



*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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*Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 23, 2025*

Bonnie News

Franciscan Church of St. Bonaventure



*St Francis Giving his Mantle to a Poor Man (1297-1299), Giotto (1266-1337), Fresco.
Basilica d'Assisi. Source: Wikicommons, Public Domain.*

Good Measure by Malcolm Guite

More than good measure, measure of all things
Pleroma overflowing to our need,
Fullness of glory, all that glory brings,
Ungessed-at blessing, springing from each seed,
Even the things within the world you make
Give more than all they have for they are more
Than all they are. Gifts given for the sake
Of love keep giving; draw us to the core,
Where love and giving come from: the rich source
That wells within the fullness of the world,
The reservoir, the never spent resource,
Poured out in wounded love, until it spilled
Even from your body on the cross;
The heart's blood of our maker shed for us.

LITURGY & SACRAMENTS

THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, February 24	9 AM	† Patrick Chu
Tuesday, February 25	9 AM	† Peter Glowczewski
Wednesday, February 26	9 AM	In thanksgiving, Mercedes Alon
Thursday, February 27	9 AM	† Gregoria and Melencio Bustos
Friday, February 28	9 AM	Intentions of Breda Loganadhan Brothers, Sisters and Benefactors of the Order † Ivy Lyn † Grazia Maida † Fr. Ramon Torres † Joza Jani
Saturday, March 1 Sunday, March 2	5 PM	† Peter Glowczewski
	8:30 AM	The Parishioners
	10 AM	† Annie Soans
	12 PM	† George De Gannes
Sanctuary Lamps	Bl. Sac.	† Peter Glowczewski
	Bl. Sac.	† Stephen Lobo
	Our Lady	Intentions of Vinodh Loganadhan

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, MARCH 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.

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.

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, + Edward Baker and + Joyce De Gannes

THE JUBILEE PRAYER ~ REFLECTION ON THE VERSES



We continue our reflection on each of the verses of the Jubilee Prayer.

Today's verse: "May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel."

As a child, it was always a pleasure to help my dad prepare and seed his vegetable patch once the danger of frost had passed. Dad encouraged and apprenticed me into the gentle work of gardening. The soil was tilled with the addition of peat moss, topsoil and manure. A plan of the garden was drawn up indicating what type of vegetable seed would be sown and where. We made neat parallel lines in the soil using two sticks and a length of twine as a guide. The lines were then dug into at different depths according to the directions on the seed packets. Various seeds were sown into the furrows and the soil pushed over to cover. Next came the watering and waiting. As the seed sprouted, we spent time thinning out some of the seedlings to give the rest more room to grow. We lay boards over the bed so that we could reach the centre of the garden without treading on the new growth. More watering, weeding, pest control, and tilling between the furrows met with eager anticipation. We'd hope for a harvest throughout the summer months and were eventually rewarded with fresh vegetables for the table until the late autumn. Well worth the effort!

Pope Francis, borrowing imagery from Jesus's parables, identifies us as holy gardeners: cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. God provides the seed: Good News of God's unconditional love for us and all creation revealed through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. The message of this Good News is flung out into the world through the community of believers activated and sustained by the gift of the Holy Spirit. There is a promise of a bountiful harvest of justice, peace, forgiveness, healing and eternal communion. Our God-given responsibility is to spare no effort in nurturing this seed of Good News in our lives and wherever we see the Word of God beginning to spout around us. We can only do this by relying completely upon God's presence and prayerfully nurturing our relationship with the One who activates within us both the desire to be co-workers in the garden and the efforts to tend the seedlings of the reign of God sprouting in our midst.

Have you ever thought of yourself as a gardener of the Good News? Where can you sow seeds of hope? Have you noticed evidence of the Kingdom of God sprouting forth? Can you nurture this new growth? How do you remain close and receptive to God's loving strength and presence? How do you tend the soil of your heart?

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.

HELPING OTHERS

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



Thank you to all who make the casseroles and to those who serve at the Good Shepherd in this outreach mission of mercy. If you have made a casserole in the past and are able to assist again, please help us out. Each casserole is important to the contribution from the St. Bonnie cooks. This need is always present. New cooks are welcome. Recipes are easy to follow and are available along with pans in the cupboard at the back of the church. Please drop off your casserole on or before 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

TEA-TIME THEOLOGY: "ONWARDS & UPWARDS!" THE SYNODAL PROCESS BEYOND OCTOBER 2024

Presented by Sister Gill Goulding, CJ, who brings a wealth of experience and expertise. As a member of the Theological Commission of the Secretariat of the Synod, she contributed to the preparatory document, the *Vademecum*, and the *Document for the Continental Stage*. Her insights promise to shed light on how we can live the Synodal process well beyond October 2024.

This series will follow Regis College's *Windows on Theology* format, taking place every Wednesday from **March 12 to April 9**, from **11:00 AM to 12:45 PM**. The course will be offered in a hybrid format, with in-person sessions, live-streaming, and recorded options available to ensure accessibility for all.

Five Wednesdays 03/12/2025 - 04/09/2025, Regis College, 100 Wellesley St W., in St. Joseph Chapel.

Admission: \$160

You can register by going to:

<https://regis.app.neoncrm.com/np/clients/regis/eventRegistration.jsp?event=1096&>

“PILGRIMS OF HOPE” REGIONAL MASS - TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25TH, 7:00PM



You are invited to attend The Jubilee Year 2025
“Pilgrims of Hope” Regional Mass at St. Edward the Confessor Parish
Tuesday February 25th. 7:00PM

His Eminence Frank Cardinal Leo, The Archbishop of Toronto, will preside at this Mass for the Central Region of the Archdiocese, as we celebrate the Jubilee Year. It also offers an opportunity to give thanks for the elevation of our Archbishop to the College of Cardinals.

A plenary indulgence is available for those who attend this Jubilee Mass. Condition and further information can be found at: www.archtoronto.or/jubilee Confessions will be heard from 5:30 PM to 6:45 PM

St. Edward the Confessor Parish
75 Churchill Avenue, North York ON M2N 1Y8

ONTARIO ELECTION GUIDE 2025 BY CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF TORONTO

A provincial election is set for Thursday, February 27th, 2025. Catholic Charities Archdiocese of Toronto urges all eligible voters to make their voices heard and cast their ballots on Election Day. To help us navigate the key issues and make informed decisions, Catholic Charities teamed up with their Social Justice Committee to create a concise election guide. This guide highlights the most pressing concerns in our communities and poses the right questions to consider. Printed copies are available at the back of the church. You may also read the document online by going to: <https://ccat.ca/>

ANNUAL MANRESA WEEKEND RETREAT FOR MEN, MARCH 14-16



Theme: *The Wisdom of Henri Nouwen: Guidance for the Lenten Journey*
Henri Nouwen was a Dutch-born Catholic priest, a professor, and a psychologist, as well as a spiritual guide and writer. He wrote with great openness about faith, spiritual development, prayer, and other aspects of our journeys with God. One of his greatest gifts was his ability to help people connect with their vulnerabilities in order to grow in trust and intimacy.

This Lenten retreat will consider this and other common themes in Nouwen's writing, such as being the beloved of God, giving and receiving forgiveness, growing in hope, and accepting one's limitations. The focus will be on providing concrete ways to incorporate these ideas into our prayer lives.

When: Friday, March 14 - Sunday, March 16, 2025

Location Manresa Jesuit Renewal Centre 2325 Liverpool Rd., Pickering, Ontario L1X 1V4 (at top of Liverpool Rd., N. of Finch) Facilitator: Fr. Kevin Kelly, S.J.

Suggested Offering: \$ 260.00 pp (Includes your two night's accommodation, meals, retreat program and spiritual direction.)

For more information contact Manresa: 905-839-2864 To register: <https://manresa-canada.ca/events/>

SAVE THE DATE: SUNDAY, MARCH 2, 2025 - ANNUAL PANCAKE BREAKFAST AND BAKE SALE



Pancake Breakfast & CWL Bake Sale

Sunday March 2, 2025, after each of the Masses.

Adults: \$7 and Children (ages 4-7) \$3



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

Please note the following change of date & programme content. We apologies for any inconvenience.

Revised: Tuesday March 11th, 10:00AM to 11:30AM - Main Hall (March 4th is cancelled)

A Lenten Journey from Loneliness to Solitude: I Matter Because God Created me to Matter!

Loneliness is one of the greatest spiritual epidemics of our times. Believing that I am a beloved child of God, is one of the strongest antidotes. When we feel lonely, we become hostile toward ourselves and others. We begin to believe that we do not matter. Feeling small and irrelevant we live in an illusion of fear and disconnect. Lent is an opportunity, a moment in time, when we can change the way we look at things and spiritually grow. A time when we can move from loneliness to solitude by embracing the Lenten pillars of fasting, almsgiving and prayer. Drawing on the writings of Fr. Henri Nouwen, Deacon Michael Carrera invites us to connect with the power of God's grace and optimally prepare our hearts this Lent to welcome the resurrected Lord.

Michael Carrera is a Permanent Deacon in the Archdiocese of Toronto and currently serves at St. Benedict's Parish in Etobicoke. He has a master's degree in exercise science and has authored and co-authored four books: Periodization Strength Training for Sports (2nd ed.), The Catholic Workout book and DVD, Conditioning Young Athletes and his first book of fiction, Soul Winner. Soul Loser. A Remarkable Story of Finding Meaning in the Wisdom of the Day. Two of his books have been translated into multiple languages. He can be reached at www.freedombench.com or on Instagram @freedombench

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

Life in the Blue Zones of the World

Would you like to discover the secrets to living to 100? Explore with us the Blue Zones in the regions of the world that are home to the longest living and healthiest populations. Join us for a dynamic presentation that will introduce you to the foods, cultures, and ways of living from these special regions in Italy, Japan, and Costa Rica just to name a few! Featuring food, music, and lots of lively discussions. You don't want to miss this wonderful morning as we travel the world together!

Presentation by: Jane Teasdale, Joint Owner and Director Business Development and Community Relations, Mosaic Home Care Services & Community Resource Centre. Accompanying her is Lauren McNair, Senior Community Resource and Social Engagement Coordinator. Website: www.mosaichomecare.com

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

SNOW SHOVELING FOR SENIORS



Students at Hawthorn School are available to assist with snow shoveling. If you are a senior and require some help, please contact the school.

For more information: Contact Queenie Yu at 416-444-3054 or gyu@hawthornschool.com

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CWL INITIATIVE FOR 2025: SHARE THE WORDS

The Catholic Women's League of Canada means many things to people. Our core values of faith, service and social justice guide us as we follow Catholic teaching, provide service locally, nationally and internationally, and work to advocate for social justice.

8 Confidence

The Catholic Women's League relies on the teachings of the Catholic church to guide it. As a member you can be confident that what you do will further God's kingdom here on earth. Be confident - come walk with us!

CWL GENERAL MEETING, THURSDAY FEBRUARY 27 AT 7 PM - MAIN HALL



Catholic Women's League of St Bonaventure - Welcomes all Catholic Women!

We are Acceptance, Action, Advocacy, Belonging, Change, Charity, Compassion and Confidence

Please consider becoming a member of the Catholic Women's League. It has all these values at the heart of its mission.

Please join us for our next general meeting on February 27th, 2025, at 7pm in the Parish Hall.
Theme
Jubilee Year 2025: Pilgrims of Hope.

SPIRITUAL BOUQUETS FOR THE 2025 ORDINANDI

On Feb 22, the CWL will be collecting Ordinandi Spiritual Bouquets to present to the Transitional Deacons who study, pray and reside at St. Augustine's Seminary and at Redemptoris Mater Seminary, who with God's grace will be ordained to the priesthood this year, and to hear their unique call to the priesthood. Please see the notice board at the back of the church for the offering pamphlet. Once it's complete, please drop it into the clear plastic card box at the back of the church, near the bulletin board.

MARY MATTHEWS PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST WINNERS

First Place: Aila Riajskikh, grade 8, Hawthorn School - Her topic is King Tutankhamen. Aila won the North York Regional level competition and will be continuing to the Toronto Diocesan Competition on March 1 at St. Roch's Parish. Congratulations and Good Luck!

Second Place: Violet Willemse, grade 7, St. Bonaventure School - Her topic was The Impact of Cancer. N.B. Violet is the daughter of Anna Della Rocca, granddaughter of Madeline Della Rocca, long-time parishioners at our parish.

Third Place: Aimilia Manali, grade 7, Hawthorn School - Her topic was Character Development.

Thank you to all the participants, the coordinators and the judges.

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REFLECTION

“Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you.” Luke 6:27

In the Gospel Reading, Jesus commands us to love our enemies. In other words, every one of us is commanded to love each person who counts as an enemy to us. Many people suppose that no one except a saint could fulfill this command. Other people think that this command is nothing more than permission to connive with evil, because if you love your enemy instead of clobbering him, you enable him to continue his wrongdoing. But consider what love is. As Aquinas explains it, love consists in two desires: (1) a desire for the good for the beloved person, and (2) a desire for union with that person. So, a person Paula loves her enemy Jerome only if she desires the good for Jerome and union with Jerome.

But now notice that what the good for Jerome is will depend on Jerome. Desiring Jerome’s good requires Paula’s foregoing punishment for him if that would be for his good—or insisting on punishment for him if *that* would be for his good. What is best for Jerome is whatever it takes to bring him to a morally good condition in mind and will; and that might include Paula’s calling the police to arrest him.

For this same reason, Paula’s desire for union with Jerome need not include a desire for companionship with him. If Jerome is entirely unrepentant, then Paula’s desire for union with him should not involve a willingness to be in his company. In that worst case, Paula’s desire for union with Jerome can appropriately come to no more than the desire that Jerome will repent and reform, so that companionship becomes a possibility for them.

The desire of love is a desire to be at one with the beloved person, but you can be unified with a person only if you each love the good. The proverb says that there is no honor among thieves, but there is no unity among them either. To love your enemy, then, is not to enable him to continue to do morally wrong acts against you or anybody else either. If you want what is good for your enemy, you will want for him what you want for yourself: to be a person who has love for the Lord and obedience to him. And if you want union with your enemy, you won’t want him to go to hell because he has hurt you. You will be glad if in love and obedience to the Lord, he finds his way to heaven too. So that is what it is to love your enemy. Each one of us can do this, can’t we?

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May the Lord bless you and keep you!