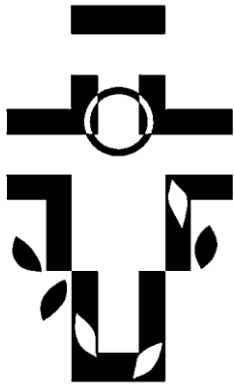


*Fifth Sunday of Lent
March 26, 2023*



Bonnie News

Franciscan Church of St. Bonaventure

*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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Nothing, it seemed

Nothing, it seemed, between them and the grave.
No, as I looked, there was nothing anywhere.
You'd think no ground could be so flat and bare,
No little ridge or hump or bush to brave
The horizon. Yet they called that land their land,
Without a single thought drank in that air
As simple and equivocal as despair.
This, this was what I could not understand.

The reason was there was nothing there but faith.
Faith made the whole, yes all they could see or hear
Or touch or think, and arched its break of day
Within them and around them in every way.
They looked: all was transfigured far and near,
And the great world rolled between them and death.

"Nothing, it seemed," by Edwin Muir, from *The Penguin Book of Religious Verse*,
edited by R.S. Thomas. Penguin Books, 1963..

"For in Catholic tradition at its best, faith is not a creedal confession that gives rise to certain forms of life: Faith is, rather, a definitive way of life in common that generates creedal confessions not as surrogates for but as symptoms of its vitality. In this sense, the church is neither a religion nor a denomination. It is simply the way a re-created world coheres in constant praise and adoration of the One who is its source."

~ Aidan Kavanagh, *The Shape of Baptism: The Rite of Christian Initiation*.
Collegeville, MN: The Liturgical Press, 1978.

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 27	9 AM	† Maureen Talley and one forgotten soul in Purgatory
Tuesday, March 28	9 AM	† Geraldine Holen
Wednesday, March 29	9 AM	† Kevin O'Sullivan
Thursday, March 30	9 AM	† Persecuted Christians who died for their faith
Friday, March 31	9 AM	† Alfonz Pavli Intention of Juanita Waithe † Zenaida Mauricio Syed
Saturday, April 1 Sunday, April 2	5 PM	† Peter Glowczewski
	8:30 AM	† Louis Fung
	10 AM	The Parishioners
	12 PM	Thanksgiving June Yee
Sanctuary Lamps		† Zenaida Mauricio Syed
		The Intentions of the Franco Family
		† Norma Manebo Reyes

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.

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.

HELPING OTHERS

FOOD DRIVE IN SUPPORT OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD CENTRE - MEALS FOR THE HOMELESS

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!

CASSEROLES FOR GOOD SHEPHERD REFUGE

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. We can use your help! Call 416-447-5571 ext 570 to join. Please deliver your casserole for pick-up dates of **Monday March 27, April 24, May 29, June 26. Thank you!**

"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"

SHARELIFE 2023 PARISH CAMPAIGN



Living the Gospel: 2023 Parish Campaign
ShareLife Sunday Collections March 26 | April 30 | June 4

This weekend is ShareLife Sunday

ShareLife Sunday marks the first collection for our parish's annual campaign. In the words of Cardinal Collins:

“Vulnerable members of our community are relying on you and me to ensure ongoing access to the care they so desperately need. This is why it's crucial we meet our parish campaign goal. Our goal can be met, but only if we each do our part.”

Our parish goal this year is **\$94,000**. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.



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, ext. 570**

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



This Solidarity Sunday, Development and Peace – Caritas Canada's **Stand for the Land** campaign invites you to give generously and thanks you warmly for your generosity.

Your donation transforms the lives of some of our most vulnerable sisters and brothers across the world. **Our solidarity rests on your generosity.**

“The support we receive from Development and Peace has been very important for me. It allowed me to find myself, to live again.”

– Raquel Soto, participant in the documentary filmmaking school of the *Asociación Campesina de Antioquia* (ACA, Peasant Association of Antioquia)

Such is the difference you can make by giving to your Share Lent parish collection or at devp.org/give. Thank you for helping us build a world of justice.

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 Fotyi, + Anthony Narayan,
+ Dennis Szechy, + Martha Fogh, + Kevin O'Sullivan, + Oliver Figueiredo, + Marcelina Manankil, + Mildred Cope,
+ Raneé Nadarajah, + Douglas Woollings, + George De Gannes, + June Burns, + Neil Pinto,
+ Geraldine Holen, and + Dorothy Ying

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

PLEASE JOIN US - ST. CLARE INN GALA ON APRIL 29, 2023

The Secret Garden Spring Gala
Saturday April 29, 2023 at 6:30 PM
The Donalda Club
12 Bushbury Road, North York ON M3A 2Z7.

Tickets are \$115.00 and can be purchased at
www.stclareinn.com/events.

Included in the ticket price: delicious food, a complimentary drink, a raffle ticket, and a 50/50 ticket.

The gala will be a night filled with fun and fundraising, and will include live entertainment, silent and live auctions, a raffle prize draw and a 50/50 draw.

We hope you will join us! Thank you for supporting St. Clare Inn.



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE



Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord - Regular Mass Schedule

Saturday, April 1 at 5 PM
Sunday, April 2 at 8:30 AM, 10 AM and 12 Noon

Mass of the Lord's Supper

Thursday, April 6 at 7 PM

Celebration of the Lord's Passion

Friday, April 7 at 12 Noon and 3 PM

Blessing of Easter Food Baskets

Saturday, April 8 at 11 AM - In Church

Resurrection of the Lord

Easter Vigil - Saturday, April 8 at 8 PM

Easter Sunday - Regular Mass Schedule

April 9 at 8:30 AM, 10 AM and 12 Noon



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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FOR A PARISH REGISTRATION FORM

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www.saintanthonyofpadua.net

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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 her, ‘I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?’ She said to him, ‘Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.’” John 11:25-27

“Every article of the Creed tells us something about what it means for God to be love and to love us. If we do not read it as bringing us deeper into the mystery of God’s love for us, we have misunderstood it. So when we assert that we believe in God who created the heavens and the earth, we are not offering an explanation for the existence of the Universe. We assert that all that exists is a fruit of God’s love. We reject the position of early gnostic Christians that the universe was created by an evil god, that our bodies are bad, and that salvation is an escape from evil materiality. When we proclaim that the Son is true God from true God we are saying that Jesus does not just tell us about God’s love, but that in sharing his life we are taken up into divine love. Christianity is not a moral theory, but a love story between God and humanity that was consummated in Christ. And when we say we believe in the forgiveness of sins, we are saying that this love can overcome all hatred, all the negativity of the human heart and will have the final victory....We dare to pledge ourselves to Christ once and for ever, because God has bound himself unconditionally to us...As God’s own children, we have the freedom and the dignity to promise ourselves to God unconditionally.”

~ Timothy Radcliffe, OP, *Take the Plunge: Living Baptism and Confirmation*
(London: Bloomsbury, 2012), 140-141.

May the Lord bless you and keep you!