

*Fourth Sunday of Lent
March 10, 2024*



*Growing
in Spirit,
Community,
and Service*

Bonnie News

Franciscan Church of St. Bonaventure



Magdalen with the Smoking Flame (detail), c 1640, Georges de la Tour (French, 1593-1652). Oil on Canvas. Los Angeles County Museum of Art. Public domain. Wikicommons.

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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If hope has made you walk
farther than fear,
you will raise your eyes.
Then you will be able to hold firm
until you reach the sun of God.

If anger caused you to clamor for justice for all,
your heart will be wounded.
Then you will be able to struggle
along with the oppressed.

If weakness made you fall along the way,
you will know how to open your arms.
Then you will be able to dance
to the rhythm of forgiveness.

If destitution made you search in the hungry night,
you will have an open heart.
Then you will be able to give
the bread of poverty.

If suffering made you shed tears of blood,
you will have cleansed eyes.
Then you will be able to pray
with your brother on the cross.

If sadness has made you doubt
on one evening you felt abandoned,
you will know how to carry your cross.
Then you will be able to die
in step with the God-Man.

*-J. Akepsimas and M. Scouarnec, Des mots et des notes pour
célébrer, 99. (Fiche de chant G 213).*

LITURGY & SACRAMENTS

THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, March 11	9 AM	† Michael Farnum
Tuesday, March 12	9 AM	† Antonia Fortuoste
Wednesday, March 13	9 AM	† Vincent Chaisson
Thursday, March 14	9 AM	† Grazia Maida
Friday, March 15	9 AM	† Jhonny Mujica
Saturday, March 16	5 PM	† Holy Souls in Purgatory
Sunday, March 17	8:30 AM	† Anna Brisbois
	10 AM	The Parishioners
	12 PM	Thanksgiving of St. Joseph
Sanctuary Lamps Bl. Sac. Bl. Sac. O.L. Chapel		† Harry Kimpton
		† Joan Watson
		Personal Intention

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Confessions are heard on a weekly basis on Saturdays from 9 to 10 am in Our Lady's 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. Our Lenten Day of Confession is Wednesday March 20 with confessions from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., 12 noon to 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday during the Season of Lent after the 9 am Mass. (Exception: Friday, March 22 at 7 pm).

NO LITURGY OF THE WORD WITH CHILDREN THIS FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MARCH BREAK

Liturgy of the Word with Children will resume next Sunday, March 17 at the 10 am Mass.

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT ~ REJOICE SUNDAY

Bright sadness is the true message of Lent. Little by little we begin to understand, or rather to feel, that the sadness of Lent is indeed "bright," that a mysterious transformation is about to take place in us. It is as if we were reaching a place to which the noises and the fuss of life, of the street, of all that which usually fills our days and even nights, have no access—a place where they have no power. All that which seemed so tremendously important to us as to fill our mind, that state of anxiety which has virtually become our second nature, disappear somewhere and we begin to feel free, light and happy. It is not the noisy and superficial happiness which comes and goes twenty times a day and is so fragile and fugative; it is a deep happiness which comes not from a single and particular reason but from our soul having, in the words of Dostoyevsky, touched "another world." And that which it has touched is made up of light and peace and joy, of an inexpressible trust.

~ Alexander Schmemmann, quoted in "A Lent Sourcebook: The Forty Days. Book Two (Archdiocese of Chicago: Liturgy Training Publications, 1990), 51.

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*.

PRAY FOR THE ELECT AND OUR CANDIDATES FOR FULL COMMUNION

Please pray for the Elect: Schavana and Marieana, and the Candidates for Full Communion: Darryl, Michael and Sandra, this Lenten Season. On the 3rd, 4th, and 5th Sundays of Lent at the 10 am Mass, we will celebrate the Scrutinies with our Elect. We ask God to reveal to the Elect whatever needs further conversion in their hearts, to deepen their resolve to hold fast to Christ and to carry out the decision to love God above all. May the Elect and the Candidates be open to God's grace during this holy season.

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

SHARELIFE 2024 PARISH CAMPAIGN

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



Inspired by God's love: Support ShareLife's mission

Today, as we contemplate God's boundless generosity, may we, too, be moved by this same spirit of generosity. May this inspire all of us to be kind, compassionate, and move us to share our blessings with our brothers and sisters in need.

Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.

CASSEROLES FOR THE GOOD SHEPHERD REFUGE

The Bonnie's Casserole Cooks sent [57 casseroles](#) to the Good Shepherd in the month of February. Thank you, thank you, to those who sent these meals to help feed the vulnerable in our society. We are always in need of more volunteers, and this is the perfect opportunity to get involved in this mission of mercy. Please get on board with this small act of kindness.

Recipes and pans are available in the cupboards at the back of the church. Kindly sign for pans needed.

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/>

UPCOMING EVENTS

HOLY LAND GOODS ~ SEBASTIAN CARDINAL ~ MARCH 9 AND 10

Handicraft Holy Land Christians

This weekend, we welcome our special guest Paul from Sebastien Cardinal's team representing "Handicraft Holy Land Christians", who after all the masses will briefly address the issues and concerns regarding the Christian presence in the Holy Land.



Christians in the Holy Land graciously ask your support through conscience prayers and will have many unique hand carved olive wood religious art pieces made by these families in Bethlehem available for purchase after every mass. Proceeds of the sales generate much needed employment for our Christian brothers and sisters in Bethlehem. May God Bless you for your generosity, for you help and for your prayers."

Cash, debit, credit cards and cheque will be accepted.

You can visit and support us at www.HolylandChristians.ca

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

Tuesday March 12, 10AM to 11:30AM: Estate Planning - Presented by: Bruce Morrison, CPA CA



Do you have an estate plan? Are you planning to create one? This information session will explain what an estate plan is, and the key steps needed to ensure that your assets are distributed in life or after death.

Mr. Morrison obtained his Chartered Accountancy designation in 1985. Since that time, he has been the Chief Financial Officer of a number of companies, including Southam, Maple Leaf Foods and the STRONCO Group. In 2017, he established his own financial services firm, BMF, where he specializes in taxation, restructuring and financing. Mr. Morrison teaches professional development courses for CPA Ontario and mentors CPA students. He is a former member of the Finance Committee of the Ontario Heart and Stroke Foundation, and a member of the Granite Club.

Tuesday March 26th 10:AM to 11:30AM

Coffee and Conversation (and an opportunity to reflect on the Triduum))

Join us on this Tuesday of Holy Week as we enjoy a coffee and take a look at the different ways we reflect and prepare ourselves and ponder the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Save the dates the dates: April 2 and April 9, 2024

ICON OF ST. JOSEPH - ON DISPLAY - MARCH 11 TO 17

St. Joseph carried out his mission of raising, guarding, and preparing Christ quietly, courageously, and faithfully. For that faithful work, St. Joseph was rewarded – not with seeing the fruits of his labor in this life, but with the incomparable prize of glory in heaven.

This beautiful icon is housed at St. Joseph's Oratory in Montréal, Canada's preeminent Shrine to St. Joseph, founded by St. André Bessette. The original is written (prayerfully painted) by Elizabeth Bergeron, from a drawing by famed iconographer Alexandre Sobolev. In the image, St. Joseph stands with his eyes cast humbly down, but with a determined strength in his face. In his covered arm he bears the Child Jesus, whose own hand is raised, blessing the world. In his right arm, St. Joseph holds a flowering staff, a sign that he was chosen by God. The white lilies of the staff signify his purity and chastity. Taken together, the icon provides a window into the life and mission of this courageous father, a man who was one of us and yet called to a mission of incomparable significance. We give thanks to God for the gift of his fatherly example, and we ask St. Joseph to be a father to us. Along the way, may we also grow in our own imitation of St. Joseph's quiet strength, integrity, and fidelity.

[The Knights of Columbus cordially invite all parishioners to join us in prayer to St. Joseph On Friday March 15 at 6:30 pm, followed by a screening of a movie depicting the life of St. Joseph at 7:00 pm. This event promises to be a meaningful opportunity for spiritual reflection and fellowship.](#)

"THE FACE OF MERCY" SCREENING - SATURDAY APRIL 6 - 10 A.M.

Pope Francis's call to embrace mercy has indeed resonated with millions around the world, inspiring a movement towards compassion and forgiveness. The documentary film "The Face of Mercy," narrated by Jim Caviezel, promises to offer a profound exploration of this theme.

From the powerful visions of St. Faustina to the efforts of Pope John Paul II in spreading the message of Divine Mercy globally, the film is sure to be both enlightening and moving.

The Knights of Columbus are extending an invitation to all parishioners to join them on Saturday, April 6th, from 10:00 am to 11:30 am for a screening of "The Face of Mercy."

This event presents a valuable opportunity for reflection and inspiration, as well as a chance to deepen one's understanding of the importance of mercy in today's world.

ST. CLARE INN GALA - APRIL 27, 2024

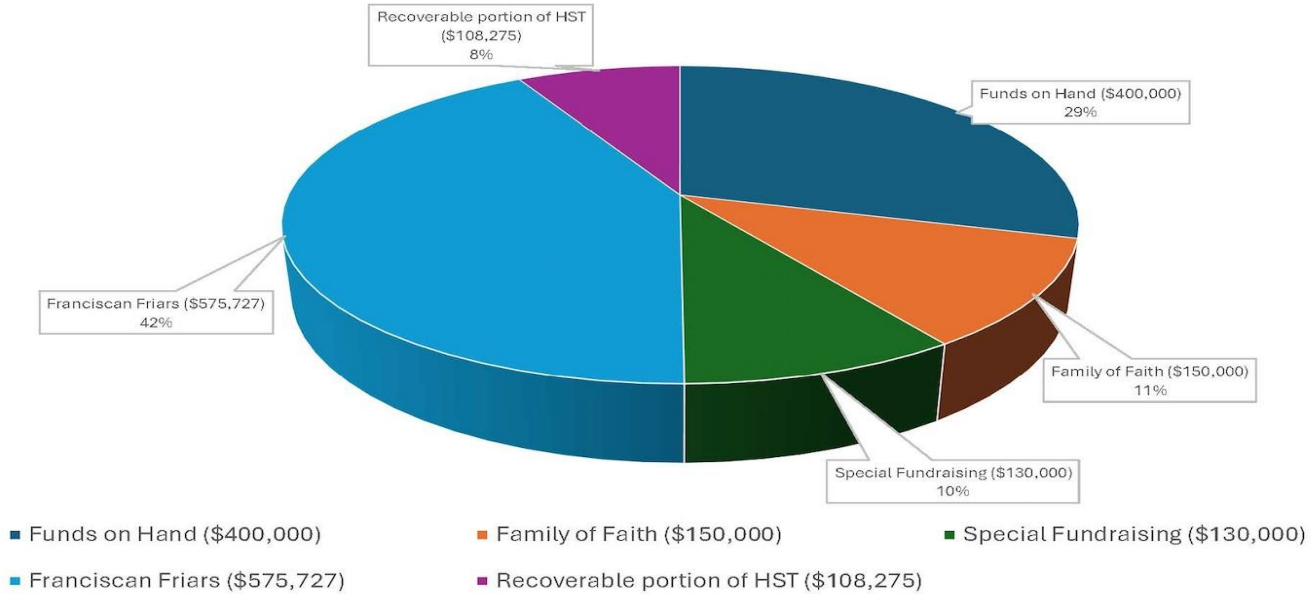


Join us on Saturday April 27, 2024, at the Donalda Club for our annual spring gala, Retro 80's Night. Tickets can be purchased on the St. Clare Inn website at www.stclareinn.com. Tickets are \$115 per person.

The evening will include wonderful food, entertainment, silent and live auctions, a raffle and much more. We hope to see you there!

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE COURTYARD AND WALKWAY PROJECT

Financing for Courtyard & Walkways Project



The total amount needed for this project is: \$1,364,002.

The Family of Faith Footnote:





When the Family of Faith campaign was launched in 2015, the parish goal was set at \$960K of which \$240K was to be directed to programs promoting faith development. Having exceeded our goal by \$329K, and with accrued interest, we now have \$497K on deposit with the Archdiocese of Toronto. To date, we have not used any of these funds. Since 2019 we have, however, allocated parish funds in the amount of 400K for expenses related to faith development in the form of salaries and program and activity costs related to sacramental preparation and Ministry with Maturing Adults. Therefore, we have requested permission to withdraw \$100K from our Family of Faith holdings to replenish our general operating account for expenses related to faith development. In addition, we have requested permission to redirect \$150K of our Family of Faith funds towards the Courtyard and Walkways project. Bishop Kasun has approved this request. The remaining \$247K of Family of Faith funds, on deposit with the Archdiocese, will be available for future faith formation programs.

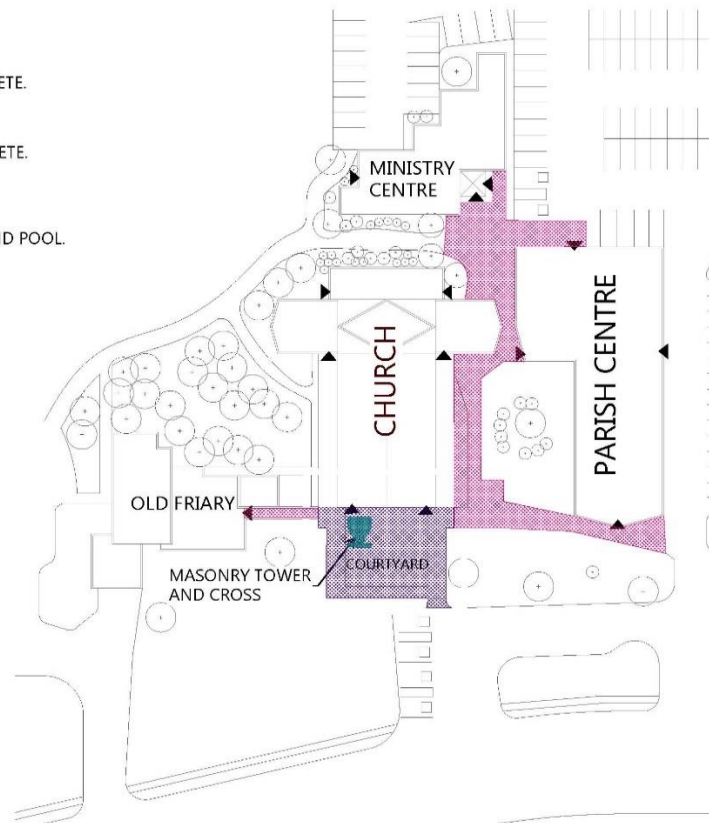
Special Fundraising Footnote

We need to raise \$130K during this calendar year to help finance the Courtyard and Walkways project. Six second collection envelopes have been provided for this special fundraising effort: February 04, April 07, July 07, September 01, November 03 and December 01. In addition to these dated collections, donations explicitly designated for this special fundraising effort can be made at any time. Donations must be designated as Maintenance or Courtyard and Walkways Project.

GROWING IN *Spirit, Community, and Service*

- WALKWAYS:**
REMOVE THE PAVERS AND INSTALL CONCRETE.
- COURTYARD:**
REMOVE THE PAVERS AND INSTALL CONCRETE.
REMOVE THE PLANTED GARDENS.
- MASONRY CROSS AND TOWER:**
REMOVE THE MASONRY TOWER, CROSS AND POOL.

- LEGEND**
-  MASONRY TOWER AND CROSS
 -  COURTYARD
 -  WALKWAYS
 -  BUILDING ENTRANCE



ST. BONAVENTURE - SITE PLAN

Parking and Entering the Church

This project will be done in phases. The site plan drawing above outlines: the cross and masonry tower, The courtyard and the walkways. Accessible parking will be provided throughout the duration of the work. Updates will be given on regular basis. There will be parking attendants at the Sunday masses and funerals, when required, to ensure the need for accessibility and orderly flow of traffic.

We appreciate in advance your cooperation and patience while construction is ongoing.

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FOR A PARISH REGISTRATION FORM TO COMPLETE

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<https://www.tcdsb.org/SCHOOLS/STBONAVENTURE/>

Society of St. Vincent de Paul
416-447-5571 ext. 570

Casseroles for the Good Shepherd Centre, contact
casseroles@st-bonaventure.ca

REFLECTION

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only-begotten Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.” ~ John 3:16-17

God doesn't want to destroy people and God doesn't allow suffering for the sake of hurting people either. Instead, God is looking for a remedy, as the First Reading [2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23] implies. God is willing to use desperate measures, even the heartbreak of his people, to save them. And not only that, but God is willing to use his own suffering too.

As the Gospel Reading says, God gave his beloved Son to save the world. Christ was betrayed by his disciples, shamed in front of his family and friends, mocked by his community, condemned by the legal authorities, publicly flogged, and put to death by crucifixion. Any one of these things is enough for heartbreak, isn't it? And so, in the incarnate Christ, God uses his own great suffering as the final remedy to bring people from death into life, when all other remedies have been tried and failed. Heartbreak by us, by Christ, is for life not for death.

And here is what else we need to see. Jerusalem was rebuilt and the Temple was restored, as the First Reading explains. Christ's death was followed by his resurrection. In each of these cases, heartbreak was turned into joy. And so heartbreak is not the last word. Elsewhere (Ps 37:3-4) the Psalmist says, “put your trust in the Lord, ... and he will give you the desires of your heart.” When the story is God's, heartbreak is not the end of the story. Joy in finding your heart's desire is.

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May the Lord bless you and keep you!