



*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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*Fifth Sunday of Easter
May 3, 2026*

Bonnie News

Franciscan Church of St. Bonaventure



Studies of the heads of two apostles and of their hands, (c. 1519), Raphael (1483-1520). Pencil on paper. © Ashmolean Museum, Univ. Oxford. Public domain. Source: Wikicommons.

As Kingfishers catch fire by Gerard Manley Hopkins

As kingfishers catch fire, dragonflies draw flame;
As tumbled over rim in roundy wells
Stones ring; like each tucked string tells, each hung bell's
Bow swung finds tongue to fling out broad its name;
Each mortal thing does one thing and the same:
Deals out that being indoors each one dwells;
Selves – goes itself; *myself* it speaks and spells,
Crying *Whát I dó is me: for that I came.*

I say móre: the just man justices;
Keeps grace: thát keeps all his goings graces;
Acts in God's eye what in God's eye he is –
Chríst – for Christ plays in ten thousand places,
Lovely in limbs, and lovely in eyes not his
To the Father through the features of men's faces.

Source: <https://www.poetryfoundation.org/poems/44389/as-kingfishers-catch-fire>

LITURGY & SACRAMENTS

THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, May 4	9 AM	† Peter Glowczewski
Tuesday, May 5	9 AM	† Teodorico Sicat
Wednesday, May 6	9 AM	Intentions of Chris & Jonathan
Thursday, May 7	9 AM	† Jean Isabel Crawford
Friday, May 8	9 AM	Brothers, Sisters & Benefactors of the Order Intention of David Wong † Diarmuid Horgan † Pepito Canlas Ramos † Shannon Walsh & Trudeau Families
Saturday, May 9	5 PM	† Andrew Tomcik
Sunday, May 10	8:30 AM	† Joyce de Gannes
	10 AM	† Luis Delfino
	12 PM	The Parishioners
Sanctuary Lamps	Bl. Sac.	† Teodorico Sicat
	Bl. Sac.	† Adelina & Pacifico Sicat
	Our Lady	† Jean Isabel Crawford

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 or call Mary Catherine directly at 416-303-0269.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR FIRST COMMUNICANTS

Congratulations to the 29 children who received Holy Communion for the first time over the past two weekends. 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 3 following the 10 am Mass in the Main Hall. This will preclude the regular Sunday coffee hour.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION & BENEDICTION - MONDAY, MAY 4TH FROM 12:30 - 2:00PM

Join us along with one grade of students from St. Bonaventure School for Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

- 12:30 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, hymn, incensation, greeting and opening prayer
 - 12:35 Scripture reading
 - 12:40 Reflection on the Scripture reading
 - 12:45 Intercessions concluded with the Lord's Prayer
 - 12:50 Children head back to school
- Adoration continues with others who are present. This is open to all. A particular invitation is extended to the children's parents, grandparents, and godparents.
- 1:00 Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available in the Mary Chapel from 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm.
 - 2:00 Benediction with the Blessed Sacrament (hymn and incensation) followed by reposition.



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.

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 5th 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!

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.



MEAGAN'S HUG - A WALK TO SUPPORT PEDIATRIC BRAIN CANCER RESEARCH - MAY 9TH 2026



On Saturday, May 9, please consider supporting **Meagan's Hug**, an annual walk from **De La Salle College** to **SickKids Hospital** in support of pediatric brain cancer research. This event is connected to the **Meagan Bebekek Foundation**, which has been raising funds for research for the past **25 years**. Each year, **Meagan's Hug** brings together hundreds of families to walk in hope and solidarity, and this year the **Loretto Abbey leadership team** is playing a significant role in helping to raise funds. Please help us spread the word—join the walk, donate if you are able, and keep all affected children and families in

your prayers. For more information go to:

<https://www.meaganbebekekfoundation.org/whats-happening/meagans-hug-signature-event>

SHARELIFE - SHARELIFE



Your gift to ShareLife can build the path to hope

Bradley's life was in ruins, shattered by addiction and pain so deep, he couldn't escape. At just 14, drugs became his refuge, a desperate attempt to numb the emptiness that consumed him. He fought to build something - a job, a home, a family - but addiction tore it all apart. For Bradley, the road to healing seemed impossible - until you stepped in. Through your kindness, he found the

Good Shepherd's DARE program, made possible by your support of ShareLife. Without this opportunity, Bradley's story would have been one of loss and despair, but because of you, he found a second chance. With the alarming increase in mental health and addictions, there are so many more people waiting for someone like you to help turn their broken road into a path of hope.

Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.

UPCOMING EVENTS

PAINT, PRAISE, SIP - SATURDAY, MAY 9TH 2026

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish presents: *Paint, Praise, Sip*.

An event held by their Singles Group on **May 9th from 5:30pm - 8:30pm at 78 Clifton Road Toronto ON**

To register: E-Transfer to solitariavitaauthentica@gmail.com and send full names.

Any questions or inquiries about the event (and the group) can be directed to Martina - solitariavitaauthentica@gmail.com.



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 52nd 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.

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

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REFLECTION

“How can we know the way?” ~ John 14:5

Years ago on television, at the end of the *George Burns and Gracie Allen* show, Gracie would talk on and on and finally George would stop her dryly with the words, “Say good night, Gracie.” She would reply, “Good night Gracie.” Laughter.* George was her “straight man.”

In Sunday’s Gospel, Philip and Thomas (of doubting fame) serve as straight men—not for a comedian but for Christ, who is explaining the very deepest meaning of Christianity. “There are many rooms in my Father’s house,” Jesus says. “I will come back and take you there. You know the way to where I am going.” Thomas asks rather naturally, “Master, we do not know where you are going; how can we know the way?” He might as well have said, “Do your magic.” So Jesus makes a play on “the way.” Thomas thinks these words mean a roadway or a pathway. But Jesus means something else. He says, Thomas, you already know The Way quite well. It is me. I am the Way and the Truth and the Light. I am the Pathway to the Father. If you know me then you know the Father.

The early followers of Jesus actually called their Jesus movement, “the Way,” instead of “Christianity.” All puns aside, what does “the Way” mean? It is the way to real life. Jesus is saying that the Father has been shown forth completely, in himself, the Christ. Jesus called him “abba,” but he is the God all ages have sought for, the One who is all good and all loving and all powerful. God. Do you want to know God? Look at Jesus. Follow his way. Philip does want to know “the Father,” but he completely misses Jesus’ play on the words, “the Way.” He replies, “Master, just show us the Father, and that will be enough for us.” We can’t understand your explanations, just give us the goods.

People throughout the ages had said the same thing. We want to know the gods. We want the favor of those exalted ones who have no suffering, no crop failures, no droughts, starvation, no aids, no genocide, no Covid, no death. We want what they have, a luxury, power, honor, and glory. Show us that Father, Philip says.

Maybe you and I say exactly the same thing! We are so attracted to the itches of our heart: to have exactly what we want, to avoid troubles, to live “the good life.” As television says, “it doesn’t get any better than this.” Oh doesn’t it? Jesus’ response: “show you the Father? What Are You Saying, Philip? I AM showing you the Father. God is so present in my life (and death and resurrection) that to know me is to know the Father.” Let the meaning in. Jesus seems to say that God is totally within him. They are one. You can see infinite love revealed!

Can you or I look at the Cross and the Resurrection and see God’s infinite love embedded there? Can we see a love that is stronger than death, stronger than honor, power, riches, stronger than a “trouble-free life”? It is The Way to freedom.

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May the Lord bless you and keep you!