

*Third Sunday of Lent
March 12, 2023*



*Growing
in Spirit,
Community,
and Service*

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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Bonnie News

Franciscan Church of St. Bonaventure

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"Come unto me and rest;
lay down, O weary one,
lay down your head upon my breast."
I came to Jesus as I was,
so weary, worn, and sad;
I found in him a resting place,
and he has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"Behold, I freely give
the living water, thirsty one;
stoop down and drink and live."
I came to Jesus, and I drank
of that life-giving stream;
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
and now I live in him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"I am this dark world's light.
Look unto me; your morn shall rise
and all your day be bright."
I looked to Jesus, and I found
in him my star, my sun;
and in that light of life I'll walk
till trav'ling days are done.

~ Horatius Bonar, 19th Century

NEW PARISHIONERS WELCOME

We warmly welcome new members to our parish community and encourage you to register as parishioners. Please complete a parish registration form, which may be obtained at the back of the church or by contacting the Ministry Centre at 416-447-5571.

LITURGY & SACRAMENTS

THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, March 13	9 AM	Ikenna Osuji and Family
Tuesday, March 14	9 AM	† Grazia Maida
Wednesday, March 15	9 AM	Rory MacDiramid
Thursday, March 16	9 AM	Intention of Eddie Nwogwugwu
Friday, March 17	9 AM	† David Sullivan Intention of Juanita Waithe Vocations Brothers, Sisters and Benefactors of the Order of Friars Minor
Saturday, March 18	5 PM	The Parishioners
Sunday, March 19	8:30 AM	† Hugh Canning (father and son)
	10 AM	† Joe Sitar
	12 PM	† Doris Mary Tanter
Sanctuary Lamps	† Gerry Holen	
	† Frankie Horgan Jr.	
	Deceased Members of the Parish	

CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: A NEW TIME AND PLACE FOR CONFESSIONS

Confessions are heard on a weekly basis on Saturdays from 9 to 10 am in the Mary Chapel. In addition, during our monthly Eucharistic Adoration (first Monday of each month) confessions are heard 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.

DAY OF CONFESSIONS ~ WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22

The friars will be available to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation with individuals on Wednesday, March 22, from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m., 12 to 1 p.m., and 7 to 8 p.m. in the Mary Chapel.

LITURGY OF THE WORD WITH CHILDREN

There will be no Liturgy of the Word with Children this Sunday, March 12. We will resume next Sunday, March 19 at 10 a.m.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Couples must contact the Ministry Centre at least one year in advance of the anticipated date. A preparation course is also required.

HELPING OTHERS

2022 DONATION TAX RECEIPTS

Your charitable tax receipts for donations to the parish were printed by the Archdiocese of Toronto last week and have been mailed directly to you. They should arrive by post either this week or next. Thank you for your generosity, your patience, and for your continued support of the needs of the parish!

SHARELIFE 2023 PARISH CAMPAIGN



Living the Gospel: 2023 Parish Campaign
ShareLife Sunday Collections March 26 | April 30 | June 4
Our parish goal for this year's campaign is \$94,000



Live the Gospel by helping our vulnerable brothers and sisters

ShareLife Sunday is March 26 and we once again ask you to give generously to support Catholic agencies, who in turn care for the most vulnerable in our communities. As a parish, this is our opportunity to live the Gospel!

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

FOOD DRIVE IN SUPPORT OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD CENTRE

Help provide meals for homeless and at risk individuals in our community. Most Needed Items:

Tomato Sauce, Canned Tomatoes, Soup and Stews, Mayonnaise and Mustard, Jams, Granola Bars, Beans, Chickpeas, Canned Corn, Beans, Breakfast Cereals, Peanut Butter, Canned Tuna and Salmon.

Please place non-perishable food items into the baskets at the back of the church.
Thank you in advance for your generosity.

CASSEROLES FOR GOOD SHEPHERD REFUGE

February's contribution to The Good Shepherd reached 52 casseroles. A BIG note of thanks to all the Bonnie Casserole Cooks. For those of you who realize the importance of this work of mercy please encourage others to join our TEAM! Show the love of community by helping to feed those in need. One casserole feeds 10, 52 feeds 520. The Good Shepherd serves more than 1100 portions each day. Let's keep up the great work and reach for 50-60 casseroles in the months ahead.

"As Christians we are to feed the poor and help people who are in need. Feeding the needy is part of serving one another and as we serve others we are serving Christ"

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL



The person who shows love and compassion to those in any kind of affliction is blessed, not only with the virtue of good will but also with the gift of peace... Those who are unequal in their capacity to give can be equal in the love within their hearts. ~St. Leo the Great, pope

Vincentians strive to assist persons and families in need in our parish and surrounding community by providing gift cards for food and other essentials. Please pray for our neighbours in need and continue with your generosity to our SSVP boxes for the less fortunate and securely online through CanadaHelps at:

<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/society-of-st-vincent-de-paul-st-bonaventure-conference/>

Our confidential helpline is accessible 24 hours by calling **416-447-5571, ext. 570**

SHARE LENT 2023 - DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE: STAND FOR THE LAND

Colombia: defence of land and territory



Colombia is home to nearly 10 per cent of the planet's biodiversity, yet it is also one of the most dangerous countries for people defending their land and territory against exploitation.

Development and Peace – Caritas Canada's partner, the *Asociación Campesina de Antioquia* (ACA, Peasant Association of Antioquia) supports peasant communities affected by armed conflict in defending their lives and territories and in building a culture of peace through filmmaking and art.

This Lent, meet our solidarity visitor Raquel Soto, a participant in ACA's documentary filmmaking school. Learn more at devp.org/lenet.

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:

+ Gerald Desjardins, + David Hui, + Teresa Brown, + Patricia Docherty, + Nina Jagaric, + Flordeliz Noriel, + Donna McGuinness, + Claudine Fox, + Anita Baker, + Cecily Foss, + Madeline Fotyi, + Anthony Narayan, + Dennis Szechy, + Martha Fogh, + Kevin O'Sullivan, + Oliver Figueiredo, + Marcelina Manankil, + Mildred Cope, + Raneé Nadarajah, + Douglas Woollings, + George De Gannes, + June Burns, + Neil Pinto, and + Gerry Holen.

May heaven be theirs and may peace be to those who mourn their passing.

PRAYER NETWORK REQUESTS

Network members pray daily for the intentions which are held in confidence. New members are welcome! Call Teresa Krijgsman with your intentions: 416-444-4719.

UPCOMING EVENTS

MINISTRY WITH MATURING ADULTS - NURTURING OUR SPIRITUALITY IN THE SECOND HALF OF LIFE

TUESDAY MORNINGS: Gatherings on ZOOM at 10:00 - 11:30 am

March 14 - Ireland in Pictures, Food and Drink
Presenter: Richard Strange and Curtis McDonnell

April 11 - Healing Power of Laughter
Presenter: Alain Cote and MMA Members

May 9 - In-Person Meeting
Visioning for MMA Community, Blessing and Closing
Guest Speakers: Maureen & Curtis McDonnell

Email: mma@st-bonaventure.ca to register

SAVE THE DATE - ST. CLARE INN GALA ON APRIL 29, 2023



The Secret Garden Spring Gala

Join Us on Saturday April 29, 2023

6:30pm to 10:30 pm

The Donalda Club

12 Bushbury Dr, North York, ON M3A 2Z7

Featuring great food, live entertainment, door prize, silent and live auctions, raffle draw, and 50/50 draw.

Tickets are \$115.00 and can be purchased via eventbrite

(<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/the-secret-garden-gala-come-join-the-fun-tickets-554490093797>), or by calling the office at 416.690.0330, or by emailing us at info@stclareinn.org.

2023 WORLD DAY OF PRAYER - SATURDAY, MARCH 18TH

The CWL invites everyone to the 2023 World Day of Prayer ("WDP") event hosted by our parish this year on March 18th, 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. WDP is a prayer movement that invites us to enrich our faith experience with the experience of Christians from other countries and cultures to bring hope to women touched by injustice. This year's service is written by the WDP Committee of Taiwan. Several other local churches will be participating with us. If you would like to attend or have questions, please contact Jill Tonus at jilltonus@gmail.com or 416-473-6523.

THOMAS, CARDINAL COLLINS' FINAL SUNDAY MASS AS ARCHBISHOP AND AN ONLINE EVENT

Cardinal Collins will preside at the noon Mass at St. Michael's Cathedral on Sunday, March 19, 2023. It will be his final Sunday Mass as Archbishop of Toronto.

You are invited to a special online event with Cardinal Collins on March 16 from 9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. titled, "Embracing Gratitude". During this time, he will reflect on his many years of service in our Archdiocese. To register click here: <https://bit.ly/PVWS-RegisterMar2023>

MASS OF CELEBRATION TO WELCOME ARCHBISHOP FRANCIS (FRANK) LEO

The installation of Bishop Francis (Frank) Leo as Archbishop of Toronto will take place on Saturday, March 25, 2023 at 10 a.m. Given capacity restrictions at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica, this will be an invitation-only event. The Mass of Installation will be livestreamed through www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live and broadcast on Salt & Light Catholic TV and through their website: www.slmedia.org.

Parishioners are invited to attend a regional Mass of Welcome taking place in the Central Region on Tuesday, April 11, 2023 at Blessed Trinity Parish, Toronto at 7 p.m. A reception will follow Mass in the parish hall. All are welcome. Please keep Archbishop Leo in your prayers as he begins his ministry as our shepherd.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We invite you to share your gifts with the parish community! We need additional volunteers in many areas: Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Ushers, Altar Servers, Sunday Coffee just to name a few. If you can help out, please call the Ministry Centre at 416-447-5571. Thank you for your consideration!

MARCH BREAK - ENJOY!

Wishing our children, families, teachers, and school staff, a restful, fun-filled and safe March break!

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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

'The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.'
The woman said to him, 'Sir, give me this water...'" ~ John 4:14-15

"Israel lived between the desert and the sea, between death through too little or too much water, dehydration and drowning, the two threats to the future of the planet today. Life-giving water was dew or stream, water that flowed and did not flood, which could be channelled and used for irrigation. So the early Church insisted that, if possible, we should baptise in running water. The water that rejuvenates us is 'living water', the stream of God's grace, not stagnant water or the chaotic threatening water of the sea.

The promise of Jesus to the Samaritan woman at the well is that we shall be sources of living water ourselves: 'The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life' (Jn. 4.14; 7.38). When Jesus dies, his side is pierced by the lance of the soldier and he becomes a spring of living water (Jn 19.34). And on Easter morning, the dead wood of the cross is often portrayed as flowering. The old thorn bush becomes a tree of life.

At the Easter Vigil, we bless the waters and say, 'Father, look now with love upon your Church, and unseal for her the fountain of baptism'. We bless the waters of the font, a word which comes from the Latin *fons*, a fountain or spring, so that we may be renewed in the springtime of God's grace. Or if it does destroy, as in the Flood, then it is only so that we can truly live."

~ Timothy Radcliffe, OP, *Take the Plunge: Living Baptism and Confirmation*
(London: Bloomsbury, 2012), 114-115.

May the Lord bless you and keep you!