

*Growing  
in Spirit,  
Community,  
and Service*

*Second Sunday in Ordinary Time  
January 18, 2026*

# Bonnie News

*Franciscan Church of St. Bonaventure*



Adoration of the Mystic Lamb (detail), 1432, Jan van Eyck, Ghent Altarpiece (open). Oil on wood, Saint Bavo Cathedral, Ghent, Belgium. Public Domain. Source: photo: Closer to Van Eyck

## **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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## **XL Expectans expectavi by Malcolm Guite**

The stone itself will soon be rolled away,  
I wait in patience, all expectantly,  
Firm on this rock above the miry clay

Where he has set me in his loving mercy.  
I sing my psalm in Christ who sings in me,  
A new song made in his Love's mystery:

'Your wondrous works all rise like wings in me  
And lift my heart to praise. I hear your call,  
The simple call of Love: Oh come to me,

Bring me no gifts, for I have made them all,  
Just bring yourself, and open up your heart.  
And so I come to you and bring you all,

All that I am and have been; joy and hurt,  
Glory and shame, I bring you everything,  
That you might make me whole in every part.

## LITURGY & SACRAMENTS

### THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, January 19	9 AM	Intention of Jacob Votruba
Tuesday, January 20	9 AM	† Louis & Marie Fong
Wednesday, January 21	9 AM	† James Walters
Thursday, January 22	9 AM	† Margaret & Edward Brisbois
Friday, January 23	9 AM	Intention of Marla Zupan Brothers, Sisters, and Benefactors of the Order † Allan Rochard † Dulce Baet † Pedro Toribio † Carmel Thomas † Domenic and Grazia Maida
Saturday, January 24 Sunday, January 25	5 PM	† Rose Gonzalez
	8:30 AM	The Parishioners
	10 AM	† Evangeline Beltran
	12 PM	Personal Intentions of Susan Sare
Sanctuary Lamps	Bl. Sac.	The Sick of the Parish
	Bl. Sac.	† Nabor Sequeira
	Our Lady	† Sal Badali

### HOLY COMMUNION FOR THE HOMEBOUND



If a parishioner is unable to attend Sunday Mass due to serious illness, recovery from surgery, or frailty in old age, then Extraordinary Ministers of Communion to the Homebound (specifically trained for this ministry) will bring the Eucharist to them. If you or someone you know might benefit from this ministry, please contact us by e-mail at [homebound@st-bonaventure.ca](mailto:homebound@st-bonaventure.ca) or call Mary Catherine directly at 416-303-0269.

### LITURGY OF THE WORD WITH CHILDREN

All children aged 4-9 are invited to participate in this parallel, age-appropriate celebration of the Liturgy of the Word during Sunday Mass. A parent is welcome to accompany a child who is too shy to participate on their own.

### FAITH & 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:

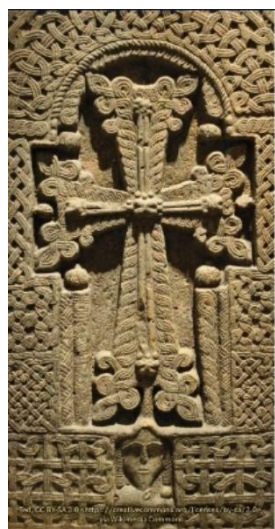
+ James Durbano, + Joyce Chong, + Ann O'Leary, + Michael Price, + Theresa Duffy, + Rev. Sal Badali,  
and + Nabor Sequeira.

## PRAYER NETWORK REQUESTS

**The Prayer Network** is a group of parishioners who pray daily for all the prayer requests received by the Network. Nearly 45 parishioners are members of this group which began 1994. All prayer requests are kept in confidence, and no names are included when requests are passed onto the Network. Please contact **Teresa Krijgsman** at **416-709-8150** with your prayer intention or if you would like to become a member of the Prayer Network.



## ANNUAL WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY PRAYER SERVICE 2026



Sunday, January 18, 2026, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.  
Location: Runnymede United Church, 432 Runnymede Rd, Toronto

*AN IN-PERSON EVENT SPONSORED BY THE OFFICE FOR ECUMENICAL AND INTERFAITH RELATIONS, Archdiocese of Toronto*

Theme: **“There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling” (Ephesians 4:4)**

“These words of St. Paul see the unity of the community of believers as a vocation, a calling by the Holy Spirit. This requires conversion of heart, which is not possible without openness to reconciliation. This unity is linked to one hope and practiced in communal support, by embracing diversity while maintaining communion.” ~ *Fr. James Loughran, SA*  
The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (WPCU) invites all Christians to draw on our shared Christian heritage and enter more deeply into the faith that unites all Christians. This year the prayers and reflections for the WPCU were entrusted to a writing team from Armenia that included the Armenian Apostolic (Orthodox) Church, the Armenian Catholic Church and Evangelical Churches and have been jointly published by the Dicastery for

Christian Unity (Vatican) and the World Council of Churches.

We invite you to join Bishop John A. Boissonneau and distinguished Christian leaders and many choirs from various traditions to pray together for the restoration of the full visible unity that Jesus Christ willed for His Church. This gathering is jointly organized by the Office Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations and the Greater Toronto Area Council of Christian Churches.

*The tradition of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is bookmarked by the feast of the Chair of Saint Peter (January 18 in the old calendar) and the feast of the Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle (January 25).*

## HELPING OTHERS

### SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL: MOVED BY MERCY, SERVING IN HOPE



**Doing God's Work** *“A Christian is not his own master: his time is God's. This is God's work, and it will be yours as well when you have performed it. I have trust in the grace of God that you are ready to act generously when it comes to God's work.” ~St. Ignatius of Antioch*

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul provides material assistance to those in need. We meet people where they are, listening without judgement, being present, respectful and encouraging.

We need more committed members to volunteer: to help with collecting donations after Mass, to expand our outreach within our parish boundaries, especially to young and expectant mothers, to help with the various duties of running a viable charitable organization. Perhaps you have some time, some expertise, some special gift to share? Contact us at [416-447-5571](tel:416-447-5571), ext. 570. Thank you for your continuing prayers, support and generosity. New members warmly welcomed. Vincentians stand

with two St. Vincent de Paul boxes after weekend masses. You may also donate through Canada Helps: <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/society-of-st-vincent-de-paul-st-bonaventure-conference/>



## CASSEROLE FOR THE GOOD SHEPHERD

As the cold days settle in, many who come to the Good Shepherd rely on a hot meal for survival. Some live on the streets and depend on the kindness of others. St. Bonaventure has long supported this mission by sending casseroles and volunteers to serve these meals—but we need your help.

Could you make a casserole once a month, or even every two months? Each one makes a big difference. We need **65 casseroles** to provide one full meal each month. This is true community outreach: prepare a casserole at home, freeze it, and bring it to the Ministry Centre. No one who receives this meal will know you—but what a blessing to help feed the poor.

**Last day to bring casseroles for January: Monday, January 26.** Pans are available at the back of the church. Thank you to all who already contribute to the Mission of Mercy!

## ST. BONAVENTURE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE (CWL)

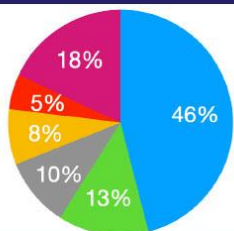


**Mark your calendar:** Our first general meeting of 2026 will be held virtually on **Thursday, January 22 at 7pm**. We'll recap the Jubilee Year and introduce the new national theme. (No dress code required - PJs are perfectly welcome on zoom!) We know life is busy, and not everyone can attend meetings. But even if you can't be present, your membership still makes a meaningful impact. **Annual membership fee: \$40.**

For more information about the League please contact us - we'd be delighted to hear from you:  
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## ST. CLARE INN

**Your generosity provided 9 women a home at St. Clare Inn in 2025!**



**46% Foundation**  
**13% Linda's Walk**  
**18% Spring Gala**

**5% The Promise**  
**10% General Donations**  
**8% Residents**



**Thank you for your ongoing support!**

## MARRIAGE SUNDAY IN THE ARCHDIOCESE OF TORONTO, FEBRUARY 7/8, 2026

Bishop John Boissonneau 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 2026. The Mass will take place at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday February 8, 2026, at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica (65 Bond St., Toronto). All married couples will have the opportunity to renew their marriage commitment during the Mass.

All are welcome to attend. Reserved seating is available for couples celebrating a 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or 60+ anniversary in 2026. Reserved seating is limited, so please register early. All other seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. Those who are unable to attend the Cathedral are invited to join the celebration via livestream Mass <https://www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live/>. The broadcast will begin at 2:15 p.m.

Registration and other information can be found at [www.archtoronto.org/marriage](http://www.archtoronto.org/marriage). For questions, please e-mail [formation@archtoronto.org](mailto:formation@archtoronto.org) or call 416-934-3400 Ext. 523.

## MINISTRY WITH MATURING ADULTS



### Ministry With Maturing Adults with the Focus on Nurturing our spirituality in Body, Mind and Spirit in the Second Half of Life

We aim 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 (10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.), usually twice monthly, September to June. We look forward to welcoming you and feel free to invite a friend!

Next Session:

#### Tuesday, January 27: No in Person Session, Exercise at Home

As many of us set New Year's resolutions to improve our health, incorporating gentle exercise is a great way for seniors to stay active and feel their best throughout the year.

Gentle exercise offers a safe and effective way to stay healthy by improving balance, flexibility, and muscle strength, which helps reduce the risk of falls and injuries. It also supports heart health, boosts mood, and enhances overall mobility, making daily activities easier and more enjoyable. Even light movement can increase energy levels and promote better sleep, contributing to a higher quality of life. Please review the following resources and be safe:

1. **Beginner Seated Workout to Improve Health**

Chair Exercises for Seniors <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=txf6ZHQQqVs>

2. **Seated Full Body Workout**

Chair Workout for Seniors - Not Talking Just Music <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QyO2BLls0qw>

3. **Chair Exercises for Seniors**

10 Minute Cardio Workout - No Equipment <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u1F8c55fYkM>

Other resources to help you take care of your over health: "Ontario Health at Home" - covered by OHIP  
<https://ontariohealthathome.ca>

**February 10: Beating the Winter Blues!** During this time of year, the effects of *grief* can leave us "frozen in our tracks." In these early months, the world *outside* of us much like the world *inside* of us can be frigid, colourless, silent and still. We often ask ourselves, "How can I manage what I am *feeling*?" "Is there actually *something* to look forward to?" "Will I *endure* until the spring arrives?" Hence in this seminar, Arcangelo explores the *signs* and *symbolism* of winter. Together, we note certain insights that can in fact, assist us through our seasonal journey.

Arcangelo Limanni is a registered psychotherapist working for Catholic Family Services of Toronto as the New Beginnings Program Promoter. In 2005 he began his studies at the University of St. Michael's College in Toronto and in 2016 obtained a master's degree in religious education. He graduated from the Master of Arts in Counselling Psychology at York University in 2024. He has a special passion for griever and has personal experience in bereavement, separation/divorce and other unrecognized loss. Through his own experiences and outreach, Arcangelo approaches grief and loss through *enthusiasm*, *empathy* and *education*. He gives back to the grieving through support group facilitation, public speaking and community engagement.

If you would like more information, e-mail Ministry with Maturing Adults at: [mma@st-bonaventure.ca](mailto:mma@st-bonaventure.ca)

#### Save the Dates for the Winter Sessions:

**February 24:** Church Tour, presented by Gregory Beath

**March 10:** Lenten Retreat, presented by Trena Finnegan

**March 24:** St. Francis and the Mystery of Salvation (Stigmata), Presented by Fr. Thomas Reist

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## REFLECTION

**“I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.” ~Isaiah 49:6**

At the best of times, a person may be God’s servant; he may come to do God’s will, as the Psalmist says. But how rare those times are! Who, without blushing, could describe himself as having a life devoted to doing God’s will?

Somewhere Nietzsche said derisively about Christians that they don’t even look like the redeemed.

But what are the redeemed supposed to look like? What is it to be God’s true servant, to manifest the glory of God?

It isn’t a matter of being on top of the world. It isn’t a matter of having nothing to be sad about either. The First Reading (Is. 49) jumps from verse 3 to verse 5 in the text of Isaiah. But verse 4 is the voice of the Messiah, and it says, “I have labored in vain; I have spent my strength for nothing. ...”

It continues with what is in effect the answer to the question raised by Nietzsche’s scornful claim about Christians. My God is my strength, the voice of the Messiah says. Those who are the true servants of the Lord are those who find their strength in God.

So Nietzsche was just wrong about the redeemed of the Lord. The redeemed of the Lord aren’t those who look glorious in strength or in any other way either. The true servants of the Lord are those who find their strength, their loveliness, in the Lord. They are glorious in the sight of the Lord.

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**May the Lord bless you and keep you!**