



*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 Third Sunday of Easter
May 4, 2025*

Bonnie News

Franciscan Church of St. Bonaventure



Feed My Lambs (Pais mes brebis), 1886-1894. James Tissot (1836-1902). Opaque watercolour over graphite on gray wove paper. Brooklyn Museum. Public domain.

XXX Exaltabo te, Domine by Malcolm Guite

He gives us too, a voice to sing his praises,
So much the more because we were brought low
That we might know we have a God who raises

Up the lowly. Our old riches made us slow
To love you, slow to turn to you in praise
But sudden loss and crisis made us know

Our true dependence on your love. Our days
Of false security are gone, we fell
Into a pit of our own making. Raise

Us up again, each out of our own hell
And give us oil for ashes, joy for mourning
Restore us in your love and we will tell

Of how through our long night we heard your warning
And heeded you, and found your love again
How night withdrew and joy came in the morning.

LITURGY & SACRAMENTS

THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, May 5	9 AM	Rosemary Dulanto
Tuesday, May 6	9 AM	† John O'Sullivan
Wednesday, May 7	9 AM	† Dominador and Felisa Bustos
Thursday, May 8	9 AM	In thanksgiving Jovita Go
Friday, May 9	9 AM	The Friars † Andrew Tomcik † Luis and Conchita Delfino † Maria Arnoldo † Iginio Durante † Holy Souls in Purgatory
Saturday, May 10	5 PM	† Alicia Pinilla
Sunday, May 11	8:30 AM	† Jude Weerasinghe
	10 AM	† Miguel de los Santos
	12 PM	The Parishioners
Sanctuary Lamps	Bl. Sac.	Intentions of the Sicat Family
	Bl. Sac.	Personal Intentions
	Our Lady	Personal Intentions

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION & BENEDICTION - MONDAY, MAY 5TH 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.



"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.

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.

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 5 pm and 10 am Masses, and May 11 at 12 pm. Their reception of Holy Communion is a continuation of their initiation into the life of Christ that began the day they were Baptised. They find their place at the Lord's Table on the Lord's Day at His invitation and in the midst of the Eucharistic assembly, which is the clearest expression and experience of being Church. Please pray for them and their parents, and show them great hospitality as brothers and sisters in the Lord.

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

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, and † Anne Clune.

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.

**Fifty Days for our delight, for Christ is Risen as all things tell.
See, good Christian, ye rise as well!**

HELPING OTHERS

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/>

CWL INITIATIVE FOR 2025: SHARE THE WORDS



Growth

The Catholic Women's League has grown to become Canada's largest women's organization. Did you know it meets with government and has an impact on legislation and policy?

Help us continue to grow and make a difference.

ST. BONAVENTURE COUNCIL AWARENESS THIS WEEKEND AT ALL THE MASSES

The St. Bonaventure Council of The Catholic Women's League of Canada invites you to get to know us during our Membership Awareness Weekend! We're not just a group that chats on email –we're living, breathing women who actively participate in parish ministries, support parish events, and make a real difference in our community. Come and see for yourself how we combine faith, fellowship, and a little fun along the way.

Let's make an impact together—because we're better together! Can't wait to meet you!

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

SHARELIFE SUNDAY THIS WEEKEND

ShareLife: Living the Gospel by providing for those in need

On this second ShareLife Sunday, we call upon your compassionate hearts to support your vulnerable brothers and sisters in need. More people than ever are turning to our agencies for help. The kind-heartedness of ShareLife supporters like you enables access to essential programs and services, such as the treatment program and transitional housing at St. Michael's Homes. For Jack, your support was transformative. After moving to start a physically demanding job, he suffered a knee injury which ultimately left him unemployed and addicted to pain medication. Thanks to your empathy, Jack had a safe space to overcome his addiction and gained the power to build himself back up. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.

Thus far we have raised **\$31,086.45** or **\$23.5%** 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.



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**.

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 6th, 10:00AM to 11:30AM Main Hall

Pilgrims of Hope on a Synodal Path

This presentation will begin with some of the basic principles of synodality including locating the phase at which the church currently is situated following the second gathering in Rome last October. Through the lens of the Jubilee of Hope theme, we will look at why synodality brings us hope. We will then conclude with a taste of synodal conversation.

Presenter: Christine Way-Skinner is a doctoral candidate at Regis St. Michael's College in Toronto. Her work focusses on the promise of synodality for a healthier, more faithful church. She has spent over 30 years serving the church through parenting and pastoral ministry. She has written several books for both children and adults.

Tuesday May 20th - 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 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.

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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

MARCH FOR LIFE AND HAWTHORN SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

Hawthorn School for Girls is trying to send 40 of their Upper Students to the national March for Life on Parliament Hill in Ottawa, which starts on May 7. Their biggest obstacle is funding. If you are able to help, please send payments by e-transfer to the following: E-mail: payments@hawthornschooll.com Security Question: School Name; Security Answer: Hawthorn

If you would like a tax receipt, please write that in the e-transfer notes. Thank you!

LIFE-GIVING WOUNDS: HEALING RETREAT FOR ADULT CHILDREN OF DIVORCED OR SEPARATED PARENTS

The Life-Giving Wounds retreat invites participants to move through the broken image of love that appeared to them in their parents' relationship to their deepest origin and identity as God's beloved, capable of great love. The next retreat will be from Friday, May 16 at 6 p.m. to Sunday, May 18 at 3:30 p.m. at St. Augustine's Seminary (2661 Kingston Rd., Scarborough). Must be 18 or older to attend. Cost: \$340 per person (\$200 for students), which includes meals, lodging and retreat material. Limited subsidies are available if cost is a concern. Please contact lgwtoronto@proton.me. For university/college students, contact your campus minister for more information. Space is limited. To register, visit: <https://bit.ly/LGW-TO-Retreat-Register2025>

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

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.

Celebrating Sacraments During Easter

Darren M. Henson, STL



Easter is filled with energy in our parishes as we celebrate the removal of the rock from the haunting tomb. Christ has resurrected and new life flows abundantly. That new life is seen in the explosion of sacramental celebrations following the Lenten fast. The Easter Vigil starts it off with a triple play of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist.

Springtime calendars are filled with others: first Holy Communions, Confirmations, weddings, and infant Baptisms.

It is convenient to celebrate sacraments during the Easter weeks. The sanctuary blossoms with life and fragrance. Yet at a deeper level, sacraments are closely related to the Easter event. All the sacraments are encounters with the risen Lord. The Emmaus story (Luke 24:13–35) relates this connection well.

It begins with two disciples, dejected that their friend Jesus has been killed. Leaving Jerusalem, they head for Emmaus. Jesus accompanies them, yet they see him as a stranger. They recount the past days' events, including the visit to the empty tomb, the angels' telling the women that Jesus was alive, and that the apostles did not see or believe. Then, the first of three important moments begins.

First, the Risen One enlightens them. Jesus breaks open and interprets the scriptures. Second, a sacramental moment is presented as a gift. "When at table Jesus took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them" (Luke 24:30). The Word alone was insufficient. The encounter is completed with this gift of a sacramental gesture. Finally, the Lord vanishes, and their future is changed as they turn around to head for Jerusalem, the center of Christ's saving actions.

What Emmaus, and all Resurrection stories teach us, is that encounters with the Risen One spark change. These encounters are not limited to the days after the Resurrection but continue in the sacramental ministry of the Church. We meet the living and risen Christ in the sacraments. From them we are sent. "Go in peace to love and serve the Lord." "You have been freed from all

your sin. Go in peace." "You are no longer two flesh but one. You are now husband and wife." These are phrases from the sacraments that witness to the tremendous transformative power they release. The sacraments change us and strengthen our identity with Christ.

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

- Recall a powerful sacramental moment. What was it like as you left?
- What might help you more actively "Go in peace to love and serve the Lord?"
- Has a sacrament sparked a life change? Would that have happened without the Church's involvement? Why or why not?

HOME ACTIVITIES

Look at family pictures from past sacraments: a baby's Baptism, a wedding day, first Eucharist. Share what you remember. How was your faith affected?

Spend time with one of the scripture stories listed below or for the coming Sunday. At Mass, be mindful that you are part of the story and in contact with the Risen One. **R**

SCRIPTURE CORNER

Luke 24:13–35

Acts 8:26–40

Acts 9:1–20

These are stories of transformation and encounters with the Lord. Imagine yourself in them. How might you react?

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REFLECTION

**“When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter,
‘Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?’” ~ John 21:15**

In today's Gospel, Jesus does the unexpected: he asks Peter a second time, *not* if he was sorry for having sinned, *not* if he felt guilty, but whether he would affirm the real issue: love. Personal relationship is what was at issue. “Simon, son of John, do you love me?” I notice that Jesus does not simply use the name he himself had given to Peter, but includes the unredeemed one, Simon. Is he letting Simon slide back to his pre-believing status? I do not think so. He seems to me instead to be giving Simon freedom to choose again his basic stance in life, to reaffirm himself as Peter, the Rock.

Not a word is mentioned about the denials, but they form the substance of this scene. Jesus had handed over to him the whole post-Resurrection church, whose job it will be to take care of the beloved ones of God. Feed my lambs, feed my sheep. No one would be able to do this unless his stance were one of love and care, as opposed to just following the rules.

So Simon Peter has affirmed his remarkable faith. That is the end of the scene, isn't it? Not at all.

The dramatic third part follows, in which Jesus asks one more time the famous, intrusive question: “Simon, son of John, do you love me?” Simon Peter might have said, “I thought I had already answered your question. Lord, what was unclear?” But our reading says that instead he was distressed that Jesus asked him a third time. “Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.” This squeamish sounding reply actually came from the truth-telling part of Simon Peter. It was not only a trust in Jesus' knowledge of him, but also a realization of the truth presented by his own innermost core. Peter was at core a believer and a lover of Jesus. This is why Jesus said to him finally, “Feed my sheep,” and why Peter could become such a promoter of the faith.

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May the Lord bless you and keep you!