



*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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*Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 9, 2025*

Bonnie News

Franciscan Church of St. Bonaventure



The Miraculous Draught of Fishes (La pêche miraculeuse) (1886-1896), James Tissot (1836-1902). Opaque watercolor over graphite on gray wove paper. Brooklyn Museum. Public Domain.

the calling of the disciples by Lucille Clifton

some Jesus
has come on me

i throw down my nets
into the water he walks

i loose the fish
he feeds to cities

and everyone calls me
an old name

as i follow out
laughing like God's fool
behind this Jesus

"the calling of the disciples" by Lucille Clifton is the eleventh poem in a sixteen-poem sequence titled "some jesus," originally published in Good News About the Earth (Random House, 1972) and later compiled in [The Collected Poems of Lucille Clifton 1965-2010](#) (BOA Editions, 2012).

LITURGY & SACRAMENTS

THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, February 10	9 AM	† Bernard Holmes
Tuesday, February 11	9 AM	† Kwai Yeung
Wednesday, February 12	9 AM	† Connie Henry
Thursday, February 13	9 AM	† Horacio Alon
Friday, February 14	9 AM	† Lily F.W. Chiu † Josef Sitar † Grazia Maida † Iginio Durante † Victor Pappalardo † Emmanuel Ifurung The Parishioners
Saturday, February 15	5 PM	† Nimfa Chua
Sunday, February 16	8:30 AM	Intention of Radek Votruba and Family
	10 AM	† Norman and Pauline Morton
	12 PM	† Belen and Tortelon Abano
Sanctuary Lamps	Bl. Sac.	† Rev. Balbino Borac
	Bl. Sac.	Vinodh Loganadhan
	Our Lady	For my children's children and all the children in the world

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.

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK ~ FEBRUARY 15 AND 16

The ministry of Jesus to the sick is central to the life of the Church. February 11 (Memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes) highlights the healing ministry of the Church. It reminds us that service to the sick and suffering cannot be neglected. It recognizes the great effort of doctors, nurses, health care institutions and pastoral care givers to restore health to those afflicted with illness and disease.

The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated after the 5 p.m. Mass on Saturday, February 15 and after the 12 noon Mass on Sunday, February 16 for: those who are experiencing serious illness, were involved in a serious accident, or who are suffering from chronic infirmity or mental illness; those anticipating surgery or major medical tests; and any elderly person, especially when frailty is pronounced.

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



This weekend continues our reflection on each of the verses of the prayer.

Today's verse: "...and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit..."

The opening entreaty of Jubilee Prayer continues by acknowledging the theological virtue of charity as a further gift from God. Echoing the traditional prayer that begins with: "Come, Holy Spirit, enkindle in our hearts the fire of your love...", we affirm the indwelling of the Holy Spirit as the love of God poured into our hearts. The gift of the Holy Spirit fosters our selfless love for God and our selfless willing the good of others through our words and our actions.

This week, give thanks for the gift of the Holy Spirit given to you in Baptism, activated for mission through Confirmation, and strengthened weekly through the reception of Holy Communion. Give thanks for those who have shown you selfless, unconditional love. Are you aware of someone in need of a selfless act of charity which you can provide? Respond generously and help others to experience God's love working through you!

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

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 immediately, 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.

COFFEE MONDAYS FOR SENIORS AT HAWTHORN SCHOOL - MONDAY FEBRUARY 10 AT 3:15PM



As a gesture of respect and gratitude for senior citizens in the community, the students at Hawthorn School would like to invite all seniors to Hawthorn's monthly Coffee Mondays. Join us! Enjoy complimentary coffee, snacks and a performance at 3:15 pm on the following Mondays:

February 10, March 3, April 14, May 12, June 9

For more information: Contact Queenie Yu at 416-444-3054 or qyu@hawthornschool.com Hawthorn School, 101 Scarsdale Rd, Toronto M3B 2R2

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&>

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 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

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.

CWL INITIATIVE FOR 2025: SHARE THE WORDS

Share the Words



faith | service | SOCIAL JUSTICE

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.

CWL WORD OF THE WEEK: CHARITY

Catholic Women's League Councils provide an opportunity for others to contribute monetary aid through fundraising activities that create awareness and community building. Be part of this organization that gives to others.

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

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

We are Change. Are you ready to transform your spiritual life, serve others and act on social justice issues? This change is possible when you join 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.

“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

SPIRITUAL BOUQUETS FOR THE 2025 ORDINANDI

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

We are Charity! The Catholic Women’s League Councils provide an opportunity for others to contribute monetary aid through fundraising activities that create awareness and community building.
Be part of this organization that gives to others.

On Feb 8, 15, & 22 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.

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



We hope you can join us of the Knights of Columbus

Pancake Breakfast

and

CWL Bake Sale, Sunday March 2, 2025, after each of the Masses.

More information to follow!

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FOR A PARISH REGISTRATION FORM TO COMPLETE

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REFLECTION

“Go away from me Lord, for I am a sinful man.” Luke 5:8

This Sunday contains a surprise development. Isaiah, Paul and Peter are each expressing themselves as *worthless!*

In Reading One, Isaiah receives a vision of heaven itself. The Lord is seated on a high and lofty throne. The Seraphim angel choir is crying out, “Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts! All the earth is filled with his glory!”* It seems that Isaiah reacts with shame. “My eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts! But woe is me, I am doomed! For I am a man of unclean lips, living among a people of unclean lips.” (Is 6:5) In response an angel swoops down with a burning coal to cleanse his lips! He is doomed, alright, but doomed to be *made clean through suffering*, to be made able through it to speak of God. In Reading Two St. Paul says that Christ appeared to him last of all, as to one born abnormally. “For I am the least of the apostles, not fit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God.” Unworthy, yes. But did the grace of God discard him? No, it appointed him a key Apostle even though he had never even met Jesus. In the famous Gospel story. Jesus tells Peter, James and John to fish in the deep water (where they had been fishing and fishing and fishing all night with no result). Without warning their nets are bloated with fish. Peter cries out, “Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man.” (Luke 5:8)

Isn't the experience of God supposed to lead to peace, forgiveness, and joy—not to shame? Ok, make a distinction. The real reaction of all three figures is not really shame, which means concluding that they are each worthless. Instead, it is a finding of their true place in reality. They are expressing a kind of humility! How? Each of them is forced to compare himself directly with the presence of God. When people meet the holiness of God head-on, they are therefore able to glimpse by contrast the humanness in themselves. They see that humanity seems full of holes like a sponge. None of them can any longer pretend that they shine like the stars *because they see the real star bursting with light*. Experience of God let them understand that they are far, far less than God. This is not bad, it is good. A falsely supposed importance cannot make us holy. But God can make us holy. We can be proud to be unworthy if reception of God's love is a result. At Mass we echo that famous Roman centurion: “Lord I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my servant shall be healed” (Mt 8:8). I suppose we could we react with shame; but notice that God does not say in return, “I reject you,” but “I love you dearly. Come be with me, you fine human being.”

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May the Lord bless you and keep you!