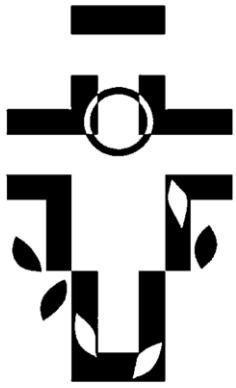


*Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 28, 2024*



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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**

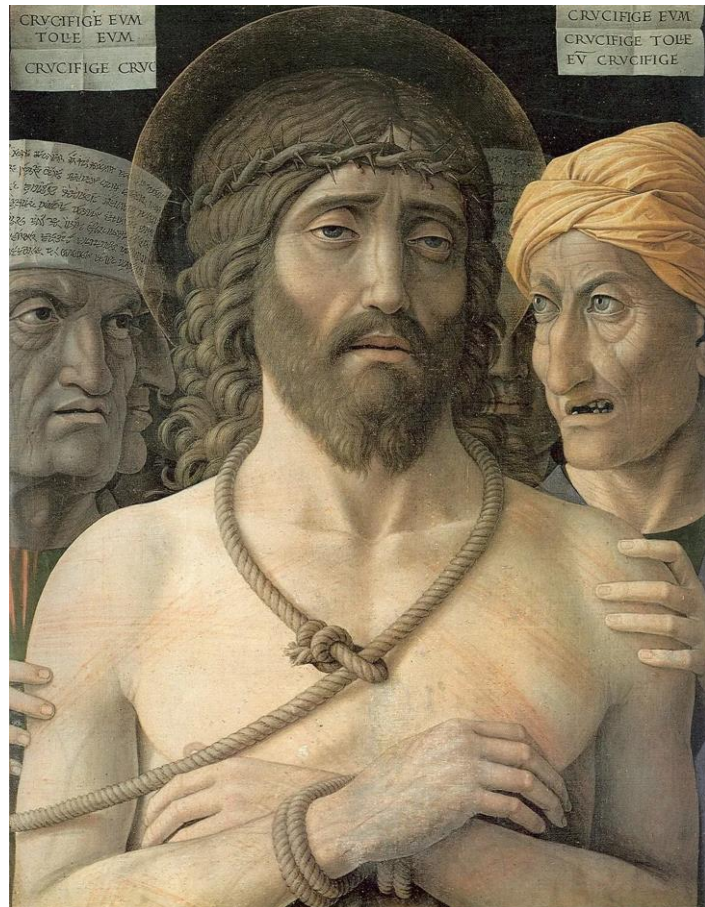
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Franciscan Church of St. Bonaventure



Ecce Homo (c. 1500), Painted by Andrea Mantegna (1431-1506),
Tempera on canvas © Musée Jacquemart-André, Paris

Mark

A wingèd lion, swift, immediate
Mark is the gospel of the sudden shift
From first to last, from grand to intimate,
From strength to weakness, and from debt to gift,
From a wide desert's haunted emptiness
To a close city's fervid atmosphere,
From a voice crying in the wilderness
To angels in an empty sepulcher.
And Christ makes the most sudden shift of all;
From swift action as a strong Messiah
Casting the very demons back to hell
To slow pain, and death as a pariah.
We see our Saviour's life and death unmade
And flee his tomb dumbfounded and afraid.

by Malcolm Guite, "Sounding the Seasons" (Norwich: Canterbury Press, 2012), p. 4.

FROM THE PASTOR ~ PASTORAL LETTERS

On occasion, I receive requests to submit a pastoral letter that is part of the application process for positions in the Catholic School Boards. This kind of letter presupposes that the applicant is a parishioner of St. Bonaventure and that I have sufficient knowledge of his/her practice of the Catholic faith to speak to the suitability of the applicant to work in Catholic education. For this reason, prospective applicants need to submit their request for a pastoral letter to me at least six months prior to the submission of their application. Suitability to work in Catholic education calls for a certain level of involvement in the life of the parish. Those seeking a pastoral letter should consider volunteering in one of the ministries of the parish. - Friar Tom

LITURGY & SACRAMENTS

THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, January 29	9 AM	† Gregory Sr. and Dolores Torres
Tuesday, January 30	9 AM	† Marie Fung
Wednesday, January 31	9 AM	† Martine Ramos
Thursday, February 1	9 AM	† Charles Grieco
Friday, February 2	9 AM	† Florinda Ortuoste
	8 PM	Night Prayer in Our Lady's Chapel
Saturday, February 3	5 PM	Intentions and thanksgiving for the Diozgranados Family
Sunday, February 4	8:30 AM	† George Gamester
	10 AM	† Ben Monaghan
	12 PM	† Jean-Gabriel Castel
Sanctuary Lamps	Bl. Sac.	† Joyce Dias Lamoureux
	Bl. Sac.	† Joan Watson
	O.L. Chapel	† Kevin O'Sullivan

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Confessions are heard on a weekly basis on Saturdays from 9 to 10 am in the Mary Chapel. In addition, confessions are heard on the first Monday of the month 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.

800TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NATIVITY SCENE AT GRECCIO ~ PLENARY INDULGENCE



On the occasion of the 800th anniversary of "Christmas at Greccio" as experienced by St. Francis of Assisi, the Apostolic Penitentiary grants a plenary (full) indulgence to all the faithful who, from December 8, 2023 (Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception) to February 2, 2024 (Feast of the Presentation), visit and pray before a Nativity scene in a church entrusted to the Franciscan friars. By pausing in devout

prayer before a nativity scene in a church served by Franciscans, the faithful may obtain the plenary indulgence for themselves or the souls of the deceased under the following usual conditions:

The faithful must, in addition to being in the state of grace:

- have the interior disposition of complete detachment from sin, even venial sin;
- have sacramentally confessed their sins;
- receive Holy Communion;
- pray for the intentions of the Holy Father.

The parish's Nativity scene has been moved to Our Lady's Chapel, where it will remain until February 2.

FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD ~ FEBRUARY 2 ~ CONCLUSION OF THE GRECCIO INDULGENCE

Along with celebrating this feast through our morning Mass at 9 am, we invite parishioners to gather on Friday, February 2 for a special celebration of Night Prayer (Compline) at 8 p.m. in the church (Our Lady's Chapel) as we celebrate Jesus Christ, the Light of the World, and bring to conclusion the 800th Anniversary of Greccio with its plenary indulgence.

The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, sometimes called "Candlemas" is celebrated 40 days after Christmas. When Jesus was 40 days old, he was presented in the temple by his parents. There, a man named Simeon called him "a light to the nations and the glory of Israel." Symbols of light, therefore, hold prominence on this feast day; candles are often blessed and used in procession in many churches. The Church also sets this day aside to recognize the witness of those men and women in Consecrated Life, who have chosen to follow Christ by means of the practice of the evangelical counsels.

WORLD DAY OF THE SICK ~ FEBRUARY 11 ~ SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK

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 10 and the 8:30 am Mass on Sunday, February 11 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.

CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE MASS WITH ARCHBISHOP FRANCIS LEO - FEBRUARY 11, 2024

As part of Marriage Sunday 2024 celebrations, Archbishop Francis Leo 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 2024. The Mass will take place at 3 p.m. on Sunday, February 11, 2024 at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica (65 Bond Street, Toronto). All married couples will have an opportunity to renew their marriage commitment during the Mass. All are welcome to attend.

Couples celebrating 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or 60+ anniversaries in 2024 may register for reserved seating. 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 at the Cathedral are invited to join the celebration via livestream Mass. Registration and other important information can be found at www.archtoronto.org/marriage.

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:

+ Jim Meyer, + Marjorie McGinty, + Gerry Devlin, + Alice Eaglen, + Deanna Andrew, + Norman Bell,
+ Jean-Gabriel Castel, + Romi Walsh, + Brigid O'Rourke, + Joyce Dias Lamoureux, and + Joan Watson.

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

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL



SERVING IN HOPE. Vincentians ‘Serve in Hope’ because we are called to bring the love of God and the compassion of Jesus to people in need. St. Vincent said, “God demands first the heart, then the work”. It is only with our heart that we can bring compassion, respect and devotion to members of our community who are vulnerable and marginalized.



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/>

CASSEROLES FOR THE GOOD SHEPHERD REFUGE

A BIG THANK YOU to all those faithful cooks who provide a casserole either monthly or whenever possible. **A reminder that your casseroles are due at the Ministry Centre by Monday January 29th.**

Pans and recipes are available in the cupboard at the back of the church. Remember to sign for the pans you pick up.

ST. BONAVENTURE CATHOLIC WOMEN’S LEAGUE FRIDAY LOVE NOTE

The best kept secret is now out and ready to be shared with everyone. If you could use a little love on Fridays maybe the St. Bonaventure CWL Friday Love Note is for you. It’s a concise (almost weekly) newsletter that drops into your email “in box” on Friday. There are times when notices are sent out mid-week requesting prayers or advising of celebrations. That’s what we call the **whole package**. In the Friday Love Notes you will receive up to date information on CWL meetings and events, spiritual reflections and prayers, plus information about and how to participate in our many outreach programs. We welcome men and women alike. This is not a solicitation to join The League (though it would be awesome if you did), it is just our way to let you know that we’re here and doing great things!

Send an email address to Tracy MacInnis - t.macinnis60@gmail.com and in the subject line put 1 of 2 options:

1. Just the Friday Love Note, or
2. Sign me up for the Whole Package

So, what are you waiting for? Email Tracy now and get your name on the list. You can cancel anytime. You just have to email Tracy to be taken off the list.

UPCOMING EVENTS

CWL MARY DOBELL PRO LIFE ESSAY & POETRY CONTEST

The Toronto Diocesan Council of the Catholic Women's League of Canada promotes the Mary Dobell Pro-Life Essay and Poetry Contest to support and encourage an awareness and positive attitude towards a broad range of pro-life issues. Contestants reflecting on the dignity of life can reflect on how they see the sanctity or dignity of life is diminishing in their schools, communities, and the world and what can be done to promote the dignity of life in these environments. The contest is open to students from the **Grade 7 to the Grade 12 level**.

Students interested in receiving detailed information re this contest can contact Céline Massaroni at cmassaroni10@sympatico.ca and submissions are due by **February 9, 2024**.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST - SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2024



The Knights of Columbus will be hosting the annual Pancake Breakfast/50-50 Raffle/40 cans for Lent on Sunday 11th February 2024 from 9:00 am.

Tickets will be available for purchase at all masses starting Saturday Jan 27, 2024, and at the parish office. Looking forward to seeing everyone there!

QUEEN OF APOSTLES RENEWAL CENTRE RETREAT- SATURDAY FEBRUARY 17, 2024

The Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre invites cancer patients and caregivers to a day of retreat to experience God's healing love on Saturday February 17, 2024, at the Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre located at 1617 Blythe Road in Mississauga. Registration is at 8:30 a.m. and cost is \$45.00. For more information, please contact Jean at 905-278-5229 or office@qoa.ca

CWL -THE JEAN MCCANN SERVICE AWARD FOR YOUTH

This award recognizes and affirms the role played in our Parishes by our confirmed Catholic youth (**ages 15-18**). This award emphasizes the necessity of service to others and shows appreciation to those young people who are taking the gospel message seriously. The applicant's written submission must **1) describe involvement with family, school, community, parish and other activities, 2) explain how he/she uses his/her talents in witnessing Christ and 3) tell us about his/her future plans and anything else that he/she wishes us to know.**

Students interested in receiving detailed information re this contest can contact Céline Massaroni at cmassaroni10@sympatico.ca. submissions are due by **February 25, 2024**.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - CATHOLIC CITIZENSHIP ESSAY CONTEST

The Knights of Columbus invite all parishioner students in grades 8-12 to participate in the Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest. The theme, "**How can the Church evangelize in the digital age?**" prompts reflections on leveraging technology for spreading the Word. Submit a 500 to 750-word essay with parental consent by **May 15th, 2024**, at the Parish Office. Entry forms and guideline are available at the back of the church or parish office. All participants will be recognized, and winners announced in June.

This is a valuable opportunity to showcase writing skills and reflect on the Church's role in the digital age. We encourage your participation to foster understanding of the Church's evolving mission. Good luck!

MINISTRY WITH MATURING ADULTS

**Nurturing Our Spirituality in the Second Half of Life
With a Focus on Care of the Body, Mind and Spirit**



In Person Meeting

Coffee and Conversation: 9:45 - 10:00 am

Meeting: 10:00 - 11:30 am

January 30, 2024: Practical Spirituality from the perspective of a Permanent Deacon

Presented by Deacon Peter Lovrick, D.Min., M.A., B.A.

Loving God, Church and Family and how to navigate through these in our challenging times. Please bring your bible and rosary if you can!

Dcn Peter Lovrick was ordained to the Sacred Order of Deacons in 2002 after four years in formation at St Augustine Seminary. In addition to serving various parishes in the Archdiocese of Toronto, he has served as the Director of Diaconate Formation at St. Augustine Seminary from 2010 to 2022. He is the professor of Homiletics at the seminary teaching Introduction to the Homily, Advanced Homiletics, and the Homiletics Practicum. He is a frequent webinar presenter on Homiletics out of Los Angeles, California. He is a writer for various publications and maintains a YouTube channel on preaching Better Catholic Preaching.

**February 13, 2024: Eucharistic Worship and Synodality: The Mass as central to our Journey Together
Presented by Gregory Beath**

As the Bishops and lay representatives discern how to develop a Church that is more synodal, we can ask: in what ways does our celebration of Eucharist help us to live the communion, participation and mission envisioned in a Church that journeys together?

Greg is your “resident” pastoral associate responsible for developing faith formation at St. Bonaventure’s Church. Presently, he is focused on helping people enter the life of the Church through the evangelization and catechesis envisioned by the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults. He also supports parents in their vital role in the sacramental preparation of their children and their fostering faith in the home. He doesn’t do this alone but works with dedicated groups of fabulous volunteers. He has been supporting parish ministry here and throughout the Archdiocese of Toronto for over 22 years. He and his family became parishioners of St. Bonaventure’s in the early 1980’s.

CATHOLIC FAMILY SERVICES OF TORONTO - BREATHING SPACE ONLINE CAREGIVER PROGRAM



Breathing Space is an open 6-week support group to learn skills, develop coping strategies, and provide you support and resources in a safe, welcoming, and non-judgmental environment. Topics include:

1. Maintaining Emotional Balance (Feb 7, 2024)
2. Living a Wholehearted Life While Dealing with Chronic Illness (Feb 14, 2024)
3. I Matter Too: Caregiver Stress and Family Relationships (Feb 21, 2024)
4. Healthcare Resources and System Navigation (Feb 28, 2024)
5. Coping with Illness, Maintaining Independence, and Self Care (Mar 6, 2024)
6. Handling Pain and Suffering; Bereavement and Grief (Mar 13, 2024)

Wednesdays from 2-3 p.m. Online groups on Zoom

**For further information and to register, please contact Corina Sumaway
Email: csumaway@cfstoronto.com / Phone: 416-921-1163 ext. 2230**

BLOOD DONOR CLINIC - THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15TH FROM 3 - 7 PM, MAIN HALL



Donating Blood

About an hour of your time could change someone's life.

Blood and blood products are a critical part of everyday medical care including major surgeries, medical procedures, cancer treatments and managing diseases and disorders. As a blood donor you form a vital link in Canada's lifeline, helping many Canadians wake up healthy each day.

Individuals that are interested in donating blood can book an appointment these ways:

- Download the GiveBlood App - Click BOOK under Whole Blood and search St. Bonaventure's Church. (You can also add in Feb 15, 2024, as the date to aid in the search)
- Go to Blood.ca - Click BOOK NOW at top right and search St. Bonaventure's Church (Click Advanced search tab in middle left adding in Feb 15, 2024, as the date with the location typed in will help bring it up faster as it is a few months away!)
- Call 1-888-2-DONATE (1-888-236-6283) to book a blood donation appointment on Feb 15, 2024, at St. Bonaventure's Church! CBS will do all the work over the phone to book the appointment for donors!

Upcoming donation event

Location: St. Bonaventure's Parish

Date: Thurs, Feb 15, 2024

Time: 3:00pm - 7:00pm

**New donors are needed every day.
Book now at [blood.ca](https://www.blood.ca)**



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REFLECTION

‘But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be silent, and come out of him!” ~ Mark 1:25

Do the demons really respect Jesus, or are they mocking and insulting him? “So, Son of God, you who are so devoted to God, so popular, you think you can convince all these people that you have some sort of healing power? You think God is on your side?” Imagined in this way, “Son of God” [Holy One of God] is unlikely an honorific. The demons—male and female—mimic the term of reverence used by Jesus’ disciples. Are the demons enticing him to accept them as his messengers? Then they could use their enormous power to spread the word about Jesus on their own malevolent terms. Demons have the power to disrupt and confuse people about Jesus—spreading conspiracy theories about him and “big lies,” as it were. Thus, Jesus reacts: “He warned them sternly not to make him known.” Jesus recognizes the demons for who they are. He disowns them. He’s not fooled. Their message, whatever the spin, is not his.

Did the demons then obey Jesus and shut down their operations? Probably not. While the exorcism of an unclean spirit happens regularly in the Gospel narratives—and Jesus shares with his disciples the power to drive them out—the fact is that demonic forces seem to fade but then reemerge in a new place, a new social setting. The nature of demons is to misrepresent themselves and frustrate any attempt to impose boundaries or regulation. Demons don’t obey anyone for long.

Catholics used to more frequently recite the Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel, asking God to “cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls.” Reviving this prayer might be warranted on occasion.

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May the Lord bless you and keep you!