



*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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*Third Sunday of Lent  
March 3, 2024*

# Bonnie News

*Franciscan Church of St. Bonaventure*



*The Disciples Admire the Buildings of the Temple (Les disciples admirent les constructions du Temple), 1886-1894, James Tissot James Tissot (French, 1836-1902). Opaque watercolor over graphite on gray wove paper. Brooklyn Museum.*

### Cleansing the Temple

Come to your Temple here with liberation  
And overturn these tables of exchange  
Restore in me my lost imagination  
Begin in me for good, the pure change.  
Come as you came, an infant with your mother,  
That innocence may cleanse and claim this ground  
Come as you came, a boy who sought his father  
With questions asked and certain answers found,  
Come as you came this day, a man in anger  
Unleash the lash that drives a pathway through  
Face down for me the fear the shame the danger  
Teach me again to whom my love is due.  
Break down in me the barricades of death  
And tear the veil in two with your last breath.

~ Malcolm Guite, "Cleansing the Temple," *Sounding the Seasons*.  
Norwich: Canterbury Press, 2012.

## NEW MINISTRY CENTRE HOURS

Please note, we have posted new hours for the Ministry Centre (parish office). They are: Sundays from 9:30 am to 2:30 pm; Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 9:30 am to 4 pm; and Saturdays from 3 pm to 7 pm. The Ministry Centre will be closed on Thursdays (meetings by appointment only).

## LITURGY & SACRAMENTS

### THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, March 4	9 AM	† Odilia Yiu
Tuesday, March 5	9 AM	† Karl Wahl
Wednesday, March 6	9 AM	† Windel Alon
Thursday, March 7	9 AM 7 PM	† Cesar Ortuoste CWL NY Region Mass with Fr. P. Boniface
Friday, March 8	9 AM	† Rogelio Pedragosa Sr. † Maria Letica Olandria † Mildred Cope † Matthew Honich Intention of Rosita Bravo
Saturday, March 9	5 PM	† Cecedonia Calingasan
Sunday, March 10	8:30 AM	The Parishioners
	10 AM	† Juanito Cortez
	12 PM	† Nimfa Chua
Sanctuary Lamps Bl. Sac. Bl. Sac. O.L. Chapel		† Peter Glowczeski
		Intention of Andrea Pimento
		Intention of Sybil Leacock - Happy Birthday

### THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Confessions are heard on a weekly basis on Saturdays from 9 to 10 am in Our Lady's Chapel. In addition, confessions are heard on the first Monday of the month 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.

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday during the Season of Lent after the 9 am Mass. (Exception: Friday, March 22 at 7 pm).

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION & BENEDICTION ~ MARCH 4 FROM 12:30 PM TO 2 PM

Please 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 Liturgy of the Word

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.



## 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*.

## PRAY FOR THE ELECT AND OUR CANDIDATES FOR FULL COMMUNION

Please pray for the Elect: Schavana and Marieana, and the Candidates for Full Communion: Darryl, Michael and Sandra, this Lenten Season. On the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays of Lent at the 10 am Mass, we will celebrate the Scrutinies with our Elect. We ask God to reveal to the Elect whatever needs further conversion in their hearts, to deepen their resolve to hold fast to Christ and to carry out the decision to love God above all. May the Elect and the Candidates be open to God's grace during this holy season.

## 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

### SHARELIFE 2024 PARISH CAMPAIGN

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



**You bring love and hope to young mothers through ShareLife**

Many young women who are unexpectedly pregnant don't know where to turn for help. Through your support for ShareLife, our agencies ensure they have the resources they need to keep their education on track, provide their babies a healthy start, and create a bright future.

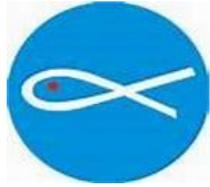
"I have no words to describe what it means to be a recipient of your generosity," shares Arielle, a grateful young mother you support through Vita Centre. "I have a better mental state now. I know that my baby is healthy because of it, too."

Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at [sharelife.org/donate](https://sharelife.org/donate).

## CWL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE - APPEAL TO ALL PARISHIONERS

If you are aware of any elderly members of the parish who may be experiencing loneliness, isolation or sickness that may render them needful of a compassionate ear we would be happy to reach out to them with a friendly phone call. Kindly contact Rosemary de Gannes at 416 460 1514 or email [rosiedeg04@gmail.com](mailto:rosiedeg04@gmail.com).

## 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/>

**Tax Receipts for SSVV donations have been mailed out two weeks ago.**

**Thank you to all who have donated to help our neighbours in need. Please note that by using a SSVV envelope you receive a tax receipt for \$20 or more in a calendar year. May God Bless your kind hearts.**

## 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.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### HOLY LAND GOODS ~ SEBASTIAN CARDINAL ~ MARCH 9 AND 10



#### Handicraft Holy Land Christians

On the weekend of March 9 and 10, we will welcome our special guest Paul from Sebastien Cardinal's team representing "Handicraft Holy Land Christians", who after all the masses will briefly address the issues and concerns regarding the Christian presence in the Holy Land.

Christians in the Holy Land graciously ask your support through conscience prayers and will have many unique hand carved olive wood religious art pieces made by these families in Bethlehem available for purchase after every mass. Proceeds of the sales generate much needed employment for our Christian brothers and sisters in Bethlehem. May God Bless you for your generosity, for you help and for your prayers."

**Cash, debit, credit cards and cheque will be accepted.**

You can visit and support us at [www.HolylandChristians.ca](http://www.HolylandChristians.ca)

## 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 5<sup>th</sup>, 10:30AM to Noon by Zoom: **The Return of the Prodigal Son** **A Lenten Reflection on the book of Henri J. M. Nouwen and the painting of Rembrandt**

The session will include presentation, prayer, small group sharing and a time for reflection as we explore how Henri Nouwen was captivated by this beautiful painting and how we too can enter into the story of that very moving parable.

Facilitated by Trena Finnegan, Coordinator, Ministry with Maturing Adults at St. Bonaventure Parish

Please email Trena at [trena@st-bonaventure.ca](mailto:trena@st-bonaventure.ca) to register for this zoom event by Sunday March 3<sup>rd</sup> and you will receive the zoom link.

### Tuesday March 12, 10AM to 11:30AM: **Estate Planning - Presented by: Bruce Morrison, CPA CA**

Do you have an estate plan? Are you planning to create one? This information session will explain what an estate plan is, and the key steps needed to ensure that your assets are distributed in life or after death.

Mr. Morrison obtained his Chartered Accountancy designation in 1985. Since that time, he has been the Chief Financial Officer of a number of companies, including Southam, Maple Leaf Foods and the STRONCO Group. In 2017, he established his own financial services firm, BMF, where he specializes in taxation, restructuring and financing. Mr. Morrison teaches professional development courses for CPA Ontario and mentors CPA students. He is a former member of the Finance Committee of the Ontario Heart and Stroke Foundation, and a member of the Granite Club.

### Tuesday March 26<sup>th</sup> 10:AM to 11:30AM - **Coffee and Conversation (and a little Scripture!)**

Join us on this Tuesday of Holy Week as we enjoy a coffee and a reflection on Holy Week.

Drop in and casual gathering. Stay as long as you like.

## 2024 WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE - ALL PARISHIONERS INVITED!

**March 16, 2024, at 10:30 AM, Donway Baptist Church, 235 The Donway East. Reception to Follow.**

World Day of Prayer events, held at numerous GTA churches, are coordinated by the Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada ("WICC"), an ecumenical organization whose mission is to empower Christians to pursue worldwide justice, peace and reconciliation through prayer and prayerful action. Donations collected on the WDP days are distributed by WICC as grants to worthy initiatives working throughout the world to improve the lives of women. This year's service, in which St. Bonaventure's and 5 other Don Mills churches will participate, focuses on Palestine. The prayer service was written by Christian Palestinian women, centred around Ephesians 4: 1-3 "I Beg You...Bear with One Another with Love."

We hope that you can attend this very special prayer service and enjoy the reception afterwards celebrating Palestine's very rich history, culture, music, and cuisine. Please contact Jill Tonus at [jilltonus@gmail.com](mailto:jilltonus@gmail.com) with any questions or if you would like to attend.

## 2023 PARISH TAX RECEIPTS

**Tax receipts have been mailed.** Your tax receipts will include your donations to the parish, Pre-authorized Giving, the second collections, amount donated through the parish to Share Life and St. Clare Inn. Donations made through the Archdiocese by credit card, including ShareLife donations, will be mailed out to you directly from the diocese.

**We are grateful to each of you for your generosity and continued support of the parish! Thank you!**

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## REFLECTION

***“Making a whip of cords, Jesus drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. ~ John 2:15***

The Gospel for this Third Sunday of Lent gives us a shocking picture of Jesus. Our gentle saviour has turned violent... What is going on here? Some external reasons for his vehemence are evident. Vendors were allowed only in the courtyard of the temple, not inside where they now had established themselves. And perhaps the dishonest practices of outdoor marketplaces had stolen their way into the temple. The thumb on the scale, the inflated prices, all of that. There is another, internal reason which is much more important. Jesus knew with blessed certainty what human beings were created to be. We are made to be filled with God’s presence, to be beloved by God personally and to love God in return. We are most ourselves when we are not entrapped by riches, honour, and pride. We are designed to “let go and let God.” Jesus must have been overwhelmed when he saw merchants winking at these Godly values, preferring cold cash and cheating for it at the dead center of sacred space. Everything was upside down.

Why did he react so very differently during Holy Week? Why was he silent then? Because by then Jesus had come to understand the depths of his mission: not just to do social action—that’s what the temple scene was—not just to cure the people miraculously, not to preach from the hillsides. He saw that he must become one with our death as well as our life, must unite with us in the terrible hurts we get from each other. Only then could he show how very close God is. Wrath for sure can be an understandable and just reaction to selfishness and greed. The merchants were seeking short-term profit at the expense of freedom, holiness, truth, and completion of the human spirit. Worse, they were foisting all this upon the people Jesus had come to save. No wonder he hurled himself against these blind money grubbers. His emotion was real and quite impressive. But by contrast, on the cross he would empty himself out. He would surrender everything, including his fury, a surrender that would cancel out the grubbing of the money changers.

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