

*Easter Sunday  
March 31, 2024*



*Growing  
in Spirit,  
Community,  
and Service*

# Bonnie News

*Franciscan Church of St. Bonaventure*

## *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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*“Christ and St. Mary Magdalen at the Tomb” (1638), painted by Rembrandt van Rijn (1606-1669). Oil on panel. Royal Collection Trust.*

**“Jesus said to her, ‘Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?’ Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, ‘Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.’**

**Jesus said to her, ‘Mary!’”**

**~ John 20:15-16**

Welcome, glorious of days, O happy day of the triumph of Christ,  
O sterling day flowing with joy, the first day! ~ Adam of St. Victor

FROM THE PASTOR...

The Lord is Risen! Alleluia! We believe that He rose from the dead. His Resurrection grounds our hope for eternal life. May your faith in the Risen Christ be strong and your hope for a share in eternal life sustain you in all you do! May the joy in your heart be rock-solid!

Please know that you and your loved ones are in the prayers and thoughts of the Friars and Staff of St. Bonaventure Parish for a joy and grace filled Easter!

Fr. Tom

LITURGY & SACRAMENTS

THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE ~ THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

Monday, April 1	9 AM	† Peter Glowczewski
Tuesday, April 2	9 AM	† Louis Fung
Wednesday, April 3	9 AM	† Rebecca Nagal
Thursday, April 4	9 AM	† Ainsworth Feltman
Friday, April 5	9 AM	† Souls in Purgatory Brothers, Sisters and Benefactors of the Order † Carlos Doy Chua Peck † Alberto Samonte † Jacqueline Bradshaw † Mildred Cope
Saturday, April 6	5 PM	† William Robinson
Sunday, April 7	8:30 AM	The Parishioners
	10 AM	Sybil Leacock
	12 PM	† Raymond S. Williams
Sanctuary Lamps		† Mr. Philip Chircop † Marilyn Sher † Alberto Samonte

For us, the faithful, Christ has begun a bright new day,  
eternal and inextinguishable. God is the author of this wonder.  
From impossible beginnings God has produced wonderful results.

~ Anonymous hymn, 2<sup>nd</sup> Century



## CELEBRATING SACRAMENTS DURING EASTER

Easter is filled with energy in our parishes as we celebrate the removal of the rock from the haunting tomb. Christ has resurrected and new life flows abundantly. That new life is seen in the explosion of sacramental celebrations following the Lenten fast. The Easter Vigil starts it off with a triple play of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. Springtime calendars are filled with others: first Holy Communion, Confirmations, weddings, and infant Baptisms.

It is convenient to celebrate sacraments during the Easter weeks. The sanctuary blossoms with life and fragrance. Yet at a deeper level, sacraments are closely related to the Easter event. All the sacraments are encounters with the risen Lord. The Emmaus story (Luke 24:13-35) relates this connection well.

It begins with two disciples, dejected that their friend Jesus has been killed. Leaving Jerusalem, they head for Emmaus. Jesus accompanies them, yet they see him as a stranger. They recount the past days' events, including the visit to the empty tomb, the angels' telling the women that Jesus was alive, and that the apostles did not see or believe. Then, the first of three important moments begins.

First, the Risen One enlightens them. Jesus breaks open and interprets the scriptures. Second, a sacramental moment is presented as a gift. "When at table Jesus took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them" (Luke 24:30). The Word alone was insufficient. The encounter is completed with this gift of a sacramental gesture. Finally, the Lord vanishes, and their future is changed as they turn around to head for Jerusalem, the center of Christ's saving actions.

What Emmaus, and all Resurrection stories teach us, is that encounters with the Risen One spark change. These encounters are not limited to the days after the Resurrection but continue in the sacramental ministry of the Church. We meet the living and risen Christ in the sacraments. From them we are sent. "Go in peace to love and serve the Lord." "You have been freed from all our sin. Go in peace." "You are no longer two flesh but one. You are now husband and wife." These are phrases from the sacraments that witness to the tremendous transformative power they release. The sacraments change us and strengthen our identity with Christ.

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## THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Confessions are heard on a weekly basis on Saturdays from 9 to 10 am in the Mary Chapel. You can always make an appointment with Fr. Peter or Fr. Tom to celebrate this Sacrament in which we encounter our merciful God. Please note, confessions will not be heard this Easter Monday.

## LITURGY OF THE WORD WITH CHILDREN AT THE 10 AM SUNDAY MASS

For children ages 4 to 9. A parent is welcome to accompany a child who is too shy to participate on their own. **On Easter Sunday, April 9, there will be no Liturgy of the Word with Children.**

## MINISTRY CENTRE HOURS DURING HOLY WEEK



Please be advised that the Ministry Centre will be closed on Good Friday, Easter Sunday and Easter Monday. Please note that the Ministry Centre will be open on Holy Saturday from 3 pm to 7 pm.

We will reopen on Tuesday April 2 at 9:30 am. Wishing you all a joyous Easter!

The wedding feast of the Lamb has begun.  
The bride is radiant, clothed in glory. Alleluia! Alleluia!

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT AND BENEDICTION POSTPONED THIS MONTH OF APRIL

As the first Monday of the month falls on Easter Monday, there will be no Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction with the school this week. The next opportunity will be on May 6.

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.

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 + Marilyn Sher.

EASTER MEAL BLESSING



God of glory, the eyes of all turn to you  
as we celebrate Christ's victory over sin and death.  
Bless us and this food of our first Easter meal.  
May we who gather at the Lord's Table  
continue to celebrate the joy of the resurrection  
and be admitted finally to the heavenly banquet... 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.

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](http://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!

The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.  
By the Lord has this been done, a marvel in our eyes.

—Psalm 118:22-23

## HELPING OTHERS

### CASSEROLES FOR THE GOOD SHEPHERD REFUGE



By now most of us know where the casseroles are donated. The amazing work of The Good Shepherd carried out daily, no day off, is subsidized with the casseroles donated by a number of churches. **The Bonnie's cooks contributed 61** in the month of March. A BIG thank you from those you may never meet who enjoy a hot meal. Someone will not go hungry because of your efforts in this mission of mercy.

Please open your hearts and your kitchen to keep up this much needed support for The Good Shepherd Refuge. May God bless your kind heart for participating.

The cupboard at the back of the church has pans and recipes. Kindly remember to sign for the pans you need. **Next due date is Monday April, 29.**

### FOOD DRIVE FOR THE GOOD SHEPHERD



The weekly food drive at St. Bonaventure helps provide meals for the homeless and at risk individuals in our community. The Good Shepherd is again asking for food donations to assist in feeding the homeless. Thank you for your ongoing support.

#### THE MOST NEEDED ITEMS

Tomato Sauce  
Canned Tomatoes  
Soup & Stews

Mayonnaise  
Pasta  
Granola Bars

Beans and Chickpeas  
Canned Corn  
Breakfast Cereals

Peanut Butter & Jam  
Salmon & Tuna  
Tea / Coffee

### SHARELIFE 2024 PARISH CAMPAIGN

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



**ShareLife: Embrace Jesus' love and compassion through giving.**

Jesus' love and example inspire us to extend a helping hand to others, especially those facing the greatest challenges. ShareLife agencies continue to reach out to the most vulnerable members of our community, offering essential services made possible by your compassion and generous contributions.

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

### 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.

Let us, therefore, be glad on this day whereon our Jesus,  
by his resurrection, opened to us the way of life. ~ Missal of St. Gall

## 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/>

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### 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**



**Tuesday April 9<sup>th</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup> 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.*

### 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:**

FaceBook - KoC SF C5080

E-mail - [kofcCouncil5080@outlook.com](mailto:kofcCouncil5080@outlook.com)

Instagram - kocc5080

Online - [www.kofc.org](http://www.kofc.org)

**"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.

**CONSECRATION OF THE FAITHFUL TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, MOTHER OF GOD**

At this time last year Pope Francis invited Catholics to renew an act of consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary on the Solemnity of the Annunciation of our Lord that is typically celebrated on March 25<sup>th</sup>. Our Archbishop Francis Leo sees consecration to the Blessed Virgin Mary as a grace-filled opportunity for the people of Toronto to be renewed in the Holy Spirit. Due to the timing of Easter this year, the Annunciation will be celebrated on Monday, April 8<sup>th</sup>. After the 9:00 am mass on April 8<sup>th</sup> we will have the consecration to our Blessed Mother. It consists of a passage from Scripture with a short reflection, the Apostles' Creed, a decade of the Rosary, the Prayer of Consecration, and some concluding prayers. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

By way of preparation for this consecration, there will be a prayer service at 3:00 pm on Sunday, April 8<sup>th</sup>. This is also Divine Mercy Sunday. This service will underscore Our Lady, under the title of her Immaculate Heart, as an agent of God's mercy in our lives.

Finally, parishioners might also consider the program sponsored by the Knights of Columbus on Saturday April 7<sup>th</sup> at 10. See page x of the bulletin for information.

**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:**

The South side front door of the church is closed.

1. 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.
2. The Ministry Centre front doors are closed. Please use the back door closest to the church. A doorbell has been installed.
3. 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.

**Fifty days for our delight, for Christ is risen as all things tell. See, good Christian, ye rise as well!**

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Casseroles for the Good Shepherd Centre, contact  
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## REFLECTION

**“This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.” ~ Psalm 118:24**

Above all days, Easter is a day of joy. But what is joy? The answer St. Francis gave to this question is famous. St. Francis said to his Brother Leo, “When we come to [our house] St. Mary of the Angels, soaked by the rain and frozen by the cold, all soiled with mud and suffering from hunger, and we ring at the gate of the place and the brother porter comes and says angrily: ‘Who are you?’ And we say: ‘We are two of your brothers.’ And ... he does not open for us, but makes us stand outside in the snow and rain, cold and hungry, until night falls—then if we endure all those insults and cruel rebuffs patiently, ... oh, Brother Leo, ... perfect joy is there!” (From Franciscan Joy, available online at <http://www.nonviolentworm.org/BobsPhotosAndEssays/Parables>)

Whatever we may think of St. Francis’s explanation of perfect joy, Easter reminds us that Francis’s kind of joy is not the end of the story. At Easter, we celebrate the other kind of joy, the kind each of us longs for, when every tear is wiped away, and there is no sorrow anymore—no more suffering from weather or hunger or hurtful human beings. As we sing in the much-loved hymn by Fr. John Foley, S. J. at Easter “the cross and passion past, dark night is over, bright morning comes at last!” (“All Shall Be Well,” words by Timothy Dudley Smith, music by John Foley, S. J.) When we ourselves rise to meet our risen Lord, in that bright morning we will hear him say, “Come away, beloved. The winter is past; the rain is gone, and the flowers return to the earth.” (Song of Songs 2:10-12) In the loving union of that encounter, all the heartbrokenness of our lives will be redeemed. *That* will be perfect joy.

If all we had was the joy St. Francis describes, our courage might fail us in this life. Easter celebrates now the perfect joy waiting for us when we and all creation are reborn with our resurrected Lord into the everlasting love of God. *This* is the day that the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

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

**CHRIST IS RISEN! ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA! HE IS TRULY RISEN! ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA!**