



*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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*Fifth Sunday of Lent  
March 22, 2026*

# Bonnie News

*Franciscan Church of St. Bonaventure*



*The Raising of Lazarus (c. 1619), Guercino (1591-1666). Pen and brown ink, brush and brown wash, over traces of black chalk. Metropolitan Museum of Art. Public Domain. Source: Wikicommons.*

The Master of life approaches the tomb:  
“Lazarus, wake up from among the dead!  
And you, buried in sin,  
see and believe I am the resurrection.”

*If we die with you, Lord,  
with you, we shall enter life.*

I exalt you, Lord,  
you who raise me up.

At night, come tears,  
at dawn, cries of joy.

If the dead do not rise,  
Christ has not risen either.

From *Days of the Lord: The Liturgical Year. Vol. 2, Lent.* (Collegeville, MN: The Liturgical Press, 1993), 133.

## LITURGY & SACRAMENTS

### THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, March 23	9 AM	† Joseph Champagne
Tuesday, March 24	9 AM	† Michael Farnum
Wednesday, March 25	9 AM	Intention of St. Bonaventure Rosary Group
Thursday, March 26	9 AM	† Leonardo Sr. & Mercedes Alon
Friday, March 27	9 AM	Parishioners Intention of Romulo Alon † Maria Teresa Garcia † Odette Ollivierra † Leonila Rosales & Elpidio de Leon † Marrieta Soliva Santos
Saturday, March 28	5 PM	† Nealia Somasundram
Sunday, March 29	8:30 AM	† Ignatius McHugh
	10 AM	† Deacon Salvatore Badali
	12 PM	† Carlos Cavalcanti
Sanctuary Lamps	Bl. Sac.	Personal Intentions
	Bl. Sac.	† Intention of Melissa & Family
	Our Lady	† Soniata & Romy Raquedan

### HOLY COMMUNION FOR THE HOMEBOUND



If a parishioner is unable to attend Sunday Mass due to serious illness, recovery from surgery, or frailty in old age, then Extraordinary Ministers of Communion to the Homebound (specifically trained for this ministry) will bring the Eucharist to them.

If you or someone you know might benefit from this ministry, please contact us by e-mail at [homebound@st-bonaventure.ca](mailto:homebound@st-bonaventure.ca) or call Mary Catherine directly at 416-303-0269.

### FAITH & 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 Durbano, + Joyce Chong, + Ann O'Leary, + Michael Price, + Theresa Duffy, + Rev. Sal Badali,  
+ Nabor Sequeira, + Diane Marchisello, + Suzanne McCallister, + Jorge Carvalho,  
+ Justyn Klym, + Patrick Doty, and + Nealia Somasundaram.

### SUNDAY COFFEE CANCELLED - MARCH 15 & 22

Please note that Sunday Coffee after Mass will be cancelled on March 22 due to March Break.

### PRAYER NETWORK REQUESTS

The Prayer Network is a group of parishioners who pray daily for all the prayer requests received by the Network. Nearly 45 parishioners are members of this group which began 1994. All prayer requests are kept in confidence, and no names are included when requests are passed onto the Network. Please contact Teresa Krijgsman at 416-709-8150 with your prayer intention or if you would like to become a member of the Prayer Network.



## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO HELP DECORATE THE CHURCH FOR EASTER



As we prepare to celebrate the joy of the **Resurrection**, we are looking for helping hands to decorate the church for **Easter**. We would love to have you join us! Decoration Day is Holy Saturday at 9:30AM. If you're able to help, please contact the Ministry Centre or email our **Administrative Assistant, Kathryn** at [kathryn@st-bonaventure.ca](mailto:kathryn@st-bonaventure.ca).

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS ~ FRIDAYS THROUGH LENT

Each Friday during Lent after the 9 AM Mass. We will also have stations of the cross Friday evenings on March 13 and March 27, when the devotion will take place at 7 PM.

## LAST WEEKS OF LENT AND HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE



### **PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD**

Saturday, March 28 at 5 p.m. and  
Sunday, March 29 at 8:30 a.m., 10 a.m. (with procession from the parish centre) and 12 noon

### **THE PASCHAL TRIDUUM ~ THE GREAT THREE DAYS**

#### **MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

Holy Thursday, April 2 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, April 3 at 12 noon and 3 p.m.

#### **Blessing of Easter Food Baskets**

Holy Saturday, April 4 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, April 4 at 8:00 p.m.  
*First celebration of the Resurrection with the Sacramental Initiation of our Elect.*

Easter Sunday, April 5 at 8:30 a.m., 10 a.m. and 12 noon

## ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH - GOOD FRIDAY PROCESSION, FRIDAY APRIL 3 AT 3 PM

### **St Francis of Assisi Parish, 72 Mansfield Ave., Toronto**

Following a tradition that goes back to 1962, St. Francis of Assisi Parish will be holding the annual Good Friday Procession. The procession includes religious statues, music, bands, and people representing different characters associated with the Passion of Christ. We are looking for Volunteers of all ages to participate in the procession. To volunteer, visit the parish website at [www.stfrancis.ca](http://www.stfrancis.ca) and follow the instructions. Volunteer registration deadline is March 29, 2026.

**Contact: St. Francis of Assisi Parish. Phone: 416-536-8195**

## HELPING OTHERS

### ST. BONAVENTURE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE (CWL) THEME OF THE MONTH



The Catholic Women's League incorporates a "theme a month" model to help councils live out the national focus "*Blessed are the Poor*" throughout the year.

#### March Theme: Lenten Season of Giving

The Toronto Diocesan Council invites us to deepen our Lenten Journey through simple acts of compassion. This month, we're encouraged to **join the World Day of Prayer, lend a hand at a soup kitchen, and support a single parent for a day.** Small gestures offered with love become powerful signs of faith in action.

#### Monthly Motivations 2026-2027 - Legumes for Fortunes

Please drop off donations of dried beans/chickpeas/lentils at the back of the church. You may also prefer to donate to the Community Share Food Bank online and they will spend the money wisely.

### SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL: MOVED BY MERCY, SERVING IN HOPE



#### Are you called to become a Vincentian?

*We can harm or heal those around us in so many ways. It does not need to be a miracle! A greeting, a look, a smile, a touch can bring the peace of Christ to someone in desperate need of reassurance - and no less can they harm and wound. ~HW*

We are inviting people into a vocational experience, persons moved by the Gospel. One member, Domenica, said this, "The work of SSVP fills my cup in a world that empties it."

Online and one-to-one orientation and training are provided. A vulnerable sector check is necessary for full membership. For more information, please email Jack or Judy at [john.cole@sympatico.ca](mailto:john.cole@sympatico.ca). Contact us at 416-447-5571, ext. 570.



Thank you for your continuing prayers, support and generosity. New members warmly welcomed. Vincentians stand with two St. Vincent de Paul boxes after weekend masses. You may also donate through Canada Helps: <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/society-of-st-vincent-de-paul-st-bonaventure-conference/>

### CASSEROLES FOR THE GOOD SHEPHERD

Could you make a casserole once a month, or even every two months? Each one makes a big difference. This is true community outreach: prepare a casserole at home, freeze it, and bring it to the Ministry Centre. No one who receives this meal will know you—but what a blessing to help feed the poor. Pans are available at the back of the church. **Last day to bring casseroles for March: Monday, March 30<sup>th</sup>.**

### SHARELIFE - FIRST COLLECTION MARCH 21/22



#### ShareLife Celebrates 50 Years | ShareLife Sunday is this weekend

Today is ShareLife Sunday. Special collections will be taking place this weekend on March 22. 2026 marks 50 years since Archbishop Philip Pocock made a bold and compassionate decision that would shape our community for generations: the founding of ShareLife. Building on a legacy of charitable giving in the Archdiocese of Toronto that stretches back to 1927, Archbishop Pocock launched ShareLife in 1976 - an appeal rooted in the belief that life matters, at every stage.

Today, his vision lives on through more than 40 ShareLife-funded agencies providing unconditional care to people in need - regardless of religion, background, or circumstances and through people like you who make their work happen.

**Thus far we have raised \$3,850 toward our goal of \$125,000. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at [sharelife.org/donate](https://sharelife.org/donate).**

## GOOD FRIDAY - COLLECTION FOR THE NEEDS OF THE HOLY LAND

The Good Friday collection "Needs of the Holy Land" is coordinated by the Commissariat of the Holy Land. These funds are used for the upkeep of the sanctuaries and to help with Pastoral work, Catholic schools and social assistance in the Holy Land. For more information please visit: [www.commissariat.ca](http://www.commissariat.ca)

"Today, more than ever, it is urgent to rebuild not only buildings and infrastructure, but also relationships, trust, and hope. On Good Friday, as we contemplate the Crucifix, we ask you not to forget the Holy Land, to remember in prayer and concrete charity those who continue to live and bear witness to the Gospel in the Places of Redemption. Your closeness is a precious sign of hope and fraternity: help us to give hope and sow peace!"

*Fr. Francesco Ielpo OFM, Custos of Holy Land*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - FISH & CHIPS DINNER



The Knight of Columbus invite everyone to a

Fish & Chips Dinner

Friday, March 27, from 4:30PM to 6:30 PM.

📍 **Location:** Parish Hall, St. Bonaventure Church

💰 **Cost:** \$15 per plate (includes pop and water)

All parishioners, families, and friends are warmly welcome.

Come and enjoy a great meal and fellowship with the community!



### 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 (10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.), usually twice monthly, September to June. We look forward to welcoming you and feel free to invite a friend!

Next Session:

**Tuesday, March 24, Main Hall, 10 AM to 11:30 AM**

**St. Francis and the Mystery of Salvation (Stigmata), Presented by Fr. Tom Reist**

**Save the Date: April 14 & 28, May 12 & 26 and June 9 & 23**

### ST. CLARE INN SPRING FUNDRAISER EVENT ON MAY 1ST



**Spring Fundraiser Event on May 1<sup>st</sup>**

St. Clare Inn invites you for an evening of dinner • live entertainment • raffles • auctions • and more

**EARLY BIRD SPECIAL**  
DEADLINE MARCH 6

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## REFLECTION

### “Jesus wept.” John 11:35

It took me a long time to realize that this at once very short and very long verse tells us something crucial about God’s presence in the world. And that is: we live now at that crossroads where Jesus paused for what seemed like only a brief moment outside of town and entered into the grief of two women and an entire town. That pause has become the essence of our experience of God. It’s not what we had in mind, exactly. Yet, it is an ironically hopeful location. His tears and anger are testimony, a confession of faith—faith in a God who is with us in our struggle and pain. A God who does not avoid our grief, but continues—in the presence of the Spirit—to stand with us in a world of loss most of the time as one who still weeps with us, in us, and even through us. The anger and grief we feel when we really engage our lives’ and our world’s struggles are not the feelings, emotions, and experiences that get in the way of faithful living; they are the stuff of faithful living. It is because we have hoped so much, and believed so much, and risked love so much that we grieve at the edge of town, and that we too are angry at the graveyard. To weep is really to hope. To be angry is really to believe. It is stubborn faith in face of the gospel’s embarrassment.

Jesus wept. To weep at loss is to do the work of God in the world. Weeping at loss is not just personal and private work; it is also the public work of protest against the powers of an age that is passing away. To feel what Jesus felt in the face of loss, and also in the face of things that ought not be—that is the indignation that leads to protest. As Shakespeare said at the end of *King Lear*, *The weight of this sad time we must obey; speak what we feel, what we ought to say.*

God is calling out a new crop of weeping prophets in our day to stand up to the false prophets in politics and religion who preach peace when there is no peace. The weeping, protesting prophets of God are those who give voice to their tears, anger, hope, and expectation through whatever means their mind and body chooses—dance, image, song, gesture, word, graffiti. *The words of the prophets are written on the subway walls.* The creative catharsis is born of moments when the artist’s soul confronts the gap between painful experience and hopeful promise and is truthful to what comes forth as an expression of the ache in between pain and hope.

We are the Jesus that stands on the edge of town now. We are his ambassadors of the resurrection and the life in our bodies and our communities. And as such, we are his weeping presence among those who suffer, lose, and grieve. We are his protesting presence in agitated anticipation of the celebration of resurrection. Source: André Resner, “Jesus Wept, The Longest Verse In The Bible” in *Living In-Between: Lament, Justice and the Persistence of the Gospel* (Wipf & Stock Publishers, 2015) quoted at: <https://thevalueofsparrows.wordpress.com/2017/02/02/jesus-jesus-wept-the-longest-verse-in-the-bible-by-andre-resner/>.

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