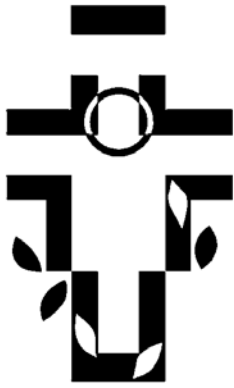


*Fourth Sunday of Lent
March 19, 2023*



*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

The Vast Ocean Begins Just Outside Our Church: The Eucharist

Something has happened
To the bread
And the wine.
They have been blessed.
What now?
The body leans forward
To receive the gift
From the priest's hand,
Then the chalice.
They are something else now
From what they were
Before this began.
I want
To see Jesus,
Maybe in the clouds
Or on the shore,
Just walking,
Beautiful man
And clearly
Someone else
Besides.
On the hard days
I ask myself
If I ever will.
Also there are times
My body whispers to me
That I have.

"The Vast Ocean Begins Just Outside Our Church: The Eucharist" by Mary Oliver from *Thirst*.
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"A Christian Lent can never be entirely sad. With the fourth Sunday the pent up spiritual joy in the true member of Christ busts forth in anticipation of the Easter joy to come. 'Rejoice, O Jerusalem, and come together all you that love her; rejoice with joy, you that have been in sorrow' (introit)..."

~ Virgil Michel, *The Liturgy of the Church*. NY: The Macmillan Company, 1937.

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 20	9 AM	† Albert Pinto
Tuesday, March 21	9 AM	† Gustav Zarand
Wednesday, March 22	9 AM	† Michael MacLean
Thursday, March 23	9 AM	† Maria Teresa Garcia
Friday, March 24	9 AM	† Michael Farnum † Michael Fino Intention of Juanita Waithe † Deceased Members of the Parish
Saturday, March 25	5 PM	† Nimfa Chua
Sunday, March 26	8:30 AM	† Neil Pinto
	10 AM	† Barry Beatty
	12 PM	† Mildred Cope
Sanctuary Lamps		† Matthew Kim Chye Tan
		Sherwin Chua
		The People of Ukraine

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

Liturgy of the Word with Children resumes this Sunday, March 19 at 10 a.m. For children ages 4 to 9 (older children who “missed out” the past two years due to pandemic restrictions may participate.) A parent is welcome to accompany a child who is too shy to participate on their own.

SOLEMNITY OF ST. JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

This year, the Solemnity of St. Joseph is transferred to Monday, March 20. The traditional date of the feast (March 19) falls on the Fourth Sunday of Lent. Sunday, as the original and primary feastday of the Church, takes precedence over the feastday of the saint, who is the Patron of the Universal Church as well as the Principal Patron of Canada.

Blessing of a St. Joseph's Table:

“All-Provident God, the good things that grace this table remind us of your many good gifts. Bless this food, and by the prayers of Saint Joseph, who provided bread for your Son and food for the poor, sustain us and all our brothers and sisters on our journey toward your heavenly kingdom.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen. Saint Joseph, spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, pray for us!

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 two weeks and have been mailed directly to you. 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

4th Sunday of Lent, March 19, 2022
Show your love on the Feast of St. Joseph through ShareLife

Today we celebrate the feast of St. Joseph and reflect on his holy life and the way he loved and cared for Jesus and Mary. Next week is ShareLife Sunday. May we emulate St. Joseph's example and share our blessings with the least of our brothers and sisters.

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](tel:416-447-5571), ext. 570

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



Standing for the Land in Honduras

Honduras's diverse ecosystems, fertile lands and rich natural resources attract many profiteering enterprises that overexploit the land to no benefit for local communities.

Development and Peace – Caritas Canada supports *Equipo de Reflexión, Investigación y Comunicación* (ERIC, Reflection, Research and Communication Team), an organization that helps communities in their struggle for land and territory and investigates human rights abuses.

This Lent, meet our solidarity visitor Elvin Hernández, a human rights investigator at ERIC. Learn more at devp.org/lent.

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 Foty, + Anthony Narayan,
- + Dennis Szechy, + Martha Fogh, + Kevin O'Sullivan, + Oliver Figueiredo, + Marcelina Manankil, + Mildred Cope,
- + Raneer Nadarajah, + Douglas Woollings, + George De Gannes, + June Burns, + Neil Pinto,
- and + Geraldine 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

Email: mma@st-bonaventure.ca to register

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
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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.

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.

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.

SPECIAL PRAYER INITIATIVE FOR THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF POPE FRANCIS'S PONTIFICATE

An invitation is open to the faithful worldwide to pray at least one "Hail Mary", for the Holy Father's 10th anniversary of his petrine ministry. As part of the initiative, a special online map will feature virtual lighted candles, representing the prayers of the faithful who will have registered. The map will be presented to the Holy Father as a gift and in support for his ministry.

Anyone who wishes to participate may register using the following link (you can choose your language preference at the right upper corner): <https://www.decimus-annus.org/site/index>

Vatican News press release, concerning the initiative: <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/vatican-city/news/2023-02/prayer-initiative-for-10-years-of-pope-francis-pontificate.html>

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416-393-5263
<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

“Jesus said to him, ‘You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he.’ [The man whose sight was restored] said, ‘Lord, I believe.’ And he worshipped him.” ~ John 9:37-38

“We are called to choose the light. It is an article of our faith that God sees us as we are and sees us lovingly. We believe that truthful sight is therefore inseparable from a loving look. Equally I only really see lovingly in so far as I see truthfully, and cleanse my eyes of the distortions of infatuation or disgust. Pope Benedict wrote:

Truth needs to be sought, found and expressed within the ‘economy’ of charity, but charity in its turn needs to be understood, confirmed and practiced in the light of truth. In this way, not only do we do a service to charity enlightened by truth, but we also help give credibility to truth, demonstrating its persuasive and authenticating power in the practical setting of social living.
(*Caritas in Veritate*, par. 2)

So baptism implies that we choose to look lovingly so as to see truthfully, and to look truthfully so as to learn love....How do we learn to see a human face? Perhaps we begin to wipe our eyes clean by acknowledging that if someone seems repulsive or contemptible to me, or even unattractive, it is because I do not yet see them properly.

~ Timothy Radcliffe, OP, *Take the Plunge: Living Baptism and Confirmation*
(London: Bloomsbury, 2012), 242-243.

“What do you see, when you see?”

~ Kevin Seasolz, OSB (1930-2013)

May the Lord bless you and keep you!