



*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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*Third Sunday of Lent
March 23, 2025*

Bonnie News

Franciscan Church of St. Bonaventure



Moses before the Burning Bush, early 13th C. Tempura on cloth. St. Catherine's Monastery at God-trodden Mount Sinai. To learn more: <https://mused.com/stcatherines/>

O Adonai by Malcolm Guite

Unsayable, you chose to speak one tongue,
Unseeable, you gave yourself away,
The Adonai, the Tetragramaton
Grew by a wayside in the light of day.
O you who dared to be a tribal God,
To own a language, people and a place,
Who chose to be exploited and betrayed,
If so you might be met with face to face,
Come to us here, who would not find you there,
Who chose to know the skin and not the pith,
Who heard no more than thunder in the air,
Who marked the mere events and not the myth.
Touch the bare branches of our unbelief
And blaze again like fire in every leaf.

<https://malcolmguite.wordpress.com/2024/12/18/o-adonai-a-second-advent-reflection-and-sonnet-11/>

LITURGY & SACRAMENTS

THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, March 24	9 AM	† Michael Farnum
Tuesday, March 25	9 AM	† Patrick Chu
Wednesday, March 26	9 AM	† Maria Teresa Garcia
Thursday, March 27	9 AM	† Marrieta Santos
Friday, March 28	9 AM	The Parishioners † Grazia Maida † Vinodh Loganadhan
Saturday, March 29	5 PM	† Alicia Severio
Sunday, March 30	8:30 AM	The Weaver Family
	10 AM	† Vinodh Loganadhan
	12 PM	† Yousep Kanania
Sanctuary Lamps	Bl. Sac.	Intentions of Kim Cheah
	Bl. Sac.	Intentions of Olivia Tano
	Our Lady	Intentions of Greg Sgro

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.

ARCHDIOCESAN LENTEN DAY OF CONFESSIONS

This Lenten season, parishes in the Archdiocese of Toronto will be holding a Day of Confessions during the 4th Week of Lent between March 30 and April 5, 2025.

The friars at **St. Bonaventure Parish** will be available to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation on: **Wednesday, April 2 during the following times: 9:30 to 10:30 a.m., 12 noon to 1 p.m., and 7 to 8 p.m.** The Confessional Room is located at the back of the Church beside the north/east narthex.

For special confession times at other parishes during this 4th Week of Lent, please see:

<https://www.archtoronto.org/en/offices-and-ministries/sub-sites/confession/home/confession-times/>

LITURGY OF THE WORD WITH CHILDREN

Liturgy of the Word with Children is celebrated during the 10 a.m. Sunday Mass. Children aged 4-9 are invited to hear and respond to God's Word. The volunteers guide the children through this communal liturgy, helping them to listen, understand and respond to God's Word.

SOLEMNITY OF THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD ~ TUESDAY, MARCH 25

9 a.m. Mass to celebrate this joyous mystery of Archangel Gabriel's message and the Blessed Virgin Mary's *fiat*. Consecration to the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church, following Mass.

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

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.

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.

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.

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 same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth."

Previously, we asked God to give us His grace through participation in the Jubilee so that we may refocus our lives through the horizon of heaven. Now, we pray that this grace-filled perspective may generate in our lives and in the Church the joy and peace that comes from the

Crucified and Risen Lord. There is an evangelical thrust in this petition: to spread the Good News of the Lord, not in fear and compulsion, but with the radiance of the Lord's own countenance.

To whom and in what situations are you called to bring Christ's joy and peace? How do you experience Christ's presence in our parish community? In what ways can we radiate more effectively the joy and peace of Christ to one another, to our neighbourhood, to our country, and to the world?

THE ANGELUS

Traditionally prayed at 6 a.m., 12 noon, and 6 p.m., the Angelus is a simple way for the faithful to sanctify the day. As we recall the great mystery of the Incarnation, we ask for the Blessed Mother's intercession that we may be open to receive God's grace, do His will daily, and, one day, rise in glory through the gift of eternal life given to us by Christ's own death and resurrection.

V. The Angel of the Lord declared to Mary: R. And she conceived of the Holy Spirit. Hail Mary...

V. Behold the handmaid of the Lord: R. Be it done unto me according to Thy word. Hail Mary...

V. And the Word was made Flesh: R. And dwelt among us. Hail Mary...

V. Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God, R. that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray: Pour forth, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy grace into our hearts; that we, to whom the Incarnation of Christ, Thy Son, was made known by the message of an angel, may by His Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of His Resurrection, through the same Christ Our Lord. Amen.

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

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

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

MULTIPLE COLLECTIONS ON WEEKEND OF MARCH 30, 2025

We have multiple collections for next weekend. First collection is for the Regular offertory and for Easter Flowers. Second Collection is for ShareLife. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

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

Thank you to the parishioners who continue to make a casserole to help feed the hungry. This collective effort, a Mission of Mercy, enables us to share with others the blessings we receive. People are hungry every day and so all casseroles are welcome. Our contribution to the Good Shepherd has dropped over the past few months so we really need your help to revive this ministry. Recipes and pans are available in the cupboard at the back of the church. Please drop off your frozen casserole to the Ministry Centre during office hours.

Next drop off date is Monday March 24, 2025

CWL INITIATIVE FOR 2025: SHARE THE WORDS



#12 - Faith

Catholic Women's League members know faith is important to women. Members are called to grow in faith, and to witness to the love of God through ministry and service. We are Catholic and Living It! Come grow with us!

STATIONS OF THE CROSS - FRIDAY MARCH 28TH AFTER 9 AM MASS

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

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! If you would like more information, email Trena Finnegan Coordinator Ministry with Maturing Adults: trena@st-bonaventure.ca

Tuesday April 8th, 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 22nd, 10:00AM to 11:30AM - Main Hall

Are we really listening? Learn practical ways to be Empathic

Empathic listening is the deepest form of listening that helps you understand another's perspective and allow them to feel safe, heard and validated. It is an essential and learned skill to build and strengthen any meaningful relationship in a way that shows compassion and caring. Dr. Sagrati will provide practical ways to use empathic listening to help strengthen our relationships with our families, friends and community.

Bio: Dr. Sandra Sagrati is a clinical psychologist, who works with children, teens and adults. She obtained her doctoral degree at the University of Toronto, worked at the CAMH, and now works in her own private practice, Toronto West Psychology. She has published research in the areas of depression and anxiety, and has recently published a book, Pivot Self-Talk: Stop Asking All the Wrong Questions.

Save the Dates: May 6th, May 20th, June 3rd and June 17th.

SACRED HEART OF JESUS ICON



We are honored to host the **Sacred Heart of Jesus Icon** at our church from **Sunday, March 23rd to Saturday, March 29th**. This cherished symbol of Jesus' love, mercy, and compassion invites us to reflect deeply on our faith. The Knights of Columbus, through their Pilgrim Icon Program, foster devotion to the Sacred Heart, encouraging families to consecrate their homes to Jesus' love. On **Wednesday, March 26th, at 7:00 PM**, the Knights warmly invite you to a Prayer Night, where they will share the *Enthronement of the Sacred Heart of Jesus in the Home* booklet and guide families in dedicating their lives and homes to Christ.

The enthronement ceremony is a profound tradition, involving prayers, Scripture readings, and the Litany of the Sacred Heart, as families place the Sacred Heart image in a place of honor in their homes. This act symbolizes inviting Jesus' love and mercy into their lives and committing to live according to his teachings. Join us during this sacred week to deepen your faith and embrace the transformative love of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. We look forward to welcoming you and your loved ones!

SAVE THE DATES: JOIN FR. PAUL LININGER, FOR A LENTEN RETREAT - APRIL 7 & 8, 2025

Whatever happened to Matthew 25: 31-46?

Interested in finding out? Do you have 90 minutes to spare?

If so, we want to invite you to join us for an opportunity to learn about what has been called the "best kept secret of the Catholic Church", namely **Catholic Social Teaching**.

Please join us as we welcome Fr. Paul Lininger, OFM Conv., Ph.D., the Director of Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation (JPIC) and Chair of the JPIC Commission of Our Lady of the Angels Province of the Conventual Franciscan Friars. He also serves as the JPIC Animator for the Conventual Franciscan Friars Federation of North America.

Monday April 7 at 7 pm, Main Hall

Fr. Paul will conduct a special presentation of the key principles and ethical guidelines rooted in the Catholic Church's social doctrine. These teachings provide a framework for moral and ethical decision-making in the context of social, economic and political issues.

Tuesday April 8 at 7 pm, Main Hall

Fr. Paul will continue the conversation about Catholic Social Teaching and Synodality. More information to follow.

Hoping you can make it. We look forward to seeing you there...

JOYCE'S JOYFUL KNITTERS

If you knit or crochet or would like to learn you are welcome to come to Joyce's Joyful Knitters. We are a member of The Needlework Guild of Canada Toronto Branch. We meet in the Parish Centre, Francis Room, on the second Wednesday of each month after the 9:00 mass. We share our achievements, challenges and a cup of coffee / tea and treat. We are a registered charity, and all our items are distributed to a number of agencies throughout Toronto. Next date April 9, 2025.

KNOW THAT I AM GOD

Lenten Journey Into Silence



BE STILL AND KNOW THAT I AM GOD

**The Canadian Christian
Meditation Community**

Invites you to

**AN INTRODUCTION TO
CHRISTIAN MEDITATION**

FOUR WEEKLY ONLINE SESSIONS

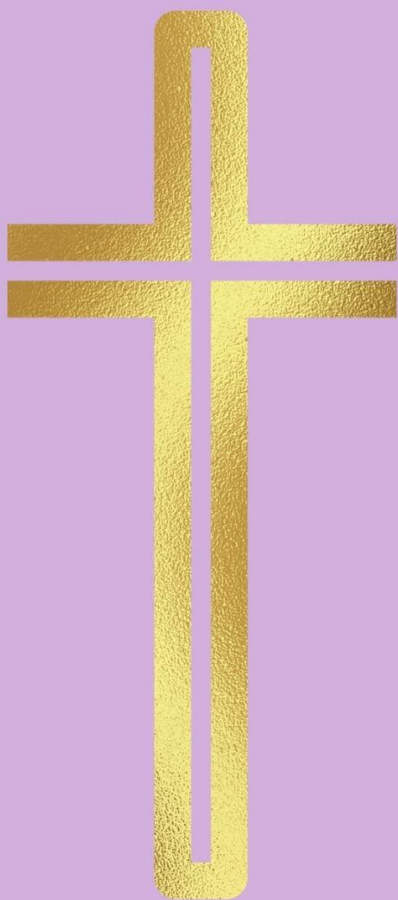
**Every Tuesday starting
March 25th -April 15th**

6:30-8:00pm MST

Suggested donation of \$30

Registration required @

<https://bit.ly/4-wkIntro2025>



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REFLECTION

“Sir, let it alone for one more year...” Luke 13:8

We sometimes catch ourselves dreaming of immanent justice...for others, being scandalized not to see certain crimes immediately punished by God, interpreting as divine chastisement the misfortunes of certain persons, calling God to account when we ourselves are afflicted by trials we deem undeserved and, finally, looking for those responsible for the catastrophes we have endured. It is true that evil begets evil, but the dominion of sin is too general for us to attribute responsibility only to certain persons, as if others—including ourselves—had no part in it. And above all, we must not forget that God is never in any way the author of misfortune; he offers only life; he does only good. To keep this in mind does not imply a certain fatalism that resigns itself to the absurdity of the world and humankind, whose endless whims create a continual threat for the peace, harmony, and security of the earth and its inhabitants. Neither should we give up seeking the causes of misfortunes while despairing of finding some means to prevent them (Luke 13:1-9)

Some Galileans were massacred by Herod. Why and under what circumstances? For us it matters little. Eighteen persons were killed by a falling tower. Were these victims more culpable than other people? That is not the question, Jesus answers, and, by the same token, categorically refuses any pretension to blame God—his justice or his carelessness or his powerlessness—for any catastrophe whatever. If we speak of sin, it is to recognize that we are sinners. We must apply ourselves to our own conversion. For sin is the great misfortune, irremediable if we do not turn away from it....

God is patient; he cannot bring himself to cut down the barren tree, cannot stop hoping that it might show signs of bearing fruit after receiving special care. It is God's patience that grants a delay to give the sinner a last chance to be converted and bear fruit. It is God's patience that, far from justifying negligence, must make the sinner conscious of the urgency of conversion. God does not tire, does not lose patience...ever. For “it may bear fruit in the future.” But he is powerless before those who refuse to yield to the unceasing calls of his kind solicitude and grace.

- *Days of the Lord*. Vol. 2 Lent. (Collegeville: Liturgical Press, 1993), 166-167.

May the Lord bless you and keep you!