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

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Hours
10 AM- 4 PM
Monday, Wednesday,
Friday
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## **Bonnie News**

Franciscan Church of St. Bonaventure



Titian (1490-1576) "Transfiguration" c. 1560, Church of San Salvador, Venice.

Your unbearable gentleness, Lamb of God, Whose touch dissolves, or destroys like fire. I am yours, I am yours—what am I in your sight? I would know myself, but in your life-giving light. O make haste your face on mine to impress, That you find in me no unshapeliness When you judge me with your clemency For eternity.

~ Raissa Maritain, from "Lent: A Sourcebook" Book One, Chicago: LTP, 1990), 135.

"In the past, every icon painter began his or her career by reproducing the scene of the Transfiguration, not to escape into some imaginary paradise, but to die to self by opening the self to Beauty crucified. The destiny of every Christian is written between two mountains: from Calvary to the mountain of the Transfiguration. The face of the living God is to be seen in the faces of those who listen to Christ's word and are transformed by it."

~ from the Saint Andrew Bible Missal. Copyright 1982, William J. Hirten Co., Inc. as quoted in "Lent: A Sourcebook" Book One, Chicago: LTP, 1990), 138.

#### LITURGY & SACRAMENTS

#### This Week's Mass Schedule

Monday, March 6	9 AM	† Bazil Armitage
	12:30 PM	Eucharistic Adoration
Tuesday, March 7	9 AM	Intention of Gwen Fitzgerald
Wednesday, March 8	9 AM	† Maria Oladria
Thursday, March 9	9 AM	† Dalhia Rosario
Friday, March 10	9 AM	† Nimfa Chua
		Intention of Juanita Waithe
Saturday, March 11	5 PM	† Michael Farnum
Sunday, March 12	8:30 AM	The Parishioners
	10 AM	† Francisco Villegas
	12 PM	† Caridav Bollozos
Sanctuary Lamps	† June Burns	
	† George De Gannes	
	† Neil Pinto	

#### 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

Sundays at the 10 a.m. Mass 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.

#### SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Couples must contact the Ministry Centre at least one year in advance of the anticipated date. A preparation course is also required.

#### 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.



#### DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME - MARCH 12, 2023

Please remember to move your clocks forward next weekend.

#### 2022 DONATION TAX RECEIPTS

Our receipts are being printed by the Archdiocese of Toronto this week and they will be mailed out directly to you. Please be patient since they are handling a large quantity.

Thank you for your generosity and for your continued support of the parish!

#### **HELPING OTHERS**

# **SL ShareLife**

Living the Gospel: 2023 Parish Campaign

ShareLife Sunday CollectionsMarch 26 | April 30 | June 4



March 5, 2023
Live the Gospel by supporting ShareLife

ShareLife Sunday is March 26. Our parish goal for this year's campaign is \$94,000.

More than 40 Catholic organizations and social service agencies are supported through your generosity. Without your contributions, more than 150,000 people would not receive the hope offered through the vital work of these agencies.

Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.

#### Pancake Breakfast - 50/50 Draw

Pancake Breakfast- Knight of Columbus 50/50 Draw Winning Number is: 25325944 Please contact the Ministry Centre at 416-447-5571. Thank you for your support and participation!

#### FOOD DRIVE IN SUPPORT OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD CENTRE

Help provide meals for homeless and at risk individuals in our community. Most Needed Items:

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 in advance for your generosity.

#### Casseroles for good shepherd refuge

February's contribution to The Good Shepherd reached 52 casseroles. A BIG note of thanks to all the Bonnie Casserole Cooks. For those of you who realize the importance of this work of mercy please encourage others to join our TEAM!

Show the love of community when you help feed those in need of a meal. One casserole has 10 portions, 52 has 520 portions. The Good Shepherd serves more than 1100 portions each day. Let'e keep up the great work and reach for 50-60 casseroles in the months ahead.

"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"

#### 2023 Refugee Sponsorship Program for Family Members of Parishioners

ORAT announces its 2023 Refugee Sponsorship Program for Parishioners. It is a program that is designed to assist parishioners sponsor family members in need of refugee resettlement. Details of this program are available. Please contact the Ministry Centre at 416-447-5571 for more information.

#### SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL



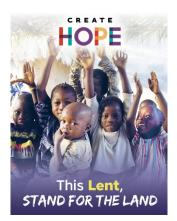
The person who shows love and compassion to those in any kind of affliction is blessed, not only with the virtue of good will but also with the gift of peace... Those who are unequal in their capacity to give can be equal in the love within their hearts. ~St. Leo the Great, pope

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

The courage to Create Hope



To delegates at the 4th World Meeting of Popular Movements, Pope Francis said, "...you have the ability and the courage to create hope where there appears to be only waste and exclusion."

These are the words that inspired the choice of "Create Hope" as a five-year guiding theme at Development and Peace — Caritas Canada.

The courage to Create Hope is rooted in actions big and small. For to drive away anguish and despair, it is best to act. Every action we take has a positive effect on us, our neighbours, our great human family, our children and their descendants. What will you to this Lent to Create Hope? Join our campaign at devp.org/lent.

Donating online at <a href="devp.org/give">devp.org/give</a>

Your generosity helps support over 86 projects in 40 countries around the world!

#### **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, + Ranee Nadarajah, + Douglas Woollings, + George De Gannes, + June Burns and + Neil Pinto.

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 Next Meeting Dates: March 14, April 11 and, May 9 Email: <a href="mailto:mma@st-bonaventure.ca">mma@st-bonaventure.ca</a> to register

#### SAVE THE DATE - ST. CLARE INN GALA ON APRIL 29, 2023



#### The Secret Garden Spring Gala

Join Us on Saturday April 29, 2023 6:30pm to 10:30 pm The Donalda Club 12 Bushbury Dr, North York, ON M3A 2Z7

Featuring great food, live entertainment, door prize, silent and live auctions, raffle draw, and 50/50 draw.

Tickets are \$115.00 and can be purchased via eventbrite (https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/the-secret-garden-gala-come-join-the-fun-tickets-554490093797), or by calling the office at 416.690.0330, or by emailing us at info@stclareinn.org.

### 2023 World Day of Prayer - Saturday, March 18th

The CWL invites everyone to the 2023 World Day of Prayer ("WDP") event hosted by our parish this year on March 18th, 9:30am to1:00 pm. WDP is a prayer movement that invites us to enrich our faith experience with the experience of Christians from other countries and cultures to bring hope to women touched by injustice. This year's service is written by the WDP Committee of Taiwan. Several other local churches will be participating with us.If you would like to attend or have questions, please contact Jill Tonus at jilltonus@gmail.com or 416-473-6523.

#### MASS OF CELEBRATION TO WELCOME ARCHBISHOP FRANCIS (FRANK) LEO

The installation of Bishop Francis (Frank) Leo as Archbishop of Toronto will take place on Saturday, March 25, 2023 at 10 a.m. Given capacity restrictions at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica, this will be an invitation-only event. The Mass of Installation will be livestreamed through www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live and broadcast on Salt & Light Catholic TV and through their website: www.slmedia.org.

Parishioners are invited to attend a regional Mass of Welcome taking place in the Central Region on Tuesday, April 11, 2023 - Blessed Trinity Parish, Toronto - 7 p.m. A reception will follow Mass in the parish hall. All are welcome. Please keep Archbishop Leo in your prayers as he begins his ministry as our shepherd.

#### Final Sunday Mass - Sunday March 19, 2023

Cardinal Collins will preside at the noon Mass at St. Michael's Cathedral on Sunday, March 19, 2023. This will be his final Sunday Mass as Archbishop of Toronto. We will also have an opportunity to express your gratitude to his Eminence for his years of service.

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#### REFLECTION

"This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" ~ Matthew 17:5

'OU REGISTERED? IF NOT, ASK AN USHER

"A voice from the cloud said, This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him. I am manifested through his preaching. I am glorified through his humility. So listen to him without hesitation. He is the truth and the life. He is my strength and wisdom. 'Listen to him' whom the mysteries of the law foreshadowed, of whom the mouths of the prophets sang. 'Listen to him' who by his blood redeemed the world, who binds the devil and seizes his vessels, who breaks the debt of sin and the bondage of iniquity. 'Listen to him' who opens the way to heaven and by the pain of the cross prepares for you the steps of ascent into his kingdom."

~ St. Leo of Rome

"On the road leading to Easter, the Church does not grope its way in darkness. The faith that animates the Church is not a blind trust in God saying to it, 'Go forth...to a land that I will show you.' The luminous cloud that leads it is not only before it. The mountaintop is aglow with it. It illumines the entire road up to its end where the Lord of glory awaits the Church. Life and immortality shine brightly through the preaching of the gospel. The glory of the Christ already enfolds the believers. With the reflection of his light in their eyes, the echo of the Father's voice in their hearts, they walk toward the city that has no need for the light of the sun or of the moon; 'for the glory of God [is its] light, and its lamp [is] the Lamb' (Rev 21:23)."

Days of the Lord, Vol. 2: Lent, (Collegeville, MN: Liturgical Press, 1993,) pg. 80.

May the Lord bless you and keep you!