



*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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*Sixth Sunday of Easter  
May 10, 2026*

# Bonnie News

*Franciscan Church of St. Bonaventure*



Icon of Christ and St. Menas (6-7<sup>th</sup> C.). Coptic. Discovered in Bawit, Egypt. Wax paint on wood. Louvre Museum. Public Domain. Source: Wikicommons.

### **LXVI Jubilate Deo by Malcolm Guite**

In the rich valley of the resurrection  
The *jubilate deo* will resound  
A jubilant rejoicing in perfection.

But even here the echo of that sound  
Of perfect praise enriches our brief song,  
A canticle that's taken up around

The world. The voices of the weak are strong  
In God's enduring praise. He knows their cause,  
And he will vindicate the poor, who long

To see his justice come and his good laws  
Prevail at last. Till then their jubilation  
Will shake the powers that be and give them pause

To tremble in the midst of exploitation  
And glimpse in others all the joy they've missed,  
Till love himself comes as a revelation.

<https://malcolmguite.wordpress.com/2020/12/30/jubilate-deo-a-response-to-psalm-66/>

## LITURGY & SACRAMENTS

### THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, May 11	9 AM	† Berl Thompson
Tuesday, May 12	9 AM	† Mrs. Eva Haigh
Wednesday, May 13	9 AM	† Esperanza Gabriel
Thursday, May 14	9 AM	† George de Gannes
Friday, May 15	9 AM	The Friars † Valerie Brady † Grazia & Domenic Maida † Leonor Gracias † Leonard Muffly
Saturday, May 16	5 PM	† Nimfa Chua
Sunday, May 17	8:30 AM	The Parishioners
	10 AM	† Mr. & Mrs. Chowman
	12 PM	Intention & Thanksgiving of Steffen Cherry
Sanctuary Lamps	Bl. Sac.	Thanksgiving
	Bl. Sac.	Healing & Recovery of the Sick
	Our Lady	† Tom Lloyd

### HOLY COMMUNION FOR THE HOMEBOUND



If a parishioner is unable to attend Sunday Mass due to serious illness, recovery from surgery, or frailty in old age, then Extraordinary Ministers of Communion to the Homebound (specifically trained for this ministry) will bring the Eucharist to them.

If you or someone you know might benefit from this ministry, please contact us by e-mail at [homebound@st-bonaventure.ca](mailto:homebound@st-bonaventure.ca) or call Mary Catherine directly at 416-303-0269.

### FAITH & 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 Durbano, + Joyce Chong, + Ann O'Leary, + Michael Price, + Theresa Duffy, + Rev. Sal Badali,  
+ Nabor Sequeira, + Diane Marchisello, + Suzanne McCallister, + Jorge Carvalho,  
+ Justyn Klym, + Patrick Doty, + Nealia Somasundaram, + Jennie Mayer, and + Tom Lloyd.

### PRAYER NETWORK REQUESTS

The Prayer Network is a group of parishioners who pray daily for all the prayer requests received by the Network. Nearly 45 parishioners are members of this group which began 1994. All prayer requests are kept in confidence, and no names are included when requests are passed onto the Network. Please contact Teresa Krijgsman at 416-709-8150 with your prayer intention or if you would like to become a member of the Prayer Network.



### SUNDAY COFFEE CANCELLED

Please note there will be no coffee on Sunday, May 10<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup>.

## HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY



On this Mother's Day, we give thanks to God for the mothers of our parish and for all who share in a mother's loving care. Your faith, patience, and generous hearts reflect the tenderness of the Lord and the steadfast love that builds up our families and our community. May the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church, intercede for you, and may God bless you with peace, joy, and strength today and always.

## HELPING OTHERS

### ST. BONAVENTURE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE (CWL)



As **Palliative Care Week** begins **May 3-9**, we encourage everyone to keep this important intention in prayer - for all who are nearing the end of life and for the families and caregivers who accompany them with compassion and dignity.

The **Catholic Women's League** incorporates a "theme a month" model to help councils live out the national focus "**Blessed are the Poor**" throughout the year.

#### **May: Month of Mary - Mother of the Poor**

This May, our Catholic Women's League invites all members to embrace our monthly theme, "Month of Mary - Mother of the Poor." Throughout the month we will be incorporating three simple but meaningful acts of generosity that reflect the spirit of Mary:

1. Say the rosary with your family.
2. Wear a red dress on May 5<sup>th</sup> for the Red Dress Campaign
3. Collect diapers, baby formula, and baby clothing for mothers in crisis or pregnancy centres.

#### **Monthly Motivations 2026-2027 - Legumes for Fortunes**

Please drop off donations of dried beans/chickpeas/lentils at the back of the church. You may also prefer to donate to the Community Share Food Bank online and they will spend the money wisely.

### DR. SIMONE'S CANADIAN FOOD FOR CHILDREN

St. Bonaventure Parish collects bulk food staples (rice, pasta, soap, sugar, cooking oil, canned fish, etc.) once a month. Also, shoes, clothing, medicines, medical devices and school supplies are contributed and stored in a storage room in the Parish Centre. These items are then driven to Dr. Simone's CFFC warehouse by St. Bonaventure volunteers and pack them for shipping to approved, vetted destinations (schools, missions, etc.) Dr. Simone and his wife were challenged to start this ministry by Mother Teresa, and they have been awarded the Order of Canada for their service to the worlds less fortunate.



#### **May items: Sugar.**

*Please Drop off your donations at the back of the church behind the toddler area.*

*Thank you for your generosity!*

### CASSEROLES FOR THE GOOD SHEPHERD REFUGE

The Casserole project at St. Bonaventure continues to support the hungry in our city. We average about 60 each month. Please think about joining this "Mission of Mercy." Your help is needed to expand our contribution. Men and women coming to the good Shepherd for a meal are increasing in number. No one is refused. If you have any questions, call **Ann Fellin at 647-526-5066**. **Pans are readily available in the cupboard at the back of the church.** To all those who continue to support this most needed and worthy cause, thank you!!

## SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL



**Marygrove Camp and Camp Ozanam: Providing a subsidized overnight camping adventure for eligible children.**

**Marygrove Camp** welcomes girls ages 5-13 for an 8-day camping adventure on the shores of Georgian Bay

**Camp Ozanam** welcomes boys, ages 7-12 for a 7-day camping adventure on Deer Lake in South River.

Both camps provide a fully subsidized camp opportunity (no fees) for children from families who are experiencing difficulties as follows: Families who cannot afford to take their children on vacation due to restricted income, illness, lack of funds, and other challenges. Transportation is provided by luxury couches to and from the camps. Call our SSVP helpline to check eligibility and leave a message for **Judy: 416-447-5571, ext. 570**. Sessions, July through August, are filled on a first come/first served basis.



## THE NEEDLEWORK GUILD OF CANADA



Do you like to knit, or would you like to learn? **Joyce's Joyful Knitters** meets on the **2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month**. All knitted articles are donated to several charities in time for Christmas. We meet in the Francis Room following the 9am mass. Refreshments are provided along with a friendly smile from our members. Come and see what we are all about.

**Next date: Wednesday May 13, 2026.**

## SHARELIFE - SHARELIFE



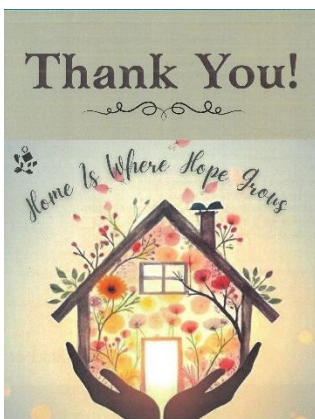
**Through ShareLife, you are the light in someone's darkest moment**

Sarah arrived at the door of one of the Catholic Family Services agencies you support through ShareLife on a desperate afternoon with her baby cradled tightly against her chest. Fleeing an abusive home, she had nothing but clothes on her back and a fragile hope that someone might help. Because of your generous spirit, Sarah and her baby found the safety they so desperately needed when shelters were overwhelmed.

Your kindness provided essentials to care for her baby, the counselling to begin healing, and the support to rebuild their lives. Now she and her baby are safe, cared for, and starting to look toward a brighter future. Yet, domestic violence is on the rise and countless others like Sarah are still in need. Your compassion has the power to change many more lives. It is because of people like you that their stories do not end in fear but begin again with love.

**Thus far we have raised \$115,395.75 or 92.3% toward our goal of \$125,000. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at [sharelife.org/donate](http://sharelife.org/donate).**

## ST. CLARE INN - SPRING FUNDRAISER



The St. Clare Inn extends a massive, joy-filled thank you for coming out to support the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Fundraiser, Home is Where Hope Grows.

Your Generosity was felt in every corner of the room. Every contribution, donation, bid, and raffle ticket helped create an evening full of energy, compassion, and community spirit. Because of you, we reached record attendance this year - a milestone that truly reflects the heart of our supporters. Most importantly, your kindness directly impacts the women at the Inn. Your support helps us continue providing safety, stability, and hope to some of the most vulnerable members of our community. And with this year's incredible turnout, we're now able to extend that support even further, helping more women rebuild their lives with dignity and strength.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### MINISTRY WITH MATURING ADULTS



#### Ministry With Maturing Adults with the Focus on Nurturing our spirituality in Body, Mind and Spirit in the Second Half of Life

We aim 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 (10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.), usually twice monthly, September to June. We look forward to welcoming you and feel free to invite a friend!

**Staying Safe in the World of AI Tuesday, May 12, 10:00 AM-11:30 AM Location: Main Hall**

**Presenter: TechGuides** <https://techguides.ca>

With AI, computers and phones can now write messages, make calls, and create photos that look completely real making it harder to know what to trust. Join us to learn what's changed, how some people are taking advantage of it, and simple ways to protect yourself. **No experience needed. No device required.** Come with your questions! **ALL** are welcome.

**Save the Date - Upcoming Sessions: May 26, and June 9 & June 23, 2026**

**More details to follow.**

### FRANCIS 800 - YEAR OF GRACE: "MARY, SIGN OF HOPE"



St. Bonaventure Parish continues to mark the Franciscan Jubilee Year by focusing on key aspects of St. Francis of Assisi's life and spirituality. This month, we highlight St. Francis's love and devotion to Mary, the Mother of God.

Join us as we welcome **Dr. Josephine Lombardi**, who will reflect on "**Mary, Sign of Hope,**"

**When: May 23 at 10:30 a.m. Where: Main Hall, Parish Centre. More information to follow.**

*Dr. Lombardi is an award-winning author who has worked as a parish minister, university campus minister, high school chaplaincy leader, teacher educator through O.E.C.T.A., professor of Religious Education, Brock University, retreat facilitator, faith formation consultant, and program coordinator in the Diocese of Hamilton. Presently, she is academic dean and associate professor of systematic*

*and pastoral theology at St. Augustine's Seminary.*

*Blessed Virgin Mary Appears to St. Francis (XVII Century)*

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/5552942321/posts/10159203525477322/>

### MAGNIFICAT BREAKFAST - MAY 30 9:30AM TO 12:30PM

Join **Our Mary, Cause of our Joy, Toronto Chapter** for our 52<sup>nd</sup> Magnificat Breakfast. Treat your mother, sister, colleague or friend to an inspirational morning that includes a hot breakfast, praise and worship led by our spirit-filled music ministry, a personal testimony of the transforming love of Christ in the life of an invited speaker. Priests are available for women wishing to avail themselves of the sacrament of Reconciliation.

**Saturday May 30, 2026 from 9:30am-12:00pm.**

**St. Benedict Parish Hall. 2194 Kipling Ave. Etobicoke, ON.**

**Doors open at 9:00am. Guest Speaker: Rachel Martinez**

**Registration \$36. Register Online: CREDIT & DEBIT cards accepted. Added Service fee.**

**Register by Mail:**

Send cheque, payable to Magnificat to: Magnificat, c/o 11 Watercliffe Rd M9W 4E5

Include with cheque: your name, address, phone number, email and full name of other guests you are registering.

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## REFLECTION

**“...the one who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.” ~Jn. 14:21**

It is customary to associate different aspects of God’s work with specific persons of the Trinity (e.g., creation to the Father, redemption to the Son, sanctification to the Holy Spirit). This is known as “appropriation.” However, it is essential to bear in mind a point made in the *Catechism*: “The whole divine economy is the common work of the three divine persons. For as the Trinity has only one and the same nature, so too does it have only one and the same operation: ‘The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit are not three principles of creation but one principle.’” Saint Gregory of Nyssa affirmed that no divine actions are attributable to one divine person alone; Augustine’s teaching in this regard found expression in a medieval axiom that became central to subsequent Catholic theology: “All the actions of the Trinity outside itself [*ad extra*] are not divisible.”

Love never exists in the abstract: it is always love *for* someone or something. We love many things, but we recognize that there is mutuality in the love shared between men because of our common nature. The second creation account in Genesis captures this reality in an imaginative way: God creates Adam and then makes all kinds of birds and beasts, but none of them is a fitting companion for the man. Then God creates Eve from the side of Adam, who exclaims: “This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh,” (Genesis 2:23). Like nature is the foundation of mutual love. What is true for creatures is true for the Creator: since God the Father is infinite in his perfections, the only fitting recipient of his love is a person who shares those divine perfections. The Son receives infinite love from the Father, and returns infinite love to the Father; and this love is the Holy Spirit. God’s very nature is relational: for God, *to be* is to be *in communion*.

The revelation that the one God is a communion of love underscores the freedom of his creative power. God did not bring the universe into existence because he needed an object for his affections. God freely created to share his love and goodness, so that creatures could share in the divine life. In the poetic image of Saint Thomas Aquinas, “Creatures came into existence when the key of love opened his hand.” Creation is marked by its trinitarian origin. The opening verses of the Bible tell us that when God made the heavens and the Earth, the Spirit of God was moving over the waters and that it was by his word that God created. As it was through his word and his Spirit that the Father brought the universe into being, so it is through the Spirit and the Son that creation returns to the Father. When we say, “God is love,” we are proclaiming that the very nature of God’s being is to give and receive love, and that we who have become “partakers of the divine nature,” (2 Peter 1:4), are invited into that communion of love.

Milton Walsh, “The Trinitarian Meaning Of “God Is Love,” *Into all Truth* (San Francisco: Ignatius Press, 2013) quoted at: <https://thevalueofsparrows.wordpress.com/2015/06/02/holy-trinity-the-trinitarian-meaning-of-god-is-love-by-milton-walsh/>

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