

*Fifth Sunday of Lent
March 17, 2024*



*Growing
in Spirit,
Community,
and Service*

Bonnie News

Franciscan Church of St. Bonaventure

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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Harvest of the Wheat, Illuminated by Simon Bening (1483/84-1561), Da Costa Hours, MS M.399, fol. 9v, Ghent, Belgium, Circa 1515. © The Morgan Library, New York

Hear, O Father,
the cry of your Son,
who, to establish the new and everlasting covenant,
became obedient even unto death upon the cross.

Grant that, through all the trials of this life,
we may come to share more intimately
in his redeeming passion
and so obtain the fruitfulness of the seed
that falls to the earth and dies,
to be gathered as your harvest
for the kingdom of heaven.

Excerpt from opening prayers for Mass of the Italian sacramentary,
Messale Romano. Copyright © 1983, *Libreria Editrice Vaticana*. Translated
by Peter Scagnelli, in *A Lent Sourcebook, Book Two*. (Archdiocese of
Chicago, LTP, 1990), 121,

LITURGY & SACRAMENTS

THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, March 18	9 AM	† Gerard Duarte
Tuesday, March 19	9 AM	† Doris Mary Tanter
Wednesday, March 20	9 AM	† Peter Glowczewski
Thursday, March 21	9 AM	† Joseph Hetherman
Friday, March 22	9 AM	† Maria Teresa Garcia † Souls In Purgatory † Marrieta Santos For vocations
Saturday, March 23	5 PM	† Paul Lam
Sunday, March 24	8:30 AM	† Aurelio Pineda Jr. and Benito Vergel de Dios
	10 AM	The Parishioners
	12 PM	† Michael Farnum
Sanctuary Lamps	Bl. Sac.	† Marcia Domi Fernandes
	Bl. Sac.	† Alberto Samonte
	O.L. Chapel	† Marrieta Santos

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE



PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

Saturday, March 23 at 5 p.m. and Sunday, March 24 at 8:30 a.m., 10 a.m. and 12 noon

THE PASCHAL TRIDUUM ~ THE GREAT THREE DAYS

MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Holy Thursday, March 28 at 7 p.m.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in repose in the Parish Hall after Mass concludes with Night Prayer at 10 p.m.

Please note: no morning Mass on Holy Thursday

COMMEMORATION OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

Good Friday, March 29 at 12 noon and 3 p.m.

Blessing of Easter Food Baskets

Holy Saturday, March 30 at 11 a.m. in the church

Please note: confessions will not be heard on Holy Saturday

THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

Easter Vigil in the Holy Night- Holy Saturday, March 30 at 8 p.m.

First celebration of the Resurrection with the Sacramental Initiation of our Elect and our Candidates.

Easter Sunday, March 31 at 8:30 a.m., 10 a.m. and 12 noon

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

This week, we will pray the Stations of the Cross on Friday, March 22 at 7 p.m.

LENTEN DAY OF CONFESSIONS ~ WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20 AT ST. BONAVENTURE CHURCH

Our parish's participation in the **Lenten Day of Confessions** is on Wednesday, March 20. The friars will be available from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., 12 noon to 1 p.m., and 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. in Our Lady's Chapel. For dates and times of other local parishes' participation in the Lenten Day of Confessions, please go to: <https://www.archtoronto.org/en/offices-and-ministries/sub-sites/confession/home/confession-times/> Confessions are also heard on a weekly basis on Saturdays from 9 to 10 am in Our Lady's Chapel. Please note this exception: *confessions will not be heard on Holy Saturday, March 30.*

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 this 5th Sunday of Lent at the 10 am Mass, we celebrate the Third Scrutiny 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

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.

SHARELIFE 2024 PARISH CAMPAIGN

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



This weekend is ShareLife Sunday

ShareLife Sunday marks the first collection for our parish's annual campaign.

Every day, young people in our community need a helping hand due to homelessness, trafficking, or violence. ShareLife agencies ensure the safety of youth fleeing violent homes and provide them a supportive place to stay. This is all made possible thanks to amazing people like you who choose to support ShareLife. We thank you for your kindness and generosity.

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/>

"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!

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 Meeting

Coffee and Conversation: 9:45 - 10:00 am, Meeting: 10:00 - 11:30 am

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

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

Facilitator: Trena Finnegan, Coordinator Ministry with Maturing Adults

Join us on this Tuesday of Holy Week as we take a look at the different ways we prepare and celebrate, through music and reading the scriptures, for this most sacred of all weeks in our Church Year. There will be time for personal reflection and small group sharing.

Save the date: April 2, 2024

Tuesday April 9th 10 AM to 11:30 AM

Get Ready to Downsize

Presented by Sharon Parenteau, Sales Representative S.M.A.R.T Realty Solutions.

The decision to downsize isn't an easy one, but this workshop was created to help empty nesters catch a vision of what it can do for them. We'll explore the motivations to downsize as well the obstacles and move toward creating a plan that includes a timeline and possible destination. Consideration will be paid to various property options and deciding which makes the most sense depending on individual wellness, lifestyle and financial goals.

Sharon is a resale specialist with many years of experience helping downsizers transition from their oversized homes to comfortable downsizing living options. She offers many helpful workshops including The Decluttering Battle Plan, Best Reno's for Return on Investment and many more topics.

Tuesday, April 16th 10 AM to 11:30 AM

Eucharistic Worship and Synodality: The Mass as Central to our Journey Together ~ Part 2

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? This is a continuation of the presentation from Feb. 13; please feel free to participate even if you were not present for Part 1.

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.

FRIAR MARK STEED HAS MOVED

Friar Mark Steed has moved into the Cardinal Ambrozic Houses of Providence.

For Fr. Mark's contact information, please call the Ministry Centre at (416) 447-5571 and ask to speak with Fr. Tom.

HELP WITH DECORATIONS

If anyone would like to volunteer to help with decorations in the church for Easter, please contact the Ministry Centre at (416) 447-5571.



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Casseroles for the Good Shepherd Centre, contact
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REFLECTION

“Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honour.” ~ John 12:25-26

“It is not some religious act which makes a Christian what he or she is, but participation in the suffering of God in the life of the world. This is *metanoia*. It is not in the first instance bothering about one’s own needs, problems, sins, and fears, but allowing oneself to be caught up in the way of Christ, into the Messianic event, and thus fulfilling Isaiah 53....

This being caught up into the Messianic suffering of God in Jesus Christ takes a variety of forms in the New Testament. It appears in the call to discipleship, in Jesus’ table fellowship with sinners, in conversations in the narrower sense of the word, in the act of the woman who was a sinner, an act which she performed without any specific confession of sin, in the healing of the sick, in Jesus’ acceptance of children. The centurion of Capernaum is held up by Jesus as a model of faith... All that is common between them is their participation in the suffering of God in Christ. That is their faith. There is nothing of religious asceticism here. The religious act is always something partial, faith is always something whole, an act involving the whole life. Jesus does not call us to a new religion, but to life.”

~ Dietrich Bonhoeffer, “On suffering, July 18, 1944,” in *Letters and Papers from Prison*, (London: SCM, 1953), p. 123.

May the Lord bless you and keep you!