



*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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*The Fourth Sunday of Easter
May 11, 2025*

Bonnie News

Franciscan Church of St. Bonaventure



*The Good Shepherd, mosaic in Mausoleum of Galla Placidia, Ravenna, 1st half of 5th century.
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C Jubilate Deo by Malcolm Guite

Love bids us welcome with them to the feast
Let us be joyful therefore, let us sing
Old Hundredth with our forbears. One high priest

Calls us together in a great thanksgiving
To come before his presence with a song,
Enter his courts with praise, be glad and bring

Our very best to him. For we belong
To him since he has made us, and our hearts
Will find their peace in him alone. We long

Therefore to come at last beyond the gates
Of time and space, and with the saints to taste
That joy for which the whole creation waits.

But whilst we wait there is no time to waste
In keeping faith with each new generation,
And showing them his mercy and his grace.



Wishing all the mothers of the parish a day filled with love, laughter, family, appreciation and many blessings. May you all have a very Happy Mother's Day! God bless you!

LITURGY & SACRAMENTS

THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, May 12	9 AM	† Eva Haigh
Tuesday, May 13	9 AM	† Joyce De Gannes
Wednesday, May 14	9 AM	† Grazia Maida
Thursday, May 15	9 AM	† Nimfa Chua
Friday, May 16	9 AM	Brothers, Sisters and Benefactors of the Order † Josef Sitar † Esperanza Gabriel † Giovanni Abbruzzese † Holy Souls in Purgatory
Saturday, May 17	5 PM	The Parishioners
Sunday, May 18	8:30 AM	† Celia Lyne
	10 AM	† Alberto Samonte
	12 PM	Intention of Steffen Cherry, in thanksgiving
Sanctuary Lamps	Bl. Sac.	Intentions of the Leong Family
	Bl. Sac.	Intention of Gwen Fitzgerald
	Our Lady	† George De Gannes

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.

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

Liturgy of the Word with Children is celebrated at the 10 a.m. Mass for children ages 4-9.

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

"WHEN WE EAT THIS BREAD AND DRINK THIS CUP" ~ RESUMING COMMUNION FROM THE CHALICE

We have resumed distributing Communion from the chalice at the Sunday Masses. To be sure, the fullness of Christ's presence is given to us when we participate in Holy Communion through either partaking of the Body or the Blood of the Christ. Nevertheless, the mysteries of Christ's self-offering and our "taking up" of his self-emptying are more fully expressed and experienced when Holy Communion is given under both the Bread of Life and the Cup of Salvation. The manner of reception from the chalice is to take and drink. After replying "Amen", carefully receive the chalice from the Minister of the Communion. Take a sip. Then, carefully return the chalice to the Minister. Please do not intinct with the Host. The Ministers of Communion have been trained to distribute with care and reverence. Common sense tells us that if we have either a contagious illness, a mild cold, or a compromised immune system, we must refrain from receiving from the chalice. Children who have made their First Communion may receive with the permission of their parents.

FIRST COMMUNION DURING THE SUNDAY MASSES OF THE EASTER SEASON

More children of the parish will receive Holy Communion for the first time this weekend at the 12 pm Mass. Please pray for them and their parents, and show them great hospitality as brothers and sisters in the Lord.

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,
+ Vinodh Loganadhan, + Barbara Makowicz, + Anne Clune and + Antonino (Tony) Cravero.

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

CWL INITIATIVE FOR 2025: SHARE THE WORDS

Healing

As Catholic Women's League members, we help to heal injustice through advocacy, illness through prayer, hate with love and loneliness with care. You cannot stay away from the healing process if you are a Catholic woman. Join us today!

Save the Date: CWL Potluck, Sunday, June 1 at 1 p.m.



CASSEROLES FOR THE GOOD SHEPHERD REFUGE



In answering the Lenten Challenge parishioners prepared 121 casseroles in April. This is the collective response from new cooks and the continuous support from those who have prepared casseroles for many years. This plea for help during Lent shows that we can, as a parish, support those who are in great need of a meal. Please consider keeping this Mission of Mercy as part of your routine throughout the year. A huge THANK YOU to everyone who helped make this donation to the Good Shepherd our best to date. Recipes and pans are available in the cupboard at the back of the church. Please drop off your frozen casserole to the Ministry Centre during office hours. Last drop off date for May is Monday the 26th.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL



“Lord, be present in the hearts of the rich and the lives of the poor. Inspire us to care for one another, whatever their needs. Comfort your Church and make us grateful.”

Please assist Vincentians to lift the burdens of others, especially those who struggle to afford the basic necessities of life, and to refresh them with humble care and service. Your donations to our three poor boxes and through CanadaHelps do make a difference. Thank you! Online donations can be made securely through the following link:

<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/society-of-st-vincent-de-paul-st-bonaventure-conference/>

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. For more information, eligibility requirements, and to register, please contact Judy at 416-390-9495.

SHARELIFE ~ MAY 11 ~ WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS ~ MOTHER'S DAY

Sow the seeds of hope for the next generation

The future of the Church depends on men and women heroically answering God's call. Your generosity makes it possible for future priests to attend St. Augustine's Seminary and the Redemptoris Mater Missionary Seminary where they learn to tend to the Lord's vineyard and work for the salvation of souls. In addition, St. Augustine's Seminary educates permanent deacons and lay people serving our parishes. Thank you for your prayers and commitment towards young people on their journeys of faith.



Thus far we have raised **\$33,791.45** or **\$31%** toward our goal of **\$109,000**. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.

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 look forward to seeing you soon at one of our upcoming gatherings!

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, usually twice monthly, September to June. We look forward to welcoming you and feel free to invite a friend!

If you would like more information, e-mail Trena Finnegan Coordinator Ministry With Maturing Adults:

trena@st-bonaventure.ca

Tuesday May 20th - 10:00AM to 11:30AM Main Hall
When should I think about Palliative Care?

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This presentation will cover the following: What is palliative care? How do people access palliative care, eligibility, and cost? The difference between palliative care and end-of life care (e.g. hospital, hospice, home). What support services exist for families of individuals receiving palliative care including physical, psychological and spiritual support as well as grief support available?

Presenter: Susanne Urzendowsky is a dedicated social worker with over eight years of experience in Toronto. She leads a psychosocial team in delivering hospice programs such as Grief and Bereavement, In-Home Visiting, Recreation Therapy, and Art Therapy in Toronto and Newmarket. Since 2016, she has focused on palliative care and participated in the HPCO Advance Care Planning education and became a HCC ACP Regional Champion. Susanne is a strong believer that social workers play an important role in facilitating Advance Care Planning conversations.

Tuesday June 3rd - 10:00AM to 11:30AM Main Hall

Ways to get Stronger and Healthier at Home

Getting stronger, building muscle and having more energy is possible for everybody. You don't need to go to a fitness centre or invest in expensive equipment. You can exercise when you want in the comfort of your own home. A chair, broomstick and some simple fitness equipment can help you kickstart your day or give you the mid-day break you need. In this talk, Deacon Michael Carrera, a professional fitness trainer and wellness coach will walk you through some practical home-based exercises and answer questions you may have.

Presenter: Michael Carrera has a masters 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 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. Michael was recently ordained a Permanent Deacon for the Archdiocese of Toronto. He lives in Toronto, Canada, with his wife and four children.

Tuesday June 17th - 10:00AM to 11:30AM Main Hall

Exploring Our Need to Give Back by Sharing Our God Given Talent

In our eldering years, we grow in our awareness of our need to give back and to try and make the world a better place while using our gifts and charisms that God has given to us individually. We will learn the difference between gifts and charisms and explore ways of using our time and talent in order to give back for all the blessings we have received. *"We are gifted in certain ways and sometimes we don't even realize it.*

Perhaps this is an occasion, an opportunity, to ask, 'How am I gifted?'" - Archbishop Francis Leo on Stewardship Sunday.

Presented by: Trena Finnegan, Coordinator - Ministry with Maturing Adults

Save the Dates: July 8th, August 5th

JOURNEY OF ENCOUNTER ~ JUNE 15-18, 2025

Are you interested in dialogue with fellow Catholics about the challenges and the joys, the hopes and the fears that go with trying to follow Jesus in our place and time? On June 15-18, 2025, at St. Jerome's University in Waterloo, Ontario, lay, clergy, and religious Catholics from across Canada will gather to experience first-hand the idea of synodality. Guided by Canadian Synod delegates who attended the meetings in Rome in 2023 and 2024 and supported by a Steering Committee of leaders from many Canadian Catholic organizations, we will gather, pray, listen, speak and celebrate! If you are aged 18 to 90+ and want to learn more about synodality, this gathering is for you. Visit www.synodalchurch.ca for more info.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER EXPERIENCE ~ JUNE 27-29, 2025

Uncover the Secrets to a Lasting, Supportive, and Transformational marriage. Reconnect. Renew. Rekindle. The Marriage Encounter experience is a heart haven that helps you listen, share and connect more deeply. There's no group discussion. It's just about the two of you learning to be the best, most loving and thriving couple you can be. Join us on June 27-29 at Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre (1617 Blythe Road, Mississauga, ON) for a weekend that could change your life. This weekend is for couples, whether you are newlyweds or have been married for decades. For more information or to register, contact: Christian & Elizabeth Arroba, 416-554-4439 OR 416-554-7062 OR e-mail: christian.elizabeth.arroba@wwme.org

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REFLECTION

“My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me.” ~ John 10:27

Ask yourselves if you are his sheep, if you know him, if you recognize the light of truth. What I mean is that you recognize it not simply by faith but by love, I mean, you recognize it not just by belief but by action. For John the apostle, whose words we have been discussing, also said: *“He who says he know God but disobeys his commandments is a liar.”* Consequently, in the passage we were originally considering, the Lord at once adds: *“...as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep.”* It is as if he said straight out: *“The proof that I know the Father and the Father knows me is the fact that I lay down my life for my sheep; that is to say, the love which leads me to die for my sheep shows how much I love the Father.”* He goes on to add the following words concerning the sheep: *“My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me, and I give them eternal life.”* A little earlier he said also: *“If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture.”* That is to say, he will go into faith, and go out from faith to vision, from belief to contemplation, and he will find pasture at the everlasting feast.

So the sheep find the Lord’s pastures; for anyone who follows him with an undivided heart is nourished in a pasture which is forever green. What are the pastures of these sheep if they are not the deepest joys of the everlasting fresh pastures of paradise? For the pasture of the saints is to see God face-to-face; when the vision of God never fails, the soul receives its fill of the food of life for ever. And so, dear brethren, let us seek these pastures and there join in the joy and the celebrations of so many citizens of Heaven. Let their happiness and rejoicing be an invitation to us. Let our hearts grow warm, brethren, let our faith be rekindled, let our desires for heavenly things grow warm; for to love like this is to be on the way. No misfortune should distract us from this happiness and deep joy; for if anyone is anxious to reach a destination, the roughness of the road will not make him change his mind. The charms of prosperity must not lead us astray; for only a foolish traveler, when he sees pleasant fields on his way, forgets to go on towards his destination.

- Excerpt from a homily by St. Gregory the Great on Christ, the Good Shepherd.

May the Lord bless you and keep you!