



*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,
appointments only.**

Saturday:

3 pm to 7 pm

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*Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
March 24, 2024*

Bonnie News

Franciscan Church of St. Bonaventure



Untitled, known as *Christ's entry into Jerusalem* (1320), by Pietro Lorenzetti (1280-1348), Fresco.
Lower Basilica, Basilica di San Francesco d'Assisi, Assisi, Italy.

Palm Sunday

Now to the gate of my Jerusalem,
The seething holy city of my heart,
The saviour comes. But will I welcome him?
Oh crowds of easy feelings make a start;
They raise their hands, get caught up in the singing,
And think the battle won. Too soon they'll find
The challenge, the reversal he is bringing
Changes their tune. I know what lies behind
The surface flourish that so quickly fades;
Self-interest, and fearful guardedness,
The hardness of the heart, its barricades,
And at the core, the dreadful emptiness
Of a perverted temple. Jesus come
Break my resistance and make me your home.

Malcolm Guite, "Palm Sunday," *Sounding the Seasons*. Norwich: Canterbury Press, 2012.

LITURGY & SACRAMENTS

THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, March 25	9 AM	Intention of Alex Wong
Tuesday, March 26	9 AM	† Breid O'Rourke
Wednesday, March 27	9 AM	† Odette Olliviera
Thursday, March 28 <i>Mass of the Lord's Supper</i>	7 PM	<i>No Morning Mass</i> Vocations
Friday, March 29 <i>Commemoration of the Lord's Passion</i>	12 PM and 3 PM	<i>Specific intentions not permitted.</i> <i>Specific intentions not permitted.</i>
Saturday, March 30 <i>Easter Vigil</i>	8 PM	<i>No Confessions</i> <i>No 5 PM Mass</i> The Parishioners
Sunday, March 31 <i>Easter Sunday</i>	8:30 AM	† Ignatius McHugh
	10 AM	Beatrice Rodriguez, in thanksgiving
	12 PM	† Teresita Escobar-Bunag
Sanctuary Lamps Bl. Sac Bl. Sac O.L. Chapel		† Marcia Domi Fernandes
		† Carlos Doy Chua Peck
		† Marrieta Santos

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE



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. Reception to follow in the Main Hall of the Parish Centre. All are welcome.

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

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*, + *Alberto Samonte*,
and + *Maralyn Sher*.

PRAY FOR THE ELECT AND OUR CANDIDATES FOR FULL COMMUNION

Please pray for the Elect: Schavana and Marieana, as they prepare for Christian Initiation this Easter Vigil. Pray, too, for the Candidates for Full Communion: Darryl, Michael and Sandra.

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

PONTIFICAL COLLECTION FOR THE CHURCH IN THE HOLY LAND ON GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 29, 2024



The annual Good Friday Collection was first taken at Pope Paul VI's request fifty years ago. It is the only yearly request asked by the Holy See of dioceses and parishioners throughout the world to assist the Church in the Holy Land. The monies collected support its pastoral, educational, and social works and help to maintain the Holy Places so important for the faith of Christians everywhere. For the sake of our brothers and sisters enduring hardships, please give generously during your parish's Good Friday celebrations on March 29, 2024. If you are unable to attend the service, it is possible to contribute by Interact e-transfer to terresainte@bellnet.ca or online at Commissariat.ca - receipts will be issued.

On behalf of the Franciscan Custody of the Holy Land, to whom the Holy See has entrusted this ministry for nearly 700 years, I sincerely thank you for your support. ~ Fr. Robert Mokry, OFM Commissary of the Holy Land in Canada.

STEWARDSHIP

We have the following collections during Holy Week:
Holy Thursday - Society of St. Vincent de Paul
Easter Sunday - Regular Collection & Easter Sunday

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.

A reminder that your casseroles are due at the Ministry Centre by Monday March 25th.

SHARELIFE 2024 PARISH CAMPAIGN

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



ShareLife: Welcome Jesus into your hearts by sharing your blessings today

Today is Palm Sunday, a time in our Lenten journey when we are reminded of the importance of welcoming Jesus in our hearts. In the spirit of His teachings and example, let us extend our hands to those who need our help the most.

Thank you for living the Gospel by opening your hearts and sharing your blessings.

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/>

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 decorating the church for Easter, please contact the Ministry Centre at (416) 447-5571.

COURTYARD AND WALKWAY PROJECT

As you can see, our project is underway!

The walkways near the back of the Parish Centre and Ministry Centre have been removed and the area has been excavated. We are proceeding with repairs to the foundation walls and then they will be waterproofed. This area is not accessible.

Currently, the following doors are closed and off limits:

1. The South side front door of the church is closed.
2. The North side Sacristy & back corridor of the Church is closed. Please use the back south side door, the Blessed Sacrament Chapel door and the North side front door.
3. The Ministry Centre front doors are closed. Please use the back door closest to the church. A doorbell has been installed.
4. The Parish Centre back doors are closed. Please use the front doors.

We want to ensure everyone's safety. Please be extra cautious while walking around the property and the parking lot. The Knights of Columbus will be available to assist with directions and assistance in the parking lot. We thank you for your cooperation and patience during the construction.

UPCOMING EVENTS

"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!

Also, we are looking for silent auction items. For more information on how you can make a donation for the silent auction, please contact laura@stclareinn.org.

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

Reflection 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.



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.

CWL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

To all the St. Bonaventure CWL members and parishioners, and there were many of you, 25+, who attended the March 16th World Day of Prayer Service for Palestine at the Donway Baptist Church, we extend a heartfelt thank you for your participation and your support.

Following the inspiring and prayerful service, we all enjoyed a delicious luncheon featuring traditional Palestinian dishes prepared by participating Palestinian women and Donway Baptist Church staff. It was heartwarming to witness the fellowship and friendship that was enjoyed by all our neighbouring churches and the Palestinian community.

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Also, please mark your calendars for our next St. Bonaventure CWL General Meeting on Tuesday, March 26th commencing at 7 p.m. The theme of this meeting is Health and Wellness followed by a short, relaxing interactive Tai Chi session. Our guest speaker is Dr. Vivian Tse, a doctor of naturopathic medicine and a Tai Chi Master. Don't miss this highly informative and beneficial evening. All members and parishioners are welcome. You'll go home feeling great!

God bless you all!
Your St. Bonaventure CWL Executive Council

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL



"The Knights Of Columbus Council 5080 would like to invite all Catholic Men of the St. Bonaventure parish who would like to find out more about the Knights of Columbus and what we do in this parish to contact us".

You can connect with us in a number of ways:

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Instagram - kocc5080

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FOR A PARISH REGISTRATION FORM TO COMPLETE

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Society of St. Vincent de Paul
416-447-5571 ext. 570

Casseroles for the Good Shepherd Centre, contact
casseroles@st-bonaventure.ca

REFLECTION

"Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it..."~ John 12:14

In the Gospel, Jesus is acclaimed as King of Israel by a crowd of people as he rides to Jerusalem on a donkey. It is a great triumphal parade, a high point of local fame and popular success for Jesus. But I want to ask about the donkey. It's not Jesus' donkey. How did he get it? The Gospel says Jesus sent his disciples to a neighboring village to untie it and take it away. But why would anyone let the disciples of Jesus simply make off with somebody else's donkey? As far as that goes, how did Jesus even know a donkey was there in that village? Here's one possible answer. The Gospel says that Jesus was near Bethany when he sent his disciples to get the donkey. So maybe that donkey was in Bethany. Bethany is the home of Martha and Mary and Lazarus. Like the donkey, which is a humble beast, Martha, Mary, and Lazarus are small and ordinary people. Nobody would acclaim them in great parades. But they are nonetheless the particular friends of Jesus. Maybe the donkey belongs to them or to their friends. Maybe Jesus knows exactly where that donkey is because he has seen it when he was visiting Mary and Martha and Lazarus. Maybe the villagers are so ready to let the disciples of Jesus take the donkey because they know and trust Jesus. On this way of reading the story, with the people shouting and acclaiming him King, Jesus rides into Jerusalem on the small beast which comes from the village of his particular friends, two ordinary women and their equally ordinary brother.

And here's the sequel. The crowd that acclaims Jesus so greatly is next seen shouting for his crucifixion. That's how much fame and popular success are worth. And here's what particular friendship with the Lord is worth. When Jesus ascends to God the Father, do you know what place he chooses as the site for his ascension? It's Bethany (Luke 24:50), where his friends Mary, Martha, and Lazarus live. And so in his royal procession, on that little donkey, our Lord shows us what is truly worth caring about, the small things, the particular things so dear to us and to our great King.

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May the Lord bless you and keep you!