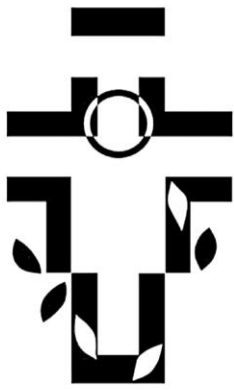


Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ
June 2, 2024



*Growing
in Spirit,
Community,
and Service*

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Franciscan Church of St. Bonaventure



*"Christ the Saviour with the Eucharist" (1545-1550), Juan de Juanes
(c.1503/05-1579), Oil on panel. Museo del Prado.*

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,
appointments only.**

Saturday:

3 pm to 7 pm

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a woman at the last supper

i knew exactly what he meant
for i know about body and blood
as well as flowers and yeast and sewing
he used words i could understand about giving life
and during those moments
i felt the world revolved around me instead of only men

but now
there are dishes to wash, a floor to sweep
and food to put away
yes, i know about body and blood; about giving life
and i will remember

By Sister Lou Ella Hickman, I.W.B.S, she: robed and wordless. Press 53: A
Tom Lombardo Selection, 2015

LITURGY & SACRAMENTS

THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, June 3	9 AM	† Ana Fernandez
Tuesday, June 4	9 AM	† Neil Pinto
Wednesday, June 5	9 AM	Intention of Helen Ng
Thursday, June 6	9 AM	† Young Seock Kim
Friday, June 7	9 AM	Vocations Intention of Christopher Dy Intention of Francis Fong Intention of Calvin Yee
Saturday, June 8	5 PM	† Myrna Haverty
Sunday, June 9	8:30 AM	† Michael Vincent Chua
	10 AM	The Parishioners
	12 PM	† John Gronow
Sanctuary Lamps	Bl. Sac.	† Teodorico Sicat
	Bl. Sac.	† Edith Munro
	Our Lady	† Joey Rosario

LITURGY OF THE WORD WITH CHILDREN AT THE 10 AM SUNDAY MASS

For children ages 4 to 9. A parent is welcome to accompany a child who is too shy to participate on their own.

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Confessions are heard on a weekly basis on Saturdays from 9 to 10 am in the Mary Chapel. Confessions are also heard on the first Monday of the month from 1 to 2 pm during Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. In addition, you can always make an appointment with Fr. Peter or Fr. Tom to celebrate this Sacrament in which we encounter our merciful God.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION & BENEDICTION ~ MONDAY, JUNE 3 FROM 12:30 PM TO 2 PM

Join us along with one grade of students from St. Bonaventure School for Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

12:30 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, hymn, incensation, greeting and opening prayer

12:35 Liturgy of the Word

12:50 Children head back to school.

Adoration continues with others who are present. This is open to all. A particular invitation is extended to the children's parents, grandparents, and godparents.

1:00 Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available in Our Lady's Chapel from 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm.

2:00 Benediction with the Blessed Sacrament (hymn and incensation) followed by reposition.



THE EUCHARIST, HEAVEN ON EARTH

It seems to me that nothing speaks to us of God's love in God's Heart as the Eucharist. It is union, consummation, God in us and we in Him. Is it not heaven on earth?

~ St. Elizabeth of the Trinity, *Letter 165 to Abbé Ch.*, 14 June 1903

PROCLAIMING THE COMING JUBILEE YEAR 2025



In the papal bull “*Hope does not disappoint*” announcing the Jubilee Year 2025, Pope Francis writes:

4. *Saint Paul is a realist. He knows that life has its joys and sorrows, that love is tested amid trials, and that hope can falter in the face of suffering. Even so, he can write:*

“We boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and

endurance produces character, and character produces hope” (Rom 5:3-4). For the

Apostle, trials and tribulations mark the lives of those who preach the Gospel amid incomprehension and persecution (cf. 2 Cor 6:3-10). Yet in those very contexts, beyond

the darkness we glimpse a light: we come to realize that evangelization is sustained by the

power flowing from Christ’s cross and resurrection. In this way, we learn to practise a virtue closely linked to hope, namely patience. In our fast-paced world, we are used to wanting everything now. We no longer have time simply to be with others; even families find it hard to get together and enjoy one another’s company. Patience has been put to flight by frenetic haste, and this has proved detrimental, since it leads to impatience, anxiety and even gratuitous violence, resulting in more unhappiness and self-centredness.

Nor is there much place for patience in this age of the Internet, as space and time yield to an ever-present “now”. Were we still able to contemplate creation with a sense of awe, we might better understand the importance of patience. We could appreciate the changes of the seasons and their harvests, observe the life of animals and their cycles of growth, and enjoy the clarity of vision of Saint Francis. In his Canticum of the Creatures, written exactly eight hundred years ago, Francis saw all creation as a great family and could call the sun his “brother” and the moon his “sister”. A renewed appreciation of the value of patience could only prove beneficial for ourselves and for others. Saint Paul often speaks of patience in the context of our need for perseverance and confident trust in God’s promises. Yet, before all else, he testifies to God’s own patience, as “the God of all patience and encouragement” (Rom 15:5). Patience, one of the fruits of the Holy Spirit, sustains our hope and strengthens it as a virtue and a way of life. May we learn to pray frequently for the grace of patience, which is both the daughter of hope and at the same time its firm foundation.

The Jubilee Year will begin with the opening of the Holy Door on the 24th of December 2024 at St. Peter’s Basilica. Pope Francis has asked that 2024 be a year of prayer in anticipation of and preparation for the Jubilee Year.

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, + Joan Watson,
+ Matt Gleeson, + Denise Baranecki, + Jhonny Mujica, + Alberto Samonte, + Marilyn Sher, + Mary-Lou Gleeson,
+ Virginia (Ginny) Doty, + Shirley Hynd, and + Maureen Shanahan.

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.

SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS ~ JUNE 7

Catholics worldwide are urged to pray for priests this day on the Word Day of Prayer for the Sanctification of Priests. The day was begun by St. John Paul II in 2002. This coincides with the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart.

Lord Jesus Christ, eternal High Priest, You offered Yourself to the Father on the altar of the Cross and through the outpouring of the Holy Spirit gave Your priestly people a share in Your redeeming sacrifice. Hear our prayer for the sanctification of our priests. Grant that all who are ordained to the ministerial priesthood may be ever more conformed to You, the divine Master. May they preach the Gospel with pure heart and clear conscience. Let them be shepherds according to Your own Heart, single-minded in service to You and to the Church and shining examples of a holy, simple and joyful life. Through the prayers of the Blessed Virgin Mary, your Mother and ours, draw all priests and the flocks entrusted to their care to the fullness of eternal life where You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

HELPING OTHERS

CASSEROLES FOR THE GOOD SHEPHERD REFUGE



In the month of May, the Good Shepherd received [56 casseroles](#) from our parish community. Thank you so very much to those who prepared these much-needed meals for the vulnerable people in our city.

If you would like to join this mission of mercy your help would be appreciated. The pans and recipes are readily available in the cupboard at the back of the church. You have a choice to make any recipe that works for you. Please sign your name and the number of pans you need. Casseroles are returned frozen to the Ministry Centre. May you have an open heart and an open kitchen. **Next pick up by the Good Shepherd is June 25.**

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/>

SHARELIFE 2024 PARISH CAMPAIGN

Living the Gospel: 2024 Parish Campaign
ShareLife Sunday Collections
March 17 | April 28 | June 2



Your love and compassion led thousands on the path to healing

Through your kind support, you eased the struggles of 23,000 people by providing access to mental health care. Your compassion provides families access to counselling sessions from our Catholic family agencies.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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 Meetings

Tuesday, June 4: 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Helpful Keys to Developing Stress Management Skills: as we seek to care for our body, mind and spirit.

Stress does happen, adverse events do happen. What do I have control over? What do I have no control over? We will look at these questions and identify ways of managing stressful situations and adversity in our everyday lives.

Presented by: Trena Finnegan, Coordinator of Ministry with Maturing Adults



Tuesday, June 18: 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Spending Time with Our Creator in Our Summer Gardens

As we welcome summer we are invited to spend more time outdoors. You are invited to the Ministry centre after the 9AM mass for coffee and reflection on the Canticle of St. Francis. Then we will spend time outdoors observing and using all our senses God's creation in the St. Bonaventure Garden.

Facilitated by: Trena Finnegan, Coordinator of Ministry with Maturing Adults

Tuesday July 9:

Presentation by Year-Round Travel

Day trips, short and longer trips specially geared for those in the second half of life. More details to follow.

Save the Date: August 13 More information coming soon!

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE



Phase A will be complete this week. This means that we will be able to use the main doors to the Ministry Centre, the back doors to the Parish Centre and the side door of the church into the Sacristy area.

We will be starting Phase B on Friday June 7 which will cover the walkway area between the church & the Parish Centre and the walkway that runs in front of the Main Hall of the parish Centre.

The walkways involved will be unavailable for pedestrian traffic. The turning circle in front of the church will be closed off as well. This means that there will be no parking, passenger drop off or accessible parking for approximately 6 weeks.

Accessible parking is available in front of the Ministry Centre and in the back lot behind the Ministry Centre.

Please exercise caution in the parking lot and on the walkways.

Thank you for your patience and understanding.

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REFLECTION

“This is my Blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many.” (Mark 14:24)

If we find it difficult to find the right approach to the inner understanding of this sacrament, we have to search our own souls. Let us pose to ourselves the mystery of our own life from which we flee in the hustle and bustle of our everyday life and through the narcotics of our pleasures! Let the infinite longing take power in us! Hearken to the indwelling death in us! Let us be horrified over the cruel loneliness of the human being locked up in us! Let us seriously ask if the insensibility to God which we have tried to assess as an accusation against him, or as half-admitted proof against his existence, is not really that with which we have allied ourselves deep down in our hearts, so that we do not have to become men of infinite love, men of eternity who blissfully let God make exorbitant demands on them. If in this or similar ways (there are innumerable more) we undeviatingly resist our own true selves, we will suddenly receive an understanding of this sacrament. For what we hear from him in faith will suddenly sound as the answer to the question which came up in us, which is our selves. Do we suffer from the distance from God? Here is the voice of him who spoke in the utter darkness of death: Father, into thy hands I commit my spirit. Here he is with his death! Do we suffer from the pain of being unable to love? Here is the one who in the night when he was betrayed (he was betrayed by us all) loved his disciples up to the end. Would we like to be loyal to the Earth and no longer see the works of this Earth perish? Here is the transfigured world in the transfigured flesh of the resurrected, here is the beginning of the glorious validity of this Earth! Take and eat the pledge of the salvation and glorification of all flesh! Are we tormented by the ambiguity, the fragility and hollowness of our own being, its guilt, its failure, its horrendous wretchedness? Here is the one who has suffered for us, as he was without guilt, through all the abysses of our guilt, since he became a curse for us, who, knowing us to our abysses, accepted us, loved us, healed us! Are we tormented by the fear of meaningless decay and destruction? Here is the one who has anticipated all meaningless decay and destruction, who has redeemed them and who gives us power in pure powerlessness to accept them. Here is everything: the meaning, the pain, and the bliss of our existence. Hidden, however, and open only to faith. But truly and really. O holy banquet, thus will we pray with the church, in which Christ is received, in which his suffering in commemorating celebration is made present, and in which is give the pledge of our approaching glory.

-Excerpt from Karl Rahner's, *The Eucharist: The Mystery of our Christ*, Dimension Books, 1970.

May the Lord bless you and keep you!