of reflection will help us use our own time and talent in the second half of life. We look forward to a joy filled and fun filled morning together!

"We are gifted in certain ways and sometimes we don't even realize it. Perhaps this is an occasion, an opportunity, to ask, 'How am I gifted?'" - Archbishop Francis Leo

Facilitated by: Trena Finnegan, Coordinator - Ministry with Maturing Adults

Save the Dates: April 8th, April 22nd, May 6th, May 20th.

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REFLECTION

“...and a sword will pierce your own soul too.” Luke 2:35

Today, the monks are doing something that seems futile, and a bit foolish. They are blessing candles, all the candles they'll use during worship for the coming year. It's good to think of the light hidden inside those new candles; walking to prayer each morning in the bitter cold, I know that the light comes earlier now. I can feel the change, the hours of daylight increasing. The ground has been covered by snow since Thanksgiving: in this climate, I'll seize hold of any bit of hope, even if it's monks saying prayers over candles.

The reading from Karl Rahner, at morning prayer, came as a shock. To hear so esteemed a theologian cry out, “I have still to become a Christian,” was humbling. The words have stayed with me all day. I wonder if one of the reasons I love the Benedictines so much is that they seldom make big noises about being Christians. Though they live with the Bible more intimately than most people, they don't thump on it, or with it, the way gorillas thump on their chests to remind anyone within earshot of who they are. Benedictines remind me more of the disciples of Jesus, who are revealed in the gospel accounts as people who were not afraid to admit their doubts, their needs, their lack of faith. “Lord, increase our faith,” they say. “Teach us to pray.” They kept getting the theology wrong, and Jesus, more or less patiently, kept trying to set them straight. Except for Peter, the disciples were not even certain who Jesus was: “Have I been with you all this time, and still you do not know me?” Jesus asks in the Gospel of John, not long before he's arrested and sentenced to death.

Maybe because it's the heart of winter, and the air is so cold that it hurts to breathe, the image of the sword from Luke's gospel comes to mind as I walk back home after vespers. We've heard it twice today, at morning prayer and at Mass. I wonder if Mary is the mother of *lectio*, because as she pondered her life and the life of her son, she kept Simeon's hard prophecy in her heart. So much that came easily in the fall has become a struggle this winter. I still walk to morning prayer - it seems necessary to do - but it requires more effort now. Still I know that it is nothing that I do that matters, but what I am, what I will become. Maybe Mary's story, and this feast, tell us that if the scriptures *don't* sometimes pierce us like a sword, we're not paying close enough attention.

- Kathleen Norris, *The Cloister Walk*. (New York: Riverhead Books, 1997), 114.

May the Lord bless you and keep you!