



*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

Saturday:

3 pm to 7 pm

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*First Sunday of Lent
March 9, 2025*

Bonnie News

Franciscan Church of St. Bonaventure



Jesus Tempted in the Wilderness (Jésus tenté dans le désert), 1886-1894. James Tissot (1836-1902, French). Opaque watercolor over graphite on gray wove paper. Brooklyn Museum. No known copyright restrictions.

XCI Qui habitat by Malcolm Guite

He shares our grief and wipes away our tears
And even in this life he shelters us
Beneath the shadow of his wings. Our fears

And hopes are known to him. His faithfulness
Will be our shield and buckler. We can trust
His constancy and know he will be with us;

With us through the best and through the worst.
I may be threatened by the passing harm
Of outward pestilence, but still I trust

He gives his angels charge, and with his arm
He shelters and embraces me. No power
Can separate me from his love. His Name

Is my protection and delight. I pour
My heart and soul to him in songs and psalms,
And he will bring me through my darkest hour.

<https://malcolmguite.wordpress.com/2021/03/05/he-shall-deliver-thee-a-response-to-psalm-91/>

LITURGY & SACRAMENTS

THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, March 10	9 AM	† Jude Weerasinghe
Tuesday, March 11	9 AM	† Michael Farnum
Wednesday, March 12	9 AM	† Joyce de Gannes
Thursday, March 13	9 AM	† Antonia Ortuoste
Friday, March 14	9 AM	The Friars † Grazia Maida † Ted Cronin † Desmond Nugent † Victor Pappalardo † Gino Durante
Saturday, March 15 Sunday, March 16	5 PM	The Parishioners
	8:30 AM	† Nimfa Chua
	10 AM	† Carmen Elena Campos
	12 PM	† Alexandre, Richard, and Jean D'Arc Kayumba
Sanctuary Lamps	Bl. Sac.	† Norma Manebo Reyes
	Bl. Sac.	† Eileen Josefina Rodriguez Purroy
	Our Lady	In thanksgiving, from Cecile

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION AT ST. BONAVENTURE PARISH

Confessions are heard on a weekly basis on Saturdays from 9 to 10 a.m. in the Confessional Room. In addition, you can always make an appointment with Fr. Peter or Fr. Tom.

LITURGY OF THE WORD WITH CHILDREN

There is no Liturgy of the Word with Children this Sunday. It will resume on March 14 at the 10 a.m. Mass.

HOLY COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND



Our parish has an active Eucharistic Ministry to the Homebound. Our Eucharistic Ministers provide pastoral visits and bring Holy Communion to parishioners who are unable to attend church because of illness, disability or age. If you or someone you know might benefit from this ministry, please contact us at homebound@st-bonaventure.ca or at 416-447-5571 ext. 590 and let us know.

SCRIPTURE SHARING GROUP AT ST. BONAVENTURE'S

The Scripture Sharing group meets every Wednesday from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the Oak Room of the Parish Centre to prepare for the readings for the upcoming Sunday. Reflecting on the spirituality of the scriptures before Mass can have a great impact on hearing the Word proclaimed on Sunday. Participation via ZOOM is available. For more information, please contact Tom: tom.burns6727@gmail.com

STATIONS OF THE CROSS ~ FRIDAYS THROUGH LENT



Each Friday during Lent after the 9 AM Mass, except for April 11th, when the devotion will take place at 7 PM.

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:

+ James Long, + Bernard Nottage, + Anna Szatmary, + Christopher Harris, + Blanca Graciela, + Martin Frank,
+ Thelma Jonathan, + Jeanette Bertheau, + Edward Baker, + Joyce De Gannes, + Rochelle Labrador,
and + Vinodh Loganadhan.

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.

THE JUBILEE PRAYER ~ REFLECTION ON THE VERSES



We continue our reflection on each of the verses of the Jubilee Prayer.

Today's verse: *"in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally."*

In Isaiah, we read: *"I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?"* (Is. 43:19) The life, death, and resurrection of Jesus have ushered in something wonderful. The old, world order, enslaved by sin and death, is passing away; Christ has conquered all through his death on the cross. The grace-filled "ripple effects" of what Christ

has done for us is moving all creation in a remarkable direction through the power of the Holy Spirit. If we are attentive, we see signs of this reign of the Kingdom of God in our midst. They point us to the promise of a new heaven and a new earth. We also know that the fullness of that which is to be revealed in God's great plan of salvation remains incomplete. We are still very much on a journey moving toward the destination. There are bumps and challenges along the way. Yet, we continue on the path with Jesus and one another because we trust that God will do what God has promised to do. We live in faithfulness to this vision.

Do you ever suffer from short-sightedness in matters of life and faith? How does taking the long view, by reflecting on what God has promised, refocus our values and efforts? Have you caught a glimpse of God's glory shine through the Christ-like actions of another person?

HELPING OTHERS

A MESSAGE OF THANKS FROM THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



The Knights of Columbus would like to thank everyone who supported the 2025 Pancake Breakfast, either by donating, purchasing tickets, attending the breakfast or helping.

We would also like to thank our Corporate Sponsors:

Verve Senior Living, Don Mills Seniors' Apartment & Donway Place,
and Harvey Kalles Real Estate Ltd.

The winning ticket for the 50/50 draw was ticket #00070. And the winner was thankful and donated the winnings back to the church. See you all in 2026!

LENTEN CHALLENGE - MAKE A CASSEROLE FOR THE GOOD SHEPHERD REFUGE

Thank you to our faithful cooks who make a casserole to supplement the food program at the Good Shepherd Refuge. Two groups of our parishioners actually go to serve this meal each month, members of the Knights of Columbus and the members of CWL. They see the reality of the hunger in our city. In February we sent 44 casseroles. This is not enough to cover one meal served each day. If you are able, please consider joining the casserole team. Be a supporter of this collective effort to feed the hungry in this Mission of Mercy. Recipes and pans are available in the cupboard at the back of the church. Please drop off your March casseroles by the 25th. Thank you in advance!

FRANK CARDINAL LEO THANKS YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF THE 2024 SHARELIFE PARISH CAMPAIGN!



“As we journey together through this Jubilee Holy Year, I want to offer my deepest gratitude for your charitable heart and great faith. In a time of economic hardship, you chose to trust in God’s providence and extend your love to those in need. Your compassion has made it possible for so many lives to be touched by God’s goodness.... Because of your generous spirit, our community of faith came together to raise an extraordinary \$14.4 million for the ShareLife Parish Campaign. This outpouring of love speaks to the depth of your commitment to caring for others. Your sacrificial gifts breathed life into the work of ShareLife-funded agencies, enabling them to continue their mission of caring for the hungry, the homeless, the lonely, and those seeking a new beginning.” ~ Archbishop Frank, Cardinal Leo.

- To read the full letter, go to: <https://sharelife.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/FINAL-SL-Cardinal-Leo-Thank-you-letter.pdf>
- To learn more about the ways in which your ShareLife donations changed lives last year, please visit: https://sharelife.org/impact/?mc_cid=fc4137b266&mc_eid=d9ef1fe0aa

This year, ShareLife Sunday collections will be held on March 30, May 4 and June 8.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL - YOUR DONATIONS HELP!

Every Life Is Worth Living

Heavenly Father, thank you for the precious gift of life. Help us to cherish and protect this gift, even in the midst of fear, pain, and suffering. Give us love for all people, especially the most vulnerable, and help us bear witness to the truth that every life is worth living. Grant us the humility to accept help when we are in need and teach us to be merciful to all. Through our words and actions, may others encounter the outstretched hands of Your mercy. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.



What does the Society of St. Vincent de Paul do at the parish level?

Pairs of members, called Vincentians, visit persons and families in need and offer them practical help in the form of gift cards for groceries, clothing and essentials. We listen to them with care and compassion and endeavour to guide them to resources to help break the cycle of poverty, thereby giving them hope for the future.

What else, besides visiting, do Vincentians do?

We are a registered charity so we can always use members who have computer skills, time and willingness to hold a “poor box” after mass, help in running zoom meetings, camp registrations, advertising, assistance with clothing collections, and spiritual reflections. And finally, we count on your prayers and donations! For more information, please call our helpline and leave your name and telephone number, expressing your interest in learning how you may be able to help. 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



With a focus on nurturing our spirituality in body, mind and spirit in the second half of life and finding meaning and purpose in our daily life, always with a spirit of gratitude and practicing welcoming and hospitality to those we encounter each day in our families, communities and beyond. We hope to provide you with helpful and relevant information from our own presentations and our partners in the community while meeting and enjoying our Tuesday morning gatherings, usually twice monthly! There is no need to pre-register for these events below. Just come and you will be warmly welcomed! And feel free to invite a friend! If you would like more information, email: Trena Finnegan, Coordinator Ministry with Maturing Adults: trena@st-bonaventure.ca

Revised: Tuesday March 11th, 10:00AM to 11:30AM - Main Hall

A Lenten Journey from Loneliness to Solitude: I Matter Because God Created me to Matter!

Loneliness is one of the greatest spiritual epidemics of our times. Believing that I am a beloved child of God, is one of the strongest antidotes. When we feel lonely, we become hostile toward ourselves and others. We begin to believe that we do not matter. Feeling small and irrelevant we live in an illusion of fear and disconnect. Lent is an opportunity, a moment in time, when we can change the way we look at things and spiritually grow. A time when we can move from loneliness to solitude by embracing the Lenten pillars of fasting, almsgiving and prayer. Drawing on the writings of Fr. Henri Nouwen, Deacon Michael Carrera invites us to connect with the power of God's grace and optimally prepare our hearts this Lent to welcome the resurrected Lord.

Michael Carrera is a Permanent Deacon in the Archdiocese of Toronto and currently serves at St. Benedict's Parish in Etobicoke. He has a master's degree in exercise science and has authored and co-authored four books: Periodization Strength Training for Sports (2nd ed.), The Catholic Workout book and DVD, Conditioning Young Athletes and his first book of fiction, Soul Winner. Soul Loser. A Remarkable Story of Finding Meaning in the Wisdom of the Day. Two of his books have been translated into multiple languages. He can be reached at www.freedombench.com or on Instagram @freedombench

Tuesday March 18th, 10:00AM to 11:30AM - Main Hall

Life in the Blue Zones of the World

Would you like to discover the secrets to living to 100? Explore with us the Blue Zones in the regions of the world that are home to the longest living and healthiest populations.

Join us for a dynamic presentation that will introduce you to the foods, cultures, and ways of living from these special regions in Italy, Japan, and Costa Rica just to name a few! Featuring food, music, and lots of lively discussions. You don't want to miss this wonderful morning as we travel the world together!

Presentation by: Jane Teasdale, Joint Owner and Director Business Development and Community Relations, Mosaic Home Care Services & Community Resource Centre. Accompanying her is Lauren McNair, Senior Community Resource and Social Engagement Coordinator. Website: www.mosaichomecare.com

Save the Dates: April 8th, April 22nd, May 6th, May 20th.

ST. CLARE INN SPRING FUNDRAISER - FRIDAY MAY 2, 2025, 5:30 - 10 PM

Spring is just around the corner, and we are thrilled to announce our 13th annual fundraising evening!

This year, we are introducing a fresh and exciting new look for our event, set to take place on **Friday, May 2, 2025, at Parkview Manor in the heart of Don Mills.** The evening will be packed with entertainment, including dinner, dancing, live performances, and our ever-popular live auction. Our 2025 theme, **"No Place Like Home,"** embodies the comfort, joy, and transformative spirit of St. Clare Inn.

Tickets: \$110 each or 10 for \$1000

To purchase tickets: <http://www.stclareinn.com/events/>

LENTEN RESOURCES

The Holy Father's Lenten Message: "Let Us Journey Together in Hope"

<https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/len/documents/20250206-messaggio-quaresima2025.html>

Pray as You Go

Lent Retreat 2025: The Pace of Grace

<https://pray-as-you-go.org/series/72-thepaceofgracelent2025>

Sacred Space

Lent Retreat 2025: Pilgrims of Hope

<https://sacredspace.com/retreats/>

Be inspired this Lent! Lent 2025 with St. Padre Pio

Experience weekly *Lenten messages* sent right to your inbox.

Make a donation to receive a total of *seven emails during Lent* that will provide reflections and prayers for the week ahead—all centered around Padre Pio's life, his letters, and his quest to draw closer to God.

<https://www.franciscanmedia.org/2025-lent-with-padre-pio/>

Pray

Pray everyday during this Lent

<https://hallow.com/lent/>

Journey Through Lent

Beginning on Ash Wednesday, 5 March 2025, and for each Sunday in Lent, up to and including Palm Sunday, a video will be uploaded to the CCCB website featuring pastoral reflections based on the Readings for the Sunday Eucharistic Celebration. This series is designed for individuals, families, and communities, providing spiritual inspiration and guidance on how to prepare for the Easter season.

<https://www.cccb.ca/evangelization-catechesis-catholic-education/video-resources/journey-through-lent/>

CWL INITIATIVE FOR 2025: SHARE THE WORDS

Catholic Women's League of St Bonaventure - Welcomes all Catholic Women!

#10 - COURAGE

If you only knew the courage of Catholic Women's League members. In the 1920s, Winnifred Fulton travelled by horseback to start more than 30 councils. Today we continue to carry the message of faith, service and social justice to women across Canada and internationally. Pack your courage! Your place is among us.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR MARY MATTHEWS PUBLIC SPEAKING WINNER

Aila Riajskikh, grade 8, Hawthorn School - Her topic is King Tutankhamen. Aila went on to win the North York Regional competition on February 15th. And now we are so excited to announce that this past Saturday, March 1st, Aila went on to win the Toronto-wide Toronto Diocesan level competition of the Mary Mathews event. Aila will be presenting her prepared speech in front of all the CWL delegates at the CWL Toronto Diocesan Convention on Monday, April 28 at the Ajax Convention Centre, 550 Beck Crescent. The Youth Awards presentations are scheduled to begin at 6:30p.m. We congratulate Aila, her family and her school.

Aila, we are so proud of you! Well done!

LENTEN RETREAT - SATURDAY MARCH 15, 2025, 9 AM TO 1 PM, MAIN HALL

Ecumenical Perspectives on Re-Imagining Prayer Presented by Dr. Ruth Brown

Dr Brown recently retired from InterVarsity Canada at the end of 2024 from role of National Director of Spiritual Formation and Prayer. Through spiritual direction sessions, prayer retreats and online prayer Dr Brown enjoys making space for people to experience the presence and love of God. Dr Brown's DMin from U of T Wycliffe College in 2011 helped her explore spiritual practices that sustain ministry for the long haul. Previously Dr Brown worked as a nurse with the Leprosy Mission (now Effect Hope) in Papua New Guinea.

**This Event is Open to All Parishioners. Please bring a Friend.
Hosted by the St. Bonaventure Catholic Women's League.**



Lenten Retreat

**Ecumenical Perspectives on
Re-Imagining Prayer
Presented by Dr. Ruth Brown**

**Saturday March 15, 2025
9am-1pm, Main Hall**

All Parishioners Welcome

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REFLECTION

“...for forty days he was tempted by the devil.” Luke 4:1

At the beginning of *Macbeth*, as Macbeth and Banquo are riding home from war in the flush of victory, three witches greet Macbeth with three titles. The first is his own title, “Thane of Glamis.” However the other two, “Thane of Cawdor” and “King hereafter,” belong to other men. Then the witches vanish into thin air. As Macbeth and Banquo continue their journey, a messenger from the King meets them upon the road and bestows upon Macbeth the title “Thane of Cawdor” as reward for his valor in war. Macbeth is confused; he knows that the Thane of Cawdor lives. But when he learns that the King intends to execute the Thane of Cawdor shortly for treason, Macbeth begins to tremble.

*Why do I yield to that suggestion
Whose horrid image doth unfix my hair
And make my seated heart knock at my ribs
Against the use of nature? (1.3.147-49)*

Why does Macbeth’s murderous ambition to become king awaken? Since the witches’ first prediction has come true, he sees the second as a real *possibility*. Possibility is the form of all temptation. We are not tempted in our weaknesses but in our strengths and talents. The charming are tempted to seduce others by their wiles because they know that they are likely to succeed; the knowledgeable are tempted to make an impressive show of their knowledge; bullies or those with strong personalities are tempted to intimidate others. Those who know how to manipulate another’s guilt are tempted to make people do their bidding....

None of us has ever been tempted to turn stones into bread because we don’t have the power to do so. It is not a possibility; therefore, it is not a temptation. The particular *forms* of Jesus’ temptations are not our own, but *what* he was tempted with is the same — the abuse of power.

In one sense, all temptations are temptations of power, for power provides us with what we want, be it wealth, pleasure, possessions, prestige or revenge. Nothing entices us more than the possibility of getting our own way. But nothing corrupts us more than its pursuit. For the insatiable lust of getting what we want will not be satisfied until it devours our mind, heart, and will.

~ A Meditation by Marc Foley, O.C.D., as quoted from <https://mycarmelblog.wordpress.com/2019/03/10/first-sunday-of-lent/>

May the Lord bless you and keep you!