



*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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*Sixth Sunday of Easter  
May 5, 2024*

# Bonnie News

*Franciscan Church of St. Bonaventure*



*A Pageant of Childhood (1899), Thomas Cooper Gotch, British (1854-1931).  
Oil on canvas. Walker Art Gallery.*

## XCVIII. Cantate Domino

For Christ himself will shine as the true ark,  
The holy one between the cherubim,  
In his right hand and holy arm the mark  
And imprint of the wounds we gave to him  
Which he returns as love. He has declared  
That love with open hands and heart. To him  
The world with all its wounds, its shared  
Desires and fears, will come, to seek the peace  
Which he still offers freely. He has spared  
The guilty, for he chose to take their place  
And suffer for them. Therefore we will sing  
A new song, in the all-renewing grace  
Still flowing from those wounds. The world will ring  
With music, drama, dance, and poetry,  
With every gift that grateful hearts can bring.

By Malcolm Guite, "Psalm 98: XCVIII. Cantate Domino," in *David's Crown: Sounding the Psalms*. Norwich: Canterbury Press, 2021.

## LITURGY & SACRAMENTS

### THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, May 6	9 AM	50 <sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary of Alex and Nelson Wong
Tuesday, May 7	9 AM	Intention for Helen Ng
Wednesday, May 8	9 AM	Intention of Jovy Go in thanksgiving for her birthday
Thursday, May 9	9 AM	† Andrew Tomcik
Friday, May 10	9 AM	Vocations Intention for Joe and Nancy Boll † Young Seockkin † Yolanda Hernandez † Belen Cano † Mildred Cope † Bicineta and Justriano Sr. Cavarlo † Judy Alavarez
Saturday, May 11	5 PM	† Andre Cabral
Sunday, May 12	8:30 AM	† Eva Haigh
	10 AM	Parishioners
	12 PM	† Marjorie Mitchell
Sanctuary Lamps	Bl. Sac.	Intention of Monty Williams SJ
	Bl. Sac.	Intention of Friar Mark Steed, OFM Conv.
	Our Lady	† Friar Canice Conners, OFM Conv.

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION & BENEDICTION ~ MONDAY, MAY 6 FROM 12:30 PM TO 2 PM

Please 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 Liturgy of the Word

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.



### 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.

## CELEBRATING FIRST COMMUNION



*Communion creates community. Christ, living in them, brought them together in a new way. The spirit of the risen Christ, which entered them through the eating of the bread and drinking of the cup, not only made them recognize Christ himself, but also each other as members of a new community of faith. Communion makes us look at each other and speak to each other, not about the latest news but about him who walked with us. We discover each other as people who belong together because each of us now belongs to him.*

~Henri Nouwen, *With Burning Hearts: A meditation on the Eucharistic Life*, Orbis Books, 1994.

Congratulations to the twenty-eight children who celebrate receiving Holy Communion for the first time this weekend. May you always experience the Presence of the Risen Lord throughout your lives and grow closer to Him in every way.

## 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.

## FEAST OF ST. FRANCOIS DE LAVAL ~ MAY 6



At the age of 36, Bishop Francois de Laval left France from the port of La Rochelle on board the ship *Le Sacrifice d'Abraham*. This nobleman chose to leave behind a life of privilege and fortune to help build New France, a colony where much remained to be done. He was greeted in Quebec City on June 16, 1659. The bishop wished first and foremost to be a shepherd to his flock. He was always willing to visit people in their homes, to uphold the dignity of the Native peoples, and to help the missionaries. In accordance with the directions adopted by the Council of Trent, François de Laval was convinced that the Church had a mission to evangelize, educate and take care of the sick and needy. His vision was that of a renewed Church. When Msgr de Laval handed in his resignation to King Louis XIV because of illness, he sought permission to end his days in Canada, unlike governors and intendants who wished to die in France. Yet he continued to render great services in New France for another 20 years. People nicknamed him

affectionately 'the Old Monsignor'. He took his last breath on May 6, 1708, surrounded by his friends at the Quebec Seminary.

On April 3, 2014, Pope Francis canonized François de Laval. The Universal Church now holds a feast in his honor on May 6. He is known as an 'Apostle of America', the 'Father of the Canadian Church' and is associated with the new evangelization. The Hurons - native people with whom he had built close ties - dubbed him '*Hariaouagi*', the Man of the Great Deed. Many parishes - in France and Canada - have been named after him. Artists, musicians, painters and sculptors have honored him. Papers and books are still published about him. Thousands of pilgrims come pray to his tomb [in Quebec City] every year. St. François de Laval inspires us all by his audacity and perseverance. ~ From "Francois, Apostle of America" See <https://francoisdelaval.com/en>

*"However, in the midst of our troubles we must not lose heart; if men have the power to strike down, the hand of Our Lord has infinitely more power to raise up. We must simply retain our faith in Him and leave Him to do His work."* ~ St. Francois de Laval, *Letter to Milon*, Autumn, 1689

## 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.

## 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

### 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: Live the Gospel by supporting our vulnerable brothers and sisters**

ShareLife Sunday is March 17 and we call upon your compassionate hearts to support ShareLife. Through your love, Catholic agencies bring the hands of Christ to the most vulnerable members of our community.

Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at [sharelife.org/donate](https://sharelife.org/donate).

**Thus far, we have raised \$47,620.15, or 40%, towards our parish goal of \$119,000.**

## 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 SSVP 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 7<sup>th</sup> 10:AM to 11:30AM**

***The Decluttering Battle Plan***

***Presented by Sharon Parenteau, Sales Representative S.M.A.R.T Realty Solutions.***

**Clutter is the #1 reason that seniors stay in a home that no longer suits their needs.**

**It's an enemy that can be defeated with a straightforward 5-step strategy that overcomes the overwhelm.**

**Deal with surplus stuff with this expert-approved strategy.**

*Sharon is a resale specialist with many years of experience helping downsizers transition from their oversized homes to comfortable downsizing living options. She offers many helpful workshops including Downsizing, Best Reno's for Return on Investment and many more topics.*



**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.*

**CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK ~ MAY 5, 2024 ~ “WE ARE CALLED TO LOVE.”**

During Catholic Education Week (May 5 - 10, 2024), we give thanks for the gift of publicly funded Catholic Education in our province. Catholic schools foster supportive communities where children can experience the joy of God’s love and understand the Christian mission in the world. Together, our parishes, educators and families sow and nurture the seeds of faith with the next generation of Catholics, encouraging them to live lives of holiness and Christian witness as one body in Christ. To indicate your support of Catholic education and sign-up for email updates, visit: [www.togetherinfaith.ca](http://www.togetherinfaith.ca).

**COURTYARD AND WALKWAY PROJECT UPDATE**

The removal of the Cross and the demolition of the masonry tower is almost complete. The scaffolding will be removed next week. Work continues on the walkways near the Parish Centre and Ministry center.

We are grateful for the donations raised so far towards this project:

**Goal: \$130, 000**

**Donations Received: \$ 33,800.00**

**Amount to Goal: \$ 96,200.00**

**Thank you for your generous donations and support of the parish!**

We want to ensure everyone’s safety. Please be extra cautious while walking around the property and the parking lot. The Knights of Columbus will be available to assist with directions and assistance in the parking lot.

We thank you for your cooperation and patience during the construction.





ST. BONAVENTURE SCHOOL PLAYGROUND FUNDRAISER



OUR GROUNDS TODAY

# ST. BONAVENTURE **FIELD OF DREAMS**

**Dear Parents and Guardians,  
let's get our kids a schoolyard they deserve!**

We have raised over \$23,000 so far but need much more to keep all 550 students active and healthy. Our goal is to provide play structures in both the kindergarten and main school yards. Depending on donation levels and final requirements, we are aiming to install a playground, triple hoops, metal chess/games tables, as well as other structures that promote an active and healthy lifestyle.

We are also seeking corporate sponsors so if you have any great companies in mind please let them know about this great project! Any level of donation is welcomed with additional recognition by way of an engraved paver for individuals donating at least \$500 and companies donating at least \$1200. These pavers would be incorporated into the new design of the school yard.



## WITH YOUR HELP WE CAN MAKE DREAMS COME TRUE

We welcome donations of all sizes.

Individuals donating at least \$500 and companies donating at least \$1200 would be recognized with an engraved paver.

To donate or learn more, go to:  
<https://bit.ly/stbonaventure>  
or scan the QR code.



## FUTURE POSSIBILITIES



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FOR A PARISH REGISTRATION FORM TO COMPLETE

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St Bonaventure School  
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<https://www.tcdsb.org/SCHOOLS/STBONAVENTURE/>

Society of St. Vincent de Paul  
416-447-5571 ext. 570

Casseroles for the Good Shepherd Centre, contact  
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## REFLECTION

**“I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father.” ~ John 15:15**

The twelfth-century Cistercian abbot Aelred of Rievaulx is best known for his treatise on *Spiritual Friendship*, which makes a unique argument in the history of Christian theology. Since God himself is a community of persons, human friendship is an act whereby we especially imitate God, a relationship in which we are conformed to his likeness by learning to love as he loves. Through our friendships with other people, we can become friends with the God who is friendship itself. Aelred's treatise is worth our study for the insights it offers about friendship and the Christian life....

Many monastic theologians have conceived of the spiritual life as ascending a ladder or progressing through degrees of loving God, and the consummation of that love as a kiss, drawing on the Song of Songs. Here Aelred claims this concept for friendship. Mortification and prayer are important for the spiritual life, but friendship also provides a path to deeper intimacy with God through the sweetness of human intimacy.

Aelred ends *Spiritual Friendship* with a description of how this works in the context of a friend praying on a friend's behalf:

*And this a friend praying to Christ on behalf of his friend, and for his friend's sake desiring to be heard by Christ, directs his attention with love and longing to Christ; then it sometimes happens that quickly and imperceptibly the one love passes over into the other, and coming, as it were, into close contact with the sweetness of Christ himself, the friend begins to taste his sweetness and to experience his charm. Thus ascending from that holy love with which he embraces a friend to that with which he embraces Christ, he will joyfully partake in the abundance of the spiritual fruit of friendship, awaiting the fullness of all things in the life to come. Then... with salvation secured, we shall rejoice in the eternal possession of Supreme Goodness; and this friendship, to which here we admit but few, will be outpoured upon all and by all outpoured upon God, and God shall be all in all (3.133-134).*

For Aelred, friendship is not only lasting in this life, but a foretaste and prefiguration of the sweetness of heaven. As in Augustine's thought, it is a particular way in which God has ordained that we experience what will one day be a general reality.

-Excerpt from "God is Friendship" by Nathaniel Peters. For the fuller text, go to:  
<https://churchlifejournal.nd.edu/articles/god-is-friendship-itself/>

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