



*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,  
appointments only.**

**Saturday:**

**3 pm to 7 pm**

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*Ascension of the Lord  
May 12, 2024*

# Bonnie News

*Franciscan Church of St. Bonaventure*



*The Ascension of Christ (1751), Peter Paul Rubens, Dutch (1577-1640). Watercolour. Courtauld Institute of Art. Acc# D.1978.PG.428.20 From Wikicommons. Public Domain.*

## Ascension

We saw his light break through the cloud of glory  
Whilst we were rooted still in time and place  
As earth became a part of Heaven's story  
And heaven opened to his human face.  
We saw him go and yet we were not parted  
He took us with him to the heart of things  
The heart that broke for all the broken-hearted  
Is whole and Heaven-centred now, and sings,  
Sings in the strength that rises out of weakness,  
Sings through the clouds that veil him from our sight,  
Whilst we our selves become his clouds of witness  
And sing the waning darkness into light,  
His light in us, and ours in him concealed,  
Which all creation waits to see revealed.

By Malcolm Guite, "Ascension," *Sounding the Seasons: Poetry for the Christian Year*. (Norwich: Canterbury Press, 2012), 45.

## LITURGY & SACRAMENTS

### THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, May 13	9 AM	† Nizar Sawalha
Tuesday, May 14	9 AM	† Grazia Maida
Wednesday, May 15	9 AM	† Nimfa Chua
Thursday, May 16	9 AM	† Don Fernandes
Friday, May 17	9 AM	† Esperanza Gabriel Brothers, Sisters and Benefactors of the Order † George de Gannes † Luis and Conchita Delfino Elsie Dy, in thanksgiving † Lai King Mui † All Souls In Purgatory
Saturday, May 18	5 PM	† Sylvia Cheryk and Everett Barrett
Sunday, May 19	8:30 AM	The Parishioners
	10 AM	† Iris Olivia Somasundaram
	12 PM	Intention for Steffen Cherry in thanksgiving
Sanctuary Lamps	Bl. Sac.	† Virginia (Ginny) Doty
	Bl. Sac.	† Mildred Cope
	Our Lady	For all the mothers of our parish

### PRAY THE FRANCISCAN CROWN ROSARY - MAY 25, 2024



The Secular Franciscans of St. Bonaventure Fraternity invite you to join with us in praying the Franciscan Crown Rosary on Saturday May 25 at 10 a.m. in the church. This will include reflections on the 7 Joyful Mysteries in the lives of the Virgin Mary & St. Francis of Assisi.

Light refreshments to follow in the Francis Room in the Parish Centre.

### 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.

### THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Confessions are heard on a weekly basis on Saturdays from 9 to 10 am in the Mary Chapel. Confessions are also heard on the first Monday of the month from 1 to 2 pm during Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. In addition, you can always make an appointment with Fr. Peter or Fr. Tom to celebrate this Sacrament in which we encounter our merciful God.

## 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, + Marilyn Sher, + Mary-Lou Gleeson,  
and + Virginia (Ginny) Doty.

## 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.

## YEAR OF PRAYER 2024: ANTICIPATING THE COMING JUBILEE YEAR

In the lead-up to the Jubilee Year of 2025, Pope Francis has called for 2024 to be a **Year of Prayer**. The Holy Father writes: *"In this time of preparation, I would greatly desire that we devote 2024, the year preceding the Jubilee event, to a great "symphony" of prayer. Prayer, above all else, to renew our desire to be in the presence of the Lord, to listen to him and to adore him. Prayer, moreover, to thank God for the many gifts of his love for us and to praise his work in creation, which summons everyone to respect it and to take concrete and responsible steps to protect it. Prayer as the expression of a single "heart and soul" (cf. Acts 4:32), which then translates into solidarity and the sharing of our daily bread. Prayer that makes it possible for every man and woman in this world to turn to the one God and to reveal to him what lies hidden in the depths of their heart. Prayer as the royal road to holiness, which enables us to be contemplative even in the midst of activity. In a word, may it be an intense year of prayer in which hearts are opened to receive the outpouring of God's grace and to make the "Our Father," the prayer Jesus taught us, the life programme of each of his disciples."*

Between the Lord's Ascension and Pentecost, the Apostles remained in prayer in the Upper Room. In that same spirit of expectant prayer, why not begin to pray the official Jubilee Year 2025 prayer this week?

Father in heaven,  
may the *faith* you have given us  
in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,  
and the flame of *charity* enkindled  
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,  
reawaken in us the blessed *hope*  
for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us  
into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.  
May those seeds transform from within  
both humanity and the whole cosmos  
in the sure expectation

of a new heaven and a new earth,  
when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,  
your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee  
reawaken in us, *Pilgrims of Hope*,  
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.  
May that same grace spread  
the joy and peace of our Redeemer  
throughout the earth.  
To you our God, eternally blessed,  
be glory and praise for ever.  
Amen.

The Papal (or Pontifical) 'Bull of Indiction,' which indicates the dates of the beginning and end of the Holy Year, is usually issued the previous year, coinciding with the Solemnity of the Ascension.

## A PRAYERFUL REFLECTION ON THE ASCENSION

To complete your seamless robe, and so to complete our faith, you ascended through the air into the heavens, before the very eyes of the apostles. In this way you showed that you are Lord of all, and are the fulfillment of all creation. Thus from that moment every human and every living creature should bow at your name. And, in the eyes of faith, we can see that all creation proclaims your greatness. Amen. ~St. Bernard of Clairvaux

## HELPING OTHERS

### CASSEROLES FOR THE GOOD SHEPHERD REFUGE



The Bonnie Casserole Cooks sent [76 casseroles](#) to the Good Shepherd in the month of April. Thank you, thank you, to those who prepared these meals to help feed the vulnerable in our society. These casseroles are vital to the meal program offered to anyone who is looking for a hot supper. The Good Shepherd provides approximately 1000 snacks and meals on a daily basis. Please continue to open your hearts and your kitchen to keep up this much needed support to the Good Shepherd Refuge.

For information on this program please call Ann at 647-526-5066 or email: [fellins@sympatico.ca](mailto:fellins@sympatico.ca) Next due date is Monday May, 27.

### 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/>

### SHARELIFE 2024 PARISH CAMPAIGN

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

#### ShareLife and World Communications Day

On this World Communications Day, your support of ShareLife is improving the lives of our brothers and sisters in the Deaf and hard of hearing community.

“If you ever wonder what impact you are making - you are sending Deaf kids to an accessible American Sign Language (ASL) camp in the summer; you are connecting Deaf kids with Deaf mentors; you are inspiring Deaf kids to achieve their dreams; you are teaching family members ASL so they can communicate with their Deaf children. When you give, it goes a long way.” - *Kelly Mackenzie, Silent Voice*

## MARY GROVE CAMP AND CAMP OZANAM SUMMER CAMP



Come and have fun this summer!

Marygrove Camp and Camp Ozanam are no-fee camps for girls, 5-13, and boys, 7-12, respectively. If you are or know of a single parent family, or one with a lower net income, with a child or children interested in a week-long, overnight camp experience this summer, please call the SSVF helpline at 416-447-5571 ext. 570 for more information and to register. Transportation to the camps is provided.

## 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 Meetings**

**Tuesday May 21<sup>st</sup> 10AM to 11:30AM**

***Fitness in The Second Half of Life  
Presented by Kristina Marks***

- Living strong, fit, healthy, and happy lives, well into our 80s and beyond. In this workshop we will explore various forms of exercise and the benefits they offer as we live out our second half of life well. We will discuss a plan of action for living our lives to the fullest as we continue to focus on the care of body, mind and spirit.

*For over 20 years Kristina has participated in a strength training program. She is passionate about fitness and what it can do to improve quality of life. With her extensive post secondary education and many certifications, she is excited to share her passion for muscle mechanics with people of all ages and backgrounds.*



### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ANNOUNCEMENT

The Knights of Columbus would like to invite all men in the parish to know that there will be a pulpit speech at masses on Sunday 26th May 2024 about the Knights, and for those brothers who are interested there will be an online invite to a meeting on Thursday May 30th 2024.

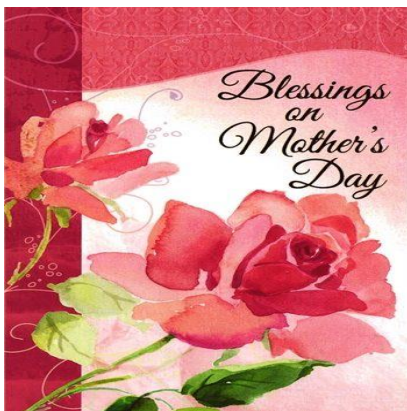
**You can connect with us in a number of ways:**

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### HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY



*"She is clothed with strength and dignity; she can laugh at the days to come."*  
**Proverbs 31:25**

*"She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue."* **Proverbs 31:26**

Wishing all the mothers of the parish and beyond, a day filled with love, laughter, family, appreciation and many blessings.

May you all have a very Happy Mother's Day!

God bless you all!

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Casseroles for the Good Shepherd Centre, contact  
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## REFLECTION

***So then the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven and sat down at the right hand of God. And they went out and proclaimed the good news everywhere... (Mark 16:19-20)***

The key to being a Christian is to know Jesus Christ with the whole of our being. It is important to know his sacred humanity through our senses and to reflect upon it with our reason, to treasure his teaching and example in our imagination and memory, and to imitate him by a life of moral integrity. But this is only the beginning. It is to the transcendent potential in ourselves - to our mind which opens up to unlimited truth, and to our will which reaches out for unlimited love - that Christ addresses himself in the Gospel with particular urgency.

Not only is it important to know Jesus Christ with the whole of our being; it is also important to know Jesus Christ in the whole of *his* being. We must know Christ, first of all, in his sacred humanity and historical reality and, more precisely, in his passion, which was the culminating point of his life on Earth. The essential note of his passion is the emptying of his divinity. We enter into his emptying by accepting the emptying process in our own life, by laying aside our false self and by living in the presence of God, the source of our being. We must know Christ, however, not only in his human nature - his passion and emptying - but also in his divinity. This is the grace of the resurrection. It is the empowerment to live his risen life. It is the grace not to sin. It is the grace to express his risen life in the face of our inner poverty without at the same time ceasing to feel it.

The grace of the Ascension offers a still more incredible union, a more entrancing invitation to unbounded life and love. This is the invitation to enter into the cosmic Christ - into his divine person, the Word of God, who has always been present in the world. And he has always been present in a saving way because of God's foreknowledge of his incarnation, death, and resurrection. Christ is "the light that enlightens everyone," (John 1:9) - the God who is secretly at work in the most unexpected and hidden ways. This is the Christ who disappeared in his Ascension beyond the clouds, not into some geographical location, but into the heart of all creation. In particular, he has penetrated the very depths of our being, our separate-self sense has melted into his divine Person, and now we can act under the direct influence of his Spirit. Thus, even if we drink a cup of soup or walk down the street, it is Christ living and acting in us, transforming the world from within. This transformation appears in the guise of ordinary things - in the guise of our seemingly insignificant daily routine.

-Excerpt from Thomas Keating, O.C.S.O., *The Mystery of Christ* (London: Bloomsbury, 1987), 86-88.

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