



*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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*First Sunday of Lent
February 26, 2023*

Bonnie News

Franciscan Church of St. Bonaventure

Wisdom from the Desert Fathers and Mothers

The revered desert elder Abba Poemen, once said:

The nature of water is yielding;
whereas the character of stone is that it is hard.
Still, if you suspend a bottle filled with water
above a stone so that the water can drip,
drop by drop on the stone,
eventually it will wear a hole in the stone.

In a similar way
the Word of God is so tender,
and we are hard-hearted.
Yet,
when people are able
to frequently hear the Word of God,
their hearts can be opened
and they shall have a sense of awe with respect to God
and they will be changed.

~ from Robert J. Wicks, "Crossing the Desert" (Notre Dame, IN: Sorin Books, 2007), pp. 120-121.

"The season of Lent has a twofold character: primarily by recalling or preparing for baptism and by penance, it disposes the faithful, who more diligently hear the word of God and devote themselves to prayer, to celebrate the paschal mystery."

~ from the *Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy*, par. 109.

"God's word ousts all sorts of illusions that threaten to more or less vitiate Lenten practices. Prophets and Jesus never cease to vigorously denounce them: ostentation, vainglory, feigned justice. The Scriptures read during Lent proclaim the sorts of fasting and Lent that are pleasing to God and make us holy because they are inspired by love of God and neighbour."

~ Days of the Lord, Vol. 2: Lent, (Collegeville, MN: Liturgical Press, 1993,) pg. 38.

NEW PARISHIONERS 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 27	9 AM	† Maureen Talley and one forgotten soul in Purgatory
Tuesday, February 28	9 AM	† Ivy Lyn
Wednesday, March 1	9 AM	† Peter Glowczewski
Thursday, March 2	9 AM	† Mildred Cope
Friday, March 3	9 AM	† Louisa Ihekaire † Grazia Maida Intentions of Juanita Waithe
Saturday, March 4	5 PM	The Parishioners
Sunday, March 5	8:30 AM	† Norma Manebo Reyes
	10 AM	† Alicja Karwowska
	12 PM	† Ralph Daniel
Sanctuary Lamps		† Norma Manebo Reyes
		† Douglas Woollings
		† George De Gannes

RITE OF ELECTION

This Sunday at 2:30 p.m., the Rite of Election will be celebrated in the four regions of the Archdiocese. Two young parishioners, who are preparing for full Christian Initiation at the Easter Vigil, will celebrate the Rite of Election at the Cathedral with our Auxiliary Bishop of the Central Region: Bishop Robert Kasun. Please pray for Aidan and James this day and during Lent.

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.

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.

2022 DONATION TAX RECEIPTS

Our receipts are being printed by the Archdiocese of Toronto this week and they will be mailed out directly to you. Please be patient since they are handling a large quantity.

Thank you for your generosity and for your continued support of the parish!



LENTEN SCHEDULE

Stations of The Cross

Each Friday during Lent after the 9 AM Mass
March 31st at 7 PM

Parish Day of Reconciliation

Wednesday March 22
9:30 to 10:30 AM
12 to 1 PM
7 to 8 PM

Eucharistic Adoration with Benediction

Monday, March 6 at 12:30
Monday, April 3 at 12:30

LENTEN RESOURCES

The Kid's Bulletin

<https://thekidsbulletin.com/>

Pray as You Go

Lent Retreat 2023: The Jerusalem Journey
<https://pray-as-you-go.org/series/59-lentretreat2023thejerusalemjourney>

Virtual Stations of the Cross

Recorded at St. Bonaventure
February 2021

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KK85ybl8L1A>

Be inspired each day of Lent! Lent with St. Clare reflections

Experience **daily** Lenten messages sent right to your inbox!

Each morning, you will receive:

- a timely reflection on the season inspired by the life and legacy of St. Clare of Assisi,
- a prayer to inspire you each day, and videos to enrich your Lenten experience!

<https://www.franciscanmedia.org>

Pray

Pray everyday during this Lent

<https://hallow.com/lent>

Pope Francis' Message for Lent 2023

Salt & Light Media

<https://slmedia.org/blog/popes-message-for-lent-2023>

HELPING OTHERS

ANNOUNCING THE 2023 SHARELIFE CAMPAIGN - LIVING THE GOSPEL

Living the Gospel: 2023 Parish Campaign
ShareLife Sunday Collections
March 26 | April 30 | June 4



As we approach our first ShareLife Sunday collection on March 26, we ask you to reflect on the Parable of the Good Samaritan.

The parable challenges us: if a brother or sister reaches out for help, will we treat them like our neighbour or keep them at arm's length? Through your kind generosity to ShareLife, you reach out to others at the side of the road.

Your act of love will make a tangible difference in the life of others. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at <https://sharelife.org/donate/>

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. Please drop off at the Ministry Centre no later than 10 a.m. on Monday, February 27.

Info casseroles@st-bonaventure.ca or call 416-447-5571 ext.580

"Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food...?"

"Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." (cf Mt. 25:31-46)

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.

2023 REFUGEE SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM FOR FAMILY MEMBERS OF PARISHIONERS

ORAT announces its 2023 Refugee Sponsorship Program for Parishioners. It is a program that is designed to assist parishioners sponsor family members in need of refugee resettlement. Details of this program are available. Please contact the Ministry Centre at 416-447-5571 for more information.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL



The person who shows love and compassion to those in any kind of affliction is blessed, not only with the virtue of good will but also with the gift of peace... Those who are unequal in their capacity to give can be equal in the love within their hearts. ~St. Leo the Great, pope

Vincentians strive to assist persons and families in need in our parish and surrounding community by providing gift cards for food and other essentials. Please pray for our neighbours in need and continue with your generosity to our SSVP boxes for the less fortunate and securely online through CanadaHelps <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/society-of-st-vincent-de-paul-st-bonaventure-conference/>

Our confidential helpline is accessible 24 hours by calling **416-447-5571, ext. 570**

SHARE LENT 2023 - DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE: STAND FOR THE LAND



Week 1: February 26

Development and Peace: a movement of solidarity



Established in 1967, Development and Peace – Caritas Canada is the official international solidarity organization of the Catholic Church in Canada.

We partner with organizations in the Global South that promote alternatives to unjust social, political and economic structures and support women in their quest for equality and justice.

With the help of our 11,000+ volunteer members, we inform Canadians about the root causes of impoverishment and mobilize them to act for change. Our Lenten campaign, *Stand for the Land* focuses on people's defence of their territories in Colombia and Honduras.

To learn more about our movement and to join us, visit devp.org.

Help us to follow your footsteps, to be bearers of the Good News.

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,
+ Mildred Cope, + Raneer Nadarajah, + Douglas Woollings, and + George De Gannes

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

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: April 11 and, May 9
Email: mma@st-bonaventure.ca to register

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



St. Clare Inn Fundraising Spring Gala

Join Us on Saturday April 29, 2023
6:30pm to 10:30 pm
The Donalda Club
12 Bushbury Dr, North York, ON M3A 2Z7

Featuring great food, live entertainment, door prize, silent and live auctions, raffle draw, and 50/50 draw.

Tickets are \$115.00 and can be purchased via eventbrite (<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/the-secret-garden-gala-come-join-the-fun-tickets-554490093797>), or by calling the office at 416.690.0330, or by emailing us at info@stclareinn.org.

2023 WORLD DAY OF PRAYER - SATURDAY, MARCH 18TH

The CWL invites everyone to the 2023 World Day of Prayer ("WDP") event hosted by our parish this year on March 18th, 9:30am to 1:00 pm. WDP is a prayer movement that invites us to enrich our faith experience with the experience of Christians from other countries and cultures to bring hope to women touched by injustice. This year's service is written by the WDP Committee of Taiwan. Several other local churches will be participating with us. If you would like to attend or have questions, please contact Jill Tonus at jilltonus@gmail.com or 416-473-6523.

CONGRATULATIONS ON A SUCCESSFUL EVENT!

Congratulations to the Knights of Columbus and the CWL for planning a successful Pancake Breakfast and Bake Sale!

Thank you to the many volunteers that worked tirelessly!
Thank you to all the participants that attended! There would be no event without you!



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Casseroles for the Good Shepherd Centre, contact
casseroles@st-bonaventure.ca

Please don't forget to notify us if you have a
change in either address, phone number or both.
admin@st-bonaventure.ca

REFLECTION

**"Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil.
He fasted forty days and forty nights..." ~ Matthew 4:1-2**

"Each of the three temptations touches on Jesus' identity as the Son of God, which had been revealed during his baptism. *This is my Beloved Son in whom I am well pleased.*

The Tempter begins, "If you are the Son of God, why not use your divine powers to turn these large, flat stones at your feet into bread?" God fed the Israelites with manna in the desert. Surely he will feed his own Son? Why have powers and not use them? Why not take this opportunity to prove that you really are the Son of God?

It is important to realise that all temptations - and these tests are no exception - come to us under the guise of some kind of goodness. No sane person chooses the purely evil unless some positive benefit is seen to come from it. In each of the three tests today, Jesus is being led to do something which would seem to enhance his mission as Lord and Saviour.

In responding to the Tempter, Jesus will not just use his own words, but each time quote a saying from the Hebrew Testament. In this first test, Jesus rejects the offer by saying that "it is not on bread alone that we live [but by every word that comes from the mouth of God]". True happiness does not consist in satisfying material wants, in having many things, but in identifying ourselves fully with the vision of life which God gives us through Jesus."
~ From Living Space, a service of the Irish Jesuits

May the Lord bless you and keep you!