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in Spirit,
Community,
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*Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 19, 2025*

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Franciscan Church of St. Bonaventure

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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*The Wedding Feast at Cana (1923), by Winifred Knights (1899-1947) Oil on canvas.
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Cana, by Thomas Merton

Once when our eyes were clean as noon, our rooms
Filled with the joys of Cana's feast;
For Jesus came, and His disciples, and His Mother,
And after them the singers
And some men with violins.

Once when our minds were Galilees,
And clean as skies our faces,
Our simple rooms were charmed with sun.
Our thoughts went in and out in whiter coats than God's disciples',
In Cana's crowded rooms, at Cana's tables.

Nor did we seem to fear the wine would fail:
For ready, in a row, to fill with water and a miracle,
We saw our earthen vessels, waiting empty.
What wine those humble waterjars foretell!

Wine for the ones who, bended to the dirty earth,
Have feared, since lovely Eden, the sun's fire,
Yet hardly mumble, in their dusty mouths, one prayer.
Wine for old Adam, digging in the briars!

LITURGY & SACRAMENTS

THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, January 20	9 AM	† Louis and Marie Fung
Tuesday, January 21	9 AM	† Pablo Geromo
Wednesday, January 22	9 AM	Intentions of Raymond Lee and Family
Thursday, January 23	9 AM	† Sofronio Bautista
Friday, January 24	9 AM	Melvin Bergantinos Vocations † Chiu Chu † Luis Anthony Delfino † Virgilio Umali † All Souls in Purgatory
Saturday, January 25	5 PM	Constantine Bethune
Sunday, January 26	8:30 AM	The Parishioners
	10 AM	† Evangeline Beltran
	12 PM	Redentor and Estrellita Liboro, in thanksgiving
Sanctuary Lamps	Bl. Sac.	† Anna Szatmary
	Bl. Sac.	Joyce De Gannes
	Our Lady	Joyce De Gannes

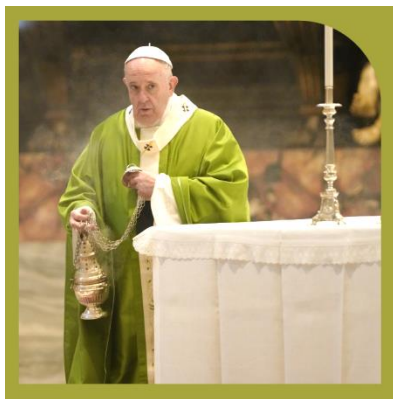
LITURGY OF THE WORD WITH CHILDREN

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.

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE JUBILEE YEAR ~ LITURGY



The liturgy is the public prayer of the Church: in the words of the Second Vatican Council, it is the “summit toward which the activity of the Church is directed; [and,] at the same time it is the font from which all her power flows.” (Sacrosanctum Concilium, 10). At the center is the Christian liturgy is the Mass - the Eucharistic celebration, where the Body and Blood of Christ are truly received. As a pilgrim, Christ himself walks alongside the disciples and reveals to them the mysteries of the Father, so that they too can say, like the disciples on the road to Emmaus, “Stay with us, for it is nearly evening and the day is almost over.” (Luke 24:29).

One liturgical rite that is specific to the Jubilee year is the opening of the Holy Door. Until the last century, the Pope would symbolically initiate the demolition of the wall that kept the Holy Door bricked up on non-Jubilee years. Masons would then fully remove the brick wall to be able to open the Holy Door. Since 1950, the ceremony has changed and now the wall is dismantled beforehand and, within a solemn choral liturgy, the Pope pushes open the door from the outside, passing through it as the first pilgrim. This and the other liturgical expressions that accompany the Holy Year emphasize that the Jubilee pilgrimage is not merely an intimate, personal gesture, but is a sign of the journey of the whole people of God toward the Kingdom.

Source: <https://www.iubilaeum2025.va/en/giubileo-2025/segni-del-giubileo/liturgie.html>

A REFLECTION ON LITURGY (THROUGH A HOMILY ON THE GLORIA BY BALTHASAR FISCHER)

*We Praise You, We Bless You, We Adore You, We Glorify You, We Give You Thanks For Your Great Glory**

The Gloria of the Mass is one of the pearls in the treasure of liturgical prayers. Whole generations have learned to pray from this great prayer of the early Church, and this in the two directions proper to Christian prayer. For, as in the *Te Deum*, which has been called the twin of the Gloria, the first part of the hymn is directed to the Father, the second to Christ. The Gloria can also teach us something extremely important: the power that resides in self-forgetful praise of God the Father and of Christ. Nowhere else in our liturgy does this element of praise emerge so effectively as in the verse from the first part of the Gloria (the part addressed to the Father) that runs: “We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory*...”



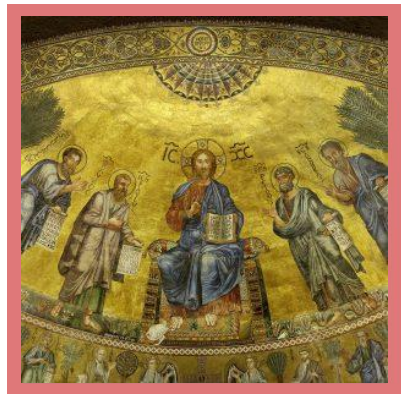
When the word “thank” is used, we would expect some listing of God’s blessings for which we are to thank him. But in this prayer we give thanks for something quite different: that God is so great and glorious. We forget not only what we want from God but even what we have received from him. Only one thing is important to us here; our thanksgiving is for one reason: that God exists and is so great and glorious.

If we understand the human heart even slightly, we know that this is how authentic loves speaks: “I am so happy that you exist and are what you are.” When this attitude does not reign between two lovers; when each is preoccupied only with what may be expected from the other; when weeks go by without a word of acknowledgement and appreciation, then love is dead. Lovers praise each other: that is the touchstone of all love.

Our prayer is liberating when, like this sentence in the Gloria, it constantly turns into self-forgetful, loving praise of God. It is as though we had sailed from the stifling air of the harbour into the refreshing breeze of the open sea; as though we climbed from the sultry valleys to the heights and the sharp, strong air that blows there. When the saints speak so ecstatically of the bliss of prayer that we “pedestrians’ of the prayer life cannot follow them, they are thinking of the times when they have stood before God and, with or without words, have praised and thanked him for being so great and glorious.

Source: Balthasar Fischer, *Signs, Words, & Gestures: Short Homilies on the Liturgy*. Trans. Matthew J. O’Connell. (New York: Pueblo Publishing Company, 1981), 34-35. *Text of the Gloria adapted to reflect current translation in liturgical use.

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE JUBILEE YEAR ~ PROFESSION OF FAITH



The profession of faith - also known as the ‘Symbol’ - is a sign of the identity of the baptized person. The profession of faith expresses the central content of the faith: it succinctly captures the main truths that a believer accepts and witnesses to on the day of his or her baptism and shares with the entire Christian community for the rest of his or her life.

There are various professions of faith which show the richness of the experience of encountering Jesus Christ. Traditionally, however, there are two that have gained special recognition in the Church: the baptismal creed of the church of Rome and the Nicene-Constantinopolitan creed, originally formulated in 325 at the Council of Nicaea, in present-day Turkey, and then refined at the Council of Constantinople in 381.

“If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved,” (Romans 10:9-10). This passage from St. Paul emphasizes how proclaiming the mystery of faith requires a deep conversion not only in one’s words, but above all in one’s understanding of God, of oneself and of the world. “To say the Creed with faith is to enter into communion with God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and also with the whole Church which transmits the faith to us and in whose midst, we believe” (CCC 197).

Source: <https://www.iubilaeum2025.va/en/giubileo-2025/segni-del-giubileo/professione-di-fede.html>

TWO REFLECTIONS ON PROFESSION OF FAITH

My sermon today is called “faith,” and I entrust nothing else to you until you shall say “I believe.” This word is a foundation stone unshaken which holds up an unshaken edifice. Therefore, Paul also says: “For the one who comes to God must believe God exists.” Therefore, you who are coming to God, first believe in God and then speak out that word loud and clear. For if you cannot do this, you will be able neither to speak or understand any other.

-St. John Chrysostom, from *Baptismal Instructions*, trans. Paul W. Harkins, Westminster, Maryland: The Newman Press; London: Longmans, Green and Co, 1963.

It is personal faith in Christ which brings the catechumen to the church; it is the church that will instruct the catechumen in and bestow upon the catechumen Christ’s faith by which our church lives. Our faith in Christ, Christ’s faith in us: the one is fulfillment of the other, is given to us so that we may have the other. But when we speak of the church’s faith—the one by which she lives, which truly is her very life—we speak of the presence in her of Christ’s faith, of him himself as perfect faith, perfect love, perfect desire. And the church is life because she is Christ’s life in us, because she believes that which he believes, loves that which he loves, desires that which he desires. And he is not only the “object” of her faith, but the “subject” of her entire life.

-Alexander Schmemmann, *Of Water and the Spirit: A Liturgical Study of Baptism*. Crestwood, NY: St. Vladimir’s Seminary Press, 1974.

1700TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE COUNCIL OF NICAEA AND THE NICENE CREED

The Jubilee Year also marks the 1700th anniversary of the Council of Nicaea of 325 A.D.: a key moment in the history of Christian faith and for the ecumenical journey today. This first Ecumenical Council was a gathering of Christian bishops in Nicaea, now İznik in present-day Türkiye, as the first attempt to reach consensus in the church through an assembly representing all of Christendom, and to affirm the Christian faith in the triune God.

In Nicaea, Christians who only recently had been persecuted in the Roman Empire were able to gather to affirm their faith and clarify important truths about the person of Jesus Christ, especially the affirmation of the full divinity of the Saviour: “true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father.”

This anniversary offers an opportunity to celebrate and reflect on the affirmation of faith in the Nicene Creed, the mission of God’s triune love and the implications this has for the common witness and service of the churches, and offers the opportunity to ask afresh with others what Nicaea means for churches and Christians today.

Just over seven weeks ago, Pope Francis formally invited Eastern Orthodoxy’s Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew to join him in marking the Nicene anniversary at İznik, an encounter likely to occur in late May.

- Sourced from the World Council of Churches: www.oikoumene.org, Vatican News, and Richard Ostling’s article: “Why is the 1,700 year-old Creed so important? which may be read at <https://religionunplugged.com/news/2025/1/3/nicene-creed-why-is-this-1700-year-old-prayer-so-important>

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY ~ JANUARY 18-25

At least once a year, Christians are reminded of Jesus’ prayer for his disciples that “they may be one so that the world may believe” (see John 17:21). Traditionally this Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is celebrated between 18-25 January.

This year, the focus of prayer for Christian unity is drawn from John 11:17-27. The theme for the week, “Do you believe this?” (v. 26), takes its cue from the dialogue between Jesus and Martha when Jesus visited the home of Martha and Mary in Bethany following the death of their brother Lazarus, as narrated by the evangelist John. This text and theme were chosen in light of the 1700th anniversary of the Council of Nicaea and one of the fruits of the Council: the Nicene Creed.

To read and download prayer and reflection material for this week, including an 8-day prayerful reflection on the Nicene Creed, go to: <http://www.christianunity.va/content/unitacristiani/en.html>, then click on the tab “Week of Prayer for Christian Unity”. A choice of six banners appears. Select the first banner “Week of Prayer for Christian Unity”, then select your preferred language, and the document appears. The 8-day prayerful reflection on the Nicene Creed begins on page 18 in the English text.

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.

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 and + Jeanette Bertheau.

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!

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 January 27. Thank you in advance!

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL



You have now been given life's great treasure; when he comes the Lord will ask for what he has entrusted to you. -St. Cyril of Jerusalem

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

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

January 21st 10:00AM to 11:30AM

Spiritual essentials for Life's Second Act

A Workshop looking at our needs as we live out the second half of our life - Based on the writings of Janet Schaeffler, OP

We continue exploring the needs that Sr. Schaeffler identifies and focus on The Need to Ask and Explore Questions and The Need to Continue to Learn and Grow. We finish our session with looking at the Need to be Grateful. *Workshop facilitated by: Sandra Nelson and Trena Finnegan*

Tuesday January 28th 10:00AM to 11:30AM

Enhancing Your Gut Health

A Presentation by Delmanor, Wynford Retirement Living

This presentation will cover: • Importance of digestive health for immune health, metabolism and mental health • Probiotics and what they do for us • What are the prebiotics and how they help our digestive system • Why we need fiber and fiber friendly foods • What's kombucha? How does it help us and samples to try • Q/A at the end

The presenter is Whitney Hilts, Regional Manager of Living Well Services who is trained in healthy aging, including: healthy eating, exercise, and mental health.

Tuesday February 4th 10:00AM to 11:30AM

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.

Save the Dates: February 18th, March 4th, March 18th.

COFFEE MONDAYS FOR SENIORS AT HAWTHORN SCHOOL



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:

January 20, February 10, March 3, April 14, May 12, June 9

For more information: Contact Queenie Yu at 416-444-3054 or

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A CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE IN THE ARCHDIOCESE OF TORONTO



On the second Sunday of February each year, the Archdiocese of Toronto celebrates Marriage Sunday. In 2025, it will be celebrated on the weekend of February 8/9. This occasion highlights the importance of the institution of marriage rooted in faith, affirms couples who strengthen our faith community through their witness, and complements World Marriage Sunday celebrations that take place across North America. Parishes and the lay faithful are called upon to affirm the sacrament of Matrimony and to honour married couples in the community. We are also grateful to those who assist couples as they prepare for marriage and to those engaged in marriage enrichment programs or lay movements to support the sacrament of Matrimony.

We also extend our loving support to those who have lost a spouse or have experienced the pain and suffering of a broken relationship. If you are in need of assistance during these difficult days, please seek out programs and resources in your own parish or throughout our diocese so that we may accompany you through the healing process.

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!

SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD ~ JANUARY 26, 2025

On September 30, 2019, on the liturgical memorial of St. Jerome, Pope Francis announced that the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time would be celebrated as the Sunday of the Word of God. This year it will fall on Sunday, January 26, 2025. In the *Introduction to the Lectionary for Mass*, we are reminded of the role of the Word of God in the life of the Church:

In the hearing of God's word the Church is built up and grows, and in the signs of the liturgical celebration God's wonderful, past works in the history of salvation are presented anew as mysterious realities. God in turn makes use of the congregation of the faithful that celebrates the Liturgy in order that his word may speed on and be glorified and that his name be exalted among the nations. Whenever, therefore, the Church, gathered by the Holy Spirit for liturgical celebration, announces and proclaims the word of God, she is aware of being a new people in whom the covenant made in the past is perfected and fulfilled. Baptism and confirmation in the Spirit have made all Christ's faithful into messengers of God's word because of the grace of hearing they have received. They must therefore be the bearers of the same word in the Church and in the world, at least by the witness of their lives. The word of God proclaimed in the celebration of God's mysteries does not only address present conditions but looks back to past events and forward to what is yet to come. Thus God's word shows us what we should hope for with such a longing that in this changing world our hearts will be set on the place where our true joys lie (Preamble, 7)

In what ways are you growing in your relationship with the Lord through the Sacred Scriptures?

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REFLECTION

“His mother said to the servants, ‘Do whatever he tells you.’” John 2:5

The present story has all the elements that we shall come to know well as we work through the gospel. It is about transformation: the different dimension of reality that comes into being when Jesus is present and when, as Mary tells the servants, people do whatever Jesus tells them.

This is one of only two occasions we meet Jesus’s mother in this gospel, the other being at the foot of the cross. This is important, because Jesus’s strange remark, *My time hasn’t come yet*, looks on, through many other references to his “time,” until at last the time does come, and the glory is revealed fully, as he dies on the cross. That event, for John, is the ultimate moment when Heaven and Earth meet. That is when it takes all the faith in the world to see the glory hidden in the shame: the creative Word present as a weak, dying human being.

But events like this one point on to that moment. The wedding is a foretaste of the great Heavenly feast in store for God’s people. The water-jars, used for Jewish purification rites, are a sign that God is doing a new thing from within the old Jewish system, bringing purification to Israel and the world in a whole new way.

The wedding itself, in the town where Nathanael came from, would probably involve almost the whole village, and several people from neighboring ones too; which is why Mary, her son, and his friends were invited. Running out of wine was not just inconvenient, but a social disaster and disgrace. The family would have to live with the shame of it for a long time to come; bride and groom might regard it as bringing bad luck on their married life. Though Jesus hereafter addresses himself to other kinds of problems, we are already witnessing the strange compassion which comes where people are in need and deals with that need in unexpected ways.

The transformation from water to wine is of course meant by John to signify the effect that Jesus can have, can still have today, on people’s lives. He came, as he says later, that we might have life in all its fullness. You might want to pray through this story with your own failures and disappointments in mind - remembering that transformation only came when someone took Mary’s words seriously: *Do whatever he tells you*.

- Except from N.T. Wright’s *John for Everyone, Part 1 Chapters 1-10*. (Westminster: John Knox Press, 2004) 22-23.

May the Lord bless you and keep you!