



*Growing  
in Spirit,  
Community,  
and Service*

*The Fifth Sunday of Easter  
May 18, 2025*

# Bonnie News

*Franciscan Church of St. Bonaventure*



Detail of *The Last Supper* (c.1464 - 1467), Dieric Bouts (1420-1475). Oil on panel. St Peter's Church, Leuven. Source: Wikicommons. Public domain.

## *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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Lord God, in Christ you call our name  
and then receive us as your own  
not through some merit, right or claim,  
but by your gracious love alone.

We strain to glimpse your mercy seat  
and find you kneeling at our feet.

Then take the towel, and break the bread,  
and humble us, and call us friends.  
Suffer and serve till all are fed  
and show how grandly love intends  
to work till all creation sings,  
to fill all worlds, to crown all things.

Lord God, in Christ you set us free  
your life to live, your joy to share.  
Give us your Spirit's liberty  
to turn from guilt and dull despair  
and offer all that faith can do  
while love is making all things new.

~ Brain Wren, "Lord God, your love" in "An Easter Sourcebook: The Fifty Days". Huck, Ramshaw, and Lathrop, eds. (Chicago: Liturgy Training Publications, 1988), 48.

## LITURGY & SACRAMENTS

### THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, May 19	9 AM	† Florinda Ortuoste
Tuesday, May 20	9 AM	† Bea Woloshen
Wednesday, May 21	9 AM	† Susanna Yipp
Thursday, May 22	9 AM	Intentions of Oliver Osuji
Friday, May 23	9 AM	The Friars Intentions of Lucy and Dave Alon † Alex Joseph Rosario † Cecilia Mascaranha † Luzviminda Lacap
Saturday, May 24 Sunday, May 25	5 PM	† Dahlia Rosario
	8:30 AM	The Parishioners
	10 AM	† Patrick Chu
	12 PM	† Gladys Anne Clune
Sanctuary Lamps	Bl. Sac.	Intentions of the Leong Family
	Bl. Sac.	† Theodorico Sicut
	Our Lady	Intentions of Terezia Geryove

### 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](mailto: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](mailto:tom.burns6727@gmail.com)

### CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FIRST COMMUNICANTS

Congratulations to the 35 children who received Holy Communion for the first time over the past few weekends since the Easter Vigil. May the Lord bless you and your families with an abundance of grace. Special thanks to your parents who passed on their faith to you, and to the parish catechists who helped lead you through the preparation sessions. There will be a First Communion Brunch for the first communicants and their families on May 25 following the 10 am Mass in the Main Hall. This will preclude the regular Sunday coffee hour.

## “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.

## 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

#### HELP



The Catholic Women’s League was formed in the early 20th century to help immigrants arriving in Canada. Members continue to help the most vulnerable across the country. Come and add your helping hands to ours.

**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

**Your helping hand ensures that no one struggles alone**

No one is turned away from ShareLife-funded agencies due to inability to pay.



You make it possible for individuals, couples, and families to access mental health services. Like Aimee, who grew up believing that life's challenges were meant to be faced alone. Financial concerns weighed heavily on her, making it even harder to reach out for counselling. Imagine the relief Aimee felt when she learned about the sliding scale payment system at Catholic Community Services of York Region (CCSYR). Because of you, Aimee received immediate care, free of judgement. Thus far we have raised **\$36,286.95** or **\$33%** 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](https://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:

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**Tuesday May 20<sup>th</sup> - 10:00AM to 11:30AM Main Hall**

***When should I think about Palliative Care?***

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 3<sup>rd</sup> - 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 17<sup>th</sup> - 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*

**Tuesday July 8<sup>th</sup> - 10:00AM to 11:30AM Francis Room**

***A Morning Meditative Stroll***

Join us in the beautiful church grounds of St. Bonaventure as we bring awareness to the act of walking and consciously engaging with the sensations, sounds, and sights around you while paying attention to your body's movements. This practice will encourage you to be intentional with each step while appreciating the beauty of your surroundings. We will then enjoy coffee, snacks and a time of reflection on our experience in the Francis room.

*The facilitator is Whitney Hilts, Regional Manager of Living Well Services who is trained in healthy aging including healthy eating, exercise, and mental health.*

**Tuesday August 5<sup>th</sup> - 10:00AM to 11:30AM Main Hall**

***A Morning in Bordeaux***

Bienvenue à Bordeaux! Community spaces are not built in a day, but Bordeaux does it right! Enjoy an afternoon exploring the architecture, history, food and culture of this walkable pedestrian city. Visit the Darwin Eco-système, stroll down the Rue Sainte-Catherine, enjoy delicious French treats and more, all from Toronto!

*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](http://www.mosaichomecare.com)*

**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](http://www.synodalchurch.ca) for more info.

***"A Christian should be an Alleluia from head to toe."***

*- St. Augustine of Hippo*

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## REFLECTION

**“I give you a new commandment. That you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”**

**~John 13:34-35**

One might legitimately wonder how this “new” commandment differs from the prescription of love for neighbour that is found in the Law (Lev 19:18). Today we might further object that love of neighbour is not a Christian innovation: other great religions, particularly oriental ones, also have it as a fundamental principle. We ought neither to dispute these facts nor deprecate the ideal and practice of the Old Testament or other religious traditions...to prove the novelty of Christian charity. Rather, we must listen to what Jesus says and try to understand it: “as I have loved you...”

Jesus’ love for us is the incomparable standard for the love we must bear for others, even at the cost of one’s own life, if necessary, excepting no one for any reason. Jesus puts it in eminently clear terms: “But to you who hear I say, love your enemies, do good to those who hate you; bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you....and lend expecting nothing back” (Lk 6:27-38). To love “as” Jesus, who died for the salvation of all humanity, is therefore to love unconditionally, with no restrictions. But this is not all.

Jesus’ love for all people is rooted in the love that binds him to the Father and reveals the Father’s love for us. Universal Christian charity thus has an essentially vertical or, more precisely, mystical dimension. It is participation in what one might call the “morals of God”; it alone will be the law of the new world, the new Jerusalem. It accompanies faith: without love, nothing is valuable (1 Cor. 13:1-13). To love “as” Jesus is to be “perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect” (Matt 5:48), to express, like Jesus, in our own way, God’s holiness.

“This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.” This is the “sign” of the Christian in the world, the irrefutable, immediately verifiable, proof of Christian identity. For this love appears in a way of life, not only a series of actions, however admirable or even heroic they may be. To walk faithfully in this way is constantly to be a certain way, blossoming from day to day in the peace and joy that nothing can harm; it is to bear fruit for time and eternity. Happy the disciples of Christ whose charitable life, “as” Jesus’, gladdens the heart of God and humanity! *~Days of the Lord: The Liturgical Year. Vol. 3, Easter Triduum Easter Season (Collegeville: The Liturgical Press, 1993), 175.*

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