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in Spirit,  
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### **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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*Second Sunday of Lent  
March 16, 2025*

# Bonnie News

*Franciscan Church of St. Bonaventure*



*The Transfiguration (La transfiguration)*, 1886-1896. James Tissot (1836-1902, French). Opaque watercolor over graphite on gray wove paper. Brooklyn Museum. No known copyright restrictions.

### **XXVII Dominus illuminatio by Malcolm Guite**

Oh let me see with his eyes from now on  
Whose gaze on beauty makes it beautiful,  
Who looks us into love and looks upon

His whole creation with a merciful  
And loving eye. My heart has said of him  
Seek out his face, I've sensed his bountiful

Presence shimmering behind the dim  
Veil of things. That presence calls to me  
Calls me to tremble at the brink and rim

Of lived experience, and then to free  
Myself of fear. to trust him, and to dive  
Right off that brink, into his mystery

Into that deep and holy sea of love  
In which the living worlds all float and swim  
To dare each moment's death, that I might live.

[https://malcolmguite.wordpress.com/2020/07/01/seek-ye-my-face-a-response-to-psalm-](https://malcolmguite.wordpress.com/2020/07/01/seek-ye-my-face-a-response-to-psalm-27/)

## LITURGY & SACRAMENTS

### THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, March 17	9 AM	† Benilda Malapitan
Tuesday, March 18	9 AM	In Thanksgiving
Wednesday, March 19	9 AM	† Gerard Duarte
Thursday, March 20	9 AM	† Rochelle Labrador
Friday, March 21	9 AM	Brothers, Sisters and Benefactors of the Order Intentions of Frances Fong Mabel Lim, for health Cheng Hai Lim, for health † Josef Sitar † Joyce de Gannes † Leonardo Alon, Sr.
Saturday, March 22	5 PM	† Teresa Turiziani
Sunday, March 23	8:30 AM	† Ignatius McHugh
	10 AM	The Parishioners
	12 PM	† Angel and Salvacion Brizvela
Sanctuary Lamps	Bl. Sac.	Intentions of Cecile
	Bl. Sac.	† Miguel De Los Santos
	Our Lady	† Barbara Makowicz

### 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.

### LITURGY OF THE WORD WITH CHILDREN

Liturgy of the Word with Children resumes this Sunday, March 16 at the 10 a.m. Mass.

### 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](mailto:homebound@st-bonaventure.ca) or at 416-447-5571 ext. 590 and let us know.

### SOLEMNITY OF ST. JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY ~ WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19

St. Joseph is the Principal Patron Saint of Canada and of the Universal Church. Mass to celebrate the Solemnity at 9 a.m.

### SCRIPTURE SHARING GROUP AT ST. BONAVENTURE'S

The Scripture Sharing group meets every Wednesday from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the Oak Room of the Parish Centre to prepare for the readings for the upcoming Sunday. Reflecting on the spirituality of the scriptures before Mass can have a great impact on hearing the Word proclaimed on Sunday. Participation via ZOOM is available. For more information, please contact Tom: [tom.burns6727@gmail.com](mailto:tom.burns6727@gmail.com)

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS ~ FRIDAYS THROUGH LENT



Each Friday during Lent after the 9 AM Mass, except for April 11th, when the devotion will take place at 7 PM.

## 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, + Jeanette Bertheau, + Edward Baker, + Joyce De Gannes, + Rochelle Labrador,  
+ Vinodh Loganadhan and † Barbara Makowicz.

## A PRAYER TO ST. JOSEPH, MAINSTAY OF FAMILIES

*Pope Francis's Prayer Intention for the Month of March this year is for families in crisis. Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.*

Attentive Joseph, in Mary and you, the Word finds a nurturing environment; thus, you form a family to receive God's Son. In your amiable life together, you experience Love daily. The unity of your hearts transforms life's harsh lessons into growing wisdom and grace. Open ourselves to the Word that lives within us, that our actions may bear witness to our own connection to the family of God. Sustain us in our emotional commitments, where giving and forgiving shape our identities. Grant us your gentleness in the things we do each day! Amen.

From [https://www.saint-joseph.org/en/spirituality/saint-joseph/prayers-to-saint-joseph/#soutien\\_familles](https://www.saint-joseph.org/en/spirituality/saint-joseph/prayers-to-saint-joseph/#soutien_familles)

## 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.

## THE JUBILEE PRAYER ~ REFLECTION ON THE VERSES



We continue our reflection on each of the verses of the Jubilee Prayer. Today's verse: "May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven."

This Jubilee Year invites us to lengthen our perspective and reshape our lives. Pope Francis underlines that we are "Pilgrims of Hope." We are moving in a direction toward a future that is provided for us by God's infinite goodness. Perhaps we have forgotten this reality and have become so focussed on what is transitory that we mistake it for permanence. With a narrow vision, we lose both perspective and hope. Through the prayer and action of the Church, which draws upon the abundance of God's grace through Christ's victory over sin and death, we are given an opportunity to be shaken from shortsightedness and seek that which truly lasts.

*What does it mean to you to be a "Pilgrim of Hope" in your daily life? Where might you need a reawakening of the "long view"? In what ways have you glimpsed the treasures of heaven now? What do you hope for in the life to come? If someone were to ask you: "What is your reason for hope?", how would you reply?*

## HELPING OTHERS

### LENTEN CHALLENGE - MAKE A CASSEROLE FOR THE GOOD SHEPHERD REFUGE

Thank you to our faithful cooks who make a casserole to supplement the food program at the Good Shepherd Refuge. Two groups of our parishioners actually go the serve this meal each month, members of the Knights of Columbus and the members of CWL. They see the reality of the hunger in our city. In February we sent 44 casseroles. This is not enough to cover one meal served each day. If you are able, please consider joining the casserole team. Be a supporter of this collective effort to feed the hungry in this Mission of Mercy. Recipes and pans are available in the cupboard at the back of the church. Please drop off your March casseroles by the 25th. Thank you in advance!

### FRANK CARDINAL LEO THANKS YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF THE 2024 SHARELIFE PARISH CAMPAIGN!



“As we journey together through this Jubilee Holy Year, I want to offer my deepest gratitude for your charitable heart and great faith....Because of your generous spirit, our community of faith came together to raise an extraordinary \$14.4 million for the ShareLife Parish Campaign. This outpouring of love speaks to the depth of your commitment to caring for others. Your sacrificial gifts breathed life into the work of ShareLife-funded agencies, enabling them to continue their mission of caring for the hungry, the homeless, the lonely, and those seeking a new beginning.”

~ Archbishop Frank, Cardinal Leo.

- To read the full letter, go to: <https://sharelife.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/FINAL-SL-Cardinal-Leo-Thank-you-letter.pdf>
- To learn more about the ways in which your ShareLife donations changed lives last year, please visit: [https://sharelife.org/impact/?mc\\_cid=fc4137b266&mc\\_eid=d9ef1fe0aa](https://sharelife.org/impact/?mc_cid=fc4137b266&mc_eid=d9ef1fe0aa)

This year, ShareLife Sunday collections will be held on March 30, May 4 and June 8.

### SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL - YOUR DONATIONS HELP!

#### **Every Life Is Worth Living**

*Heavenly Father, thank you for the precious gift of life. Help us to cherish and protect this gift, even in the midst of fear, pain, and suffering. Give us love for all people, especially the most vulnerable, and help us bear witness to the truth that every life is worth living. Grant us the humility to accept help when we are in need and teach us to be merciful to all. Through our words and actions, may others encounter the outstretched hands of Your mercy. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.*



#### **What does the Society of St. Vincent de Paul do at the parish level?**

Pairs of members, called Vincentians, visit persons and families in need and offer them practical help in the form of gift cards for groceries, clothing and essentials. We listen to them with care and compassion and endeavour to guide them to resources to help break the cycle of poverty, thereby giving them hope for the future.

#### **What else, besides visiting, do Vincentians do?**

We are a registered charity so we can always use members who have computer skills, time and willingness to hold a “poor box” after mass, help in running zoom meetings, camp registrations, advertising, assistance with clothing collections, and spiritual reflections. And finally, we count on your prayers and donations! For more information, please call our helpline and leave your name and telephone number, expressing your interest in learning how you may be able to help. 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



#### Ministry With Maturing Adults with the Focus on Nurturing our spirituality in Body, Mind and Spirit in the Second Half of Life

We aim 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, September to June. We look forward to welcoming you and feel free to invite a friend. A sincere thank you to all who bring a snack to share!

#### Traditional Irish Blessing

*May the road rise up to meet you.  
May the wind be always at your back.  
May the sunshine warm upon your face;  
the rains fall soft upon your fields and until we meet again,  
may God hold you in the palm of His hand.*

Wishing you all a very Happy St. Patrick's Day and continued Lenten Blessings!

If you would like more information, email Trena Finnegan Coordinator Ministry with Maturing Adults:  
[trena@st-bonaventure.ca](mailto:trena@st-bonaventure.ca)

#### Tuesday March 18<sup>th</sup>, 10:00AM to 11:30AM - Main Hall

##### Life in the Blue Zones of the World

Would you like to discover the secrets to living to 100? Explore with us the Blue Zones in the regions of the world that are home to the longest living and healthiest populations.

Join us for a dynamic presentation that will introduce you to the foods, cultures, and ways of living from these special regions in Italy, Japan, and Costa Rica just to name a few! Featuring food, music, and lots of lively discussions. You don't want to miss this wonderful morning as we travel the world together!

*Presentation by: Jane Teasdale, Joint Owner and Director Business Development and Community Relations, Mosaic Home Care Services & Community Resource Centre. Accompanying her is Lauren McNair, Senior Community Resource and Social Engagement Coordinator. Website: [www.mosaichomecare.com](http://www.mosaichomecare.com)*

#### Tuesday April 8<sup>th</sup>, 10:00AM to 11:30AM - Main Hall

##### Inflammation and the Immune System, A Presentation by Delmanor, Wynford Retirement Living

The body is under constant surveillance for potential danger and ready at any moment to send its army of repair chemicals to the scene to fight infection, heal injuries, repair normal wear, and tear, and protect the body from premature aging/illness. Inflammation is a protective action that the body uses so that healing can take place, but it can also be destructive to cells, organs, and tissues. We discover why this concept can be so confusing and how to promote healthy aging.

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

#### Tuesday April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 10:00AM to 11:30AM - Main Hall

Are we really listening? Learn practical ways to be Empathic. More information to come.

Save the Dates: May 6<sup>th</sup>, May 20<sup>th</sup>, June 3<sup>rd</sup> and June 17<sup>th</sup>.

## CWL INITIATIVE FOR 2025: SHARE THE WORDS

### #11 - Diversity

The Catholic Women's League welcomes women of all ages and diverse backgrounds. Throughout Canada, you will find Catholic women growing in faith, caring through a wide range of service. And seeking true justice for all. Did you know non-Catholics can become associate members? Want to make a difference but not sure how to get started? Your place is among us!

## CONGRATULATIONS TO THE ORDINANDI

The CWL was collecting Spiritual Bouquets for the Ordinandi, the Transitional Deacons who study, pray and reside at St. Augustine's Seminary and at Redemptoris Mater Seminary, who with God's grace will be ordained to the priesthood this year.

Thank you to the CWL members and parishioners for offering your prayers, intentions, and spiritual works for the Ordinandi. We were able to collect 3000 intentions! Congratulations to the Ordinandi

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS - FRIDAY MARCH 28<sup>TH</sup> AFTER 9 AM MASS

The CWL will be leading the Stations of the Cross on Friday March 28<sup>th</sup> after the morning Mass. Please join your CWL sisters on this day to share this Lenten experience together.

## LENTEN RESOURCES

### The Holy Father's Lenten Message: "Let Us Journey Together in Hope"

<https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/lent/documents/20250206-messaggio-quaresima2025.html>

### Pray as You Go

Lent Retreat 2025: The Pace of Grace

<https://pray-as-you-go.org/series/72-thepaceofgracelent2025>

### Sacred Space

Lent Retreat 2025: Pilgrims of Hope

<https://sacredspace.com/retreats/>

### Be inspired this Lent! Lent 2025 with St. Padre Pio

Experience *weekly Lenten messages* sent right to your inbox.

Make a donation to receive a total of *seven emails during Lent* that will provide reflections and prayers for the week ahead—all centered around Padre Pio's life, his letters, and his quest to draw closer to God.

<https://www.franciscanmedia.org/2025-lent-with-padre-pio/>

### Pray

Pray everyday during this Lent

<https://hallow.com/lent/>

### Journey Through Lent

Beginning on Ash Wednesday, 5 March 2025, and for each Sunday in Lent, up to and including Palm Sunday, a video will be uploaded to the CCCB website featuring pastoral reflections based on the Readings for the Sunday Eucharistic Celebration. This series is designed for individuals, families, and communities, providing spiritual inspiration and guidance on how to prepare for the Easter season.

<https://www.cccb.ca/evangelization-catechesis-catholic-education/video-resources/journey-through-lent/>



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**St. Clare Inn Spring Fundraiser**  
**Friday, May 2, 2025, 5:30-10 pm**  
**Parkview Manor**  
**55 Barber Green Road**  
**Tickets \$110 each or 10 for \$1,000**

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## REFLECTION

**“And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white.”  
Luke 9:29**

The interplay between theophany and mission revealed in this scene of the Transfiguration is true throughout the Scriptures. Whenever God calls someone, he calls them with a distinct purpose. Isaiah encounters the glory of God, Moses sees the burning bush, Jacob has a vision of angels ascending and descending; like the Transfiguration, these are experiences of theophany, of encounter with God. But God never lets it stop there. Once God has transfigured the individual through this exposure to his glory, he directly sends them out to do something: “Go and set my people free.” He always calls us for a purpose, a purpose that usually involves sending us out into the world. God comes to us to transform us, so that we can take part in God’s transforming work of redemption, to help bring about God’s kingdom.

The famous Trappist monk Thomas Merton tells a remarkable story that bears upon this connection between theophany, transformation, and mission. He speaks of an experience he had on March 18, 1958. He was standing at a street corner in downtown Louisville, when something happened which changed his life. It was an ordinary day and ordinary people were going about their business. But as he looked at them they suddenly changed. He wrote, “I was suddenly overwhelmed with the realization that I loved all these people ... I saw the secret beauty of their hearts, the person that each one is in God’s eyes. To me,” he writes, “they seemed to be walking around shining like the sun.” He went on to wonder what the world would be like if we could all see each other as we really are, as was revealed to him in this shining moment. He muses, “I suppose the big problem would be that we would fall down and worship each other!” Merton had been granted a rare moment of clarity, in which he saw the people around him transfigured, as Jesus was, ablaze with the glory of God. And his response to this amazing moment is the one to which we are all called by Christ; his response was love for them.

- A Reflection by Br. Geoffrey Tristram, SSJE “Transfiguration: To Bear the Beams of Love”, which can be found at:  
[https://www.ssje.org/MWRReflections/SSJE\\_MonasticWisdom\\_Transfiguration.pdf](https://www.ssje.org/MWRReflections/SSJE_MonasticWisdom_Transfiguration.pdf)

**May the Lord bless you and keep you!**