



*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

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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*Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
March 2, 2025*

Bonnie News

Franciscan Church of St. Bonaventure



Still Life: Fruit, Bird, and Dwarf Pear Tree (1856) Charles V. Bond (American, c. 1825 - 1864 or after), Oil on canvas. National Gallery of Art, Washington, DC. Source: Wikicommons, Public Domain.

XCII Bonum est confitiri by Malcolm Guite

My Lord will bring me through my darkest hour,
And I will praise him in the morning light
And contemplate his wisdom and his power

Meeting together on the cross. By night
His truth will nurse and nurture me in dreams
And in the day my mind will still delight

In all his works and wisdom. The rich themes
Of his wise teaching shine through all I see:
The rushing winds and swiftly flowing streams

Will teach me of his spirit, the green tree
Will show his rooted fruitfulness, and I
Myself will flourish in his house and be

A tree that lifts its branches to the sky
Still bearing fruit for him in my old age
And trusting him until the day I die.

LITURGY & SACRAMENTS

THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, March 3	9 AM	† Ralph Daniel
Tuesday, March 4	9 AM	† Francisca Perez-Navarro
Wednesday, March 5	9 AM	Intention of Frances Fong
	7 PM	† Ambrosina DeMelo
Thursday, March 6	9 AM	Intention of Sham Shoum, for healing
Friday, March 7	9 AM	Intention of the Leong Family Vocations † Lino Ammaturo † Dylan Pickett † Gerald Francis Day † Betty Jean Daye
Saturday, March 8	5 PM	† Carrie Tan
Sunday, March 9	8:30 AM	† Nimfa Chua
	10 AM	† Maria Fernand Jasmins
	12 PM	The Parishioners
Sanctuary Lamps	Bl. Sac.	† Rochelle Labrador
	Bl. Sac.	† Stephen Lobo
	Our Lady	† Vinodh Loganadhan

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION & BENEDICTION - MONDAY, MARCH 3RD FROM 12:30 - 2:00PM

Join us along with one grade of students from St. Bonaventure School for Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

12:30 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, hymn, incensation, greeting and opening prayer

12:35 Scripture reading

12:40 Reflection on the Scripture reading

12:45 Intercessions concluded with the Lord's Prayer

12:50 Children head back to school

Adoration continues with others who are present. This is open to all. A particular invitation is extended to the children's parents, grandparents, and godparents.

1:00 Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available in the Mary Chapel from 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm.

2:00 Benediction with the Blessed Sacrament (hymn and incensation) followed by reposition.



ASH WEDNESDAY ~ MARCH 5, 2025

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on March 5. Masses with imposition of ashes at 9 a.m. (includes the school community) and 7 p.m. A Liturgy of the Word with imposition of Ashes at 12 noon.

Ash Wednesday is a universal day of fasting and abstinence from meat. The law of "abstinence from meat" binds those who are 14 and older; the law of "fasting" binds those from 18 to 59 years of age. Parents and educators are reminded of their duty to introduce children gradually to the understanding and practice of penance. The actions modeled by adults will be the greatest influence in this matter. Christian fasting obtains its full meaning when we deprive ourselves of food in order to be more open to prayer, to share more in the suffering of those who are starving and to save money to give to the poor. Fasting is a penitential discipline

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intended to open our hearts to God and others, a means of purification and spiritual liberation, and a witness of the depth of our faith.

Those that are excused from fast and abstinence outside the age limits include the physically or mentally ill including individuals suffering from chronic illnesses such as diabetes. Also excluded are pregnant or nursing women. In all cases, common sense should prevail, and ill persons should not further jeopardize their health by fasting."

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

There will be no Liturgy of the Word with Children next Sunday, March 9. It will resume the following Sunday.

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 or at 416-447-5571 ext. 590 and let us know.

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

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,
and + Vinodh Loganadhan.

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.

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.

THE JUBILEE PRAYER ~ REFLECTION ON THE VERSES



We continue our reflection on each of the verses of the Jubilee Prayer.

Today's verse: "May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos..."

Last week, we explored the seeds of the Gospel, which God entrusts to us for cultivation through God's grace. Notice this week, we ask that the Good News of the Gospel, like yeast in dough, transform our lives, the progress of human history, and expansion of the universe from within. This is how God is present to us: intimately engaged in the realities of human life and endeavours, including the continued unfolding of all creation. God's grace is incarnational, meeting us in our deepest longings with a person, Jesus Christ, who, through the power of the Holy Spirit, is uniting us to Himself and drawing all creation into God through Him. The encounter with Jesus in our daily prayer and sacramentally, especially through our Sunday celebration of the Eucharist, changes us more and more into His likeness so that we may bring His presence more and more into the world. We pray that our relationship with the Lord bears much fruit in our families, workplaces, parish, city, and country.

When have you experienced God's presence in your daily life? Have you ever noticed a change in your perspective that led to something life-giving? Could this have been an experience of God transforming you from within? Can you make more room for daily prayer this Lent to deepen your relationship with the Lord? How might you take steps to do that?

HELPING OTHERS

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/>

LENTEN CHALLENGE - MAKE A CASSEROLE FOR THE GOOD SHEPHERD REFUGE

Make this a meaningful Lenten season. Feed the hungry and the poor! Please consider making a casserole. New cooks are welcome and needed. Recipes are easy to follow and are available along with pans in the cupboard at the back of the church. Please join the rest of the St. Bonnie's cooks and make a difference!

COFFEE MONDAYS FOR SENIORS AT HAWTHORN SCHOOL - MONDAY MARCH 3RD AT 3:15PM



As a gesture of respect and gratitude for senior citizens in the community, the students at Hawthorn School would like to invite all seniors to Hawthorn's monthly Coffee Mondays. Join us! Enjoy complimentary coffee, snacks and a performance at 3:15 pm on the following Mondays: **March 3, April 14, May 12, June 9**

For more information: Contact Queenie Yu at 416-444-3054 or

qyu@hawthornschool.com Hawthorn School, 101 Scarsdale Rd, Toronto M3B 2R2

UPCOMING EVENTS

MINISTRY WITH MATURING ADULTS



With a focus on nurturing our spirituality in body, mind and spirit in the second half of life and finding meaning and purpose in our daily life, always with a spirit of gratitude and practicing welcoming and hospitality to those we encounter each day in our families, communities and beyond. We hope 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! There is no need to pre-register for these events below. Just come and you will be warmly welcomed! And feel free to invite a friend! If you would like more information, email: Trena Finnegan, Coordinator Ministry with Maturing Adults: trena@st-bonaventure.ca

Please note the following change of date & programme content. We apologies for any inconvenience.

Revised: Tuesday March 11th, 10:00AM to 11:30AM - Main Hall (March 4th is cancelled)

A Lenten Journey from Loneliness to Solitude: I Matter Because God Created me to Matter!

Loneliness is one of the greatest spiritual epidemics of our times. Believing that I am a beloved child of God, is one of the strongest antidotes. When we feel lonely, we become hostile toward ourselves and others. We begin to believe that we do not matter. Feeling small and irrelevant we live in an illusion of fear and disconnect. Lent is an opportunity, a moment in time, when we can change the way we look at things and spiritually grow. A time when we can move from loneliness to solitude by embracing the Lenten pillars of fasting, almsgiving and prayer. Drawing on the writings of Fr. Henri Nouwen, Deacon Michael Carrera invites us to connect with the power of God's grace and optimally prepare our hearts this Lent to welcome the resurrected Lord.

Michael Carrera is a Permanent Deacon in the Archdiocese of Toronto and currently serves at St. Benedict's Parish in Etobicoke. He has a master's degree in exercise science and has authored and co-authored four books: Periodization Strength Training for Sports (2nd ed.), The Catholic Workout book and DVD, Conditioning Young Athletes and his first book of fiction, Soul Winner. Soul Loser. A Remarkable Story of Finding Meaning in the Wisdom of the Day. Two of his books have been translated into multiple languages. He can be reached at www.freedombench.com or on Instagram @freedombench

Tuesday March 18th, 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

Save the Dates: April 8th, April 22nd, May 6th, May 20th.

ST. CLARE INN SPRING FUNDRAISER - FRIDAY MAY 2, 2025, 5:30 - 10 PM

Spring is just around the corner, and we are thrilled to announce our 13th annual fundraising evening!

This year, we are introducing a fresh and exciting new look for our event, set to take place on **Friday, May 2, 2025, at Parkview Manor in the heart of Don Mills**. The evening will be packed with entertainment, including dinner, dancing, live performances, and our ever-popular live auction. Our 2025 theme, **"No Place Like Home,"** embodies the comfort, joy, and transformative spirit of St. Clare Inn.

Tickets: \$110 each or 10 for \$1000

To purchase tickets: <http://www.stclareinn.com/events/>

LENTEN RESOURCES



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/>

CWL INITIATIVE FOR 2025: SHARE THE WORDS

Catholic Women's League of St Bonaventure - Welcomes all Catholic Women!

#9 CONNECTION

My Catholic Women's League council is parish-based yet connected to Canada's largest women's organization. How connected are you? You will meet women from your region, diocese, province and country by becoming involved in your parish Catholic Women's League council! Your place is among us!

LENTEN RETREAT - SATURDAY MARCH 15, 2025, 9 AM TO 1 PM, MAIN HALL

Ecumenical Perspectives on Re-Imagining Prayer Presented by Dr. Ruth Brown

Dr Brown recently retired from InterVarsity Canada at the end of 2024 from role of National Director of Spiritual Formation and Prayer. Through spiritual direction sessions, prayer retreats and online prayer Dr Brown enjoys making space for people to experience the presence and love of God. Dr Brown's DMin from U of T Wycliffe College in 2011 helped her explore spiritual practices that sustain ministry for the long haul. Previously Dr Brown worked as a nurse with the Leprosy Mission (now Effect Hope) in Papua New Guinea.

**This Event is Open to All Parishioners. Please bring a Friend.
Hosted by the St. Bonaventure Catholic Women's League.**



Lenten Retreat

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Re-Imagining Prayer
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Saturday March 15, 2025
9am-1pm, Main Hall

All Parishioners Welcome

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REFLECTION

“Out of the good treasure of the heart, the good person produces good...” Luke 6:45

The three readings of this Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time shed their light on what it is to be and to act as a disciple of Jesus in the very depths of one's soul and the community of believers. People without duplicity, whose speech, which they have received from the God-Word, reveal the purity of their hearts, their intentions, their sentiments (First Reading). One must be animated with the proper zeal. Clear-sighted, as opposed to the “hypocrites,” one does not reprove others without first correcting him or herself. Active, it is manifested in deeds that arise from the heart (Gospel). They know that on the last day, when death will be swallowed up, the fruits of their labour will appear. Everything that is corruptible will be thrown off. They will retain only the pure gold of truth and charity. Then will they be able to join their voices to the hymn of the victory of life over death.

This sequence of three Sundays [6th, 7th, and 8th of Ordinary Time] makes the Christian assembly travel a route whose atmosphere is very well expressed by the opening antiphons:

Lord, be my rock of safety, the stronghold that saves me. For the honour of your name, lead me and guide me.
(Ps. 31:3-4—Sixth Sunday)

Lord, your mercy is my hope, my heart rejoices in your saving power. I will sing to the Lord for his goodness to me. (Ps. 13:6—Seventh Sunday)

The Lord has been my strength; he has led me into freedom. He saved me because he loves me.
(Ps. 18:19-20—Eighth Sunday)

It is toward the Lord that all the texts turn our eyes, our prayer and adoration, even when they shed light on the road traveled by the disciples. He alone can proclaim with assurance and authority the paradoxical happiness of his disciples who hear him. He alone can demand that they be disciples animated with a zeal that has no limit of false enthusiasm, and is both communal and active.

But, in all this, it is he himself who is revealed: the beloved Son, joy of the blessed, seated at the right hand of the Father; the just man persecuted, killed for sinners, forgiving his executioners on the cross; the Son of Man who gave all for humankind, even his own life. This is why the Church and every Christian community gives thanks to the Father most holy, God eternal and all-powerful, joining their voices to those of the angels and saints.

~ *Days of the Lord*. Vol. 6. Ordinary Time, Year C. (Collegeville: The Liturgical Press, 1991), 64-65.

May the Lord bless you and keep you!