



*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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*Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 4, 2024*

Bonnie News

Franciscan Church of St. Bonaventure



*The Healing of Peter's Mother-in-law (La guérison de la belle-mère de Pierre), 1886-1894.
James Tissot (1836-1902). French. Watercolor over graphite on gray wove paper. Brooklyn Museum.*

VI

'Tis not alone a lively sense,
A clear and quick intelligence,
A free, profound, and full esteem;
Tho' these elixirs all and ends do seem:
But gratitude, thanksgiving, praise,
A heart returned for all those joys,
These are the things admired,
These are the things by Him desired:
These are the nectar and the quintessence,
The cream and flower that most affect His sense.

VII

The voluntary act whereby
These are repaid is in His eye
More precious than the very sky.
All gold and silver is but empty dross,
Rubies and sapphires are but loss,
The very sun, and stars and seas
Far less His spirit please:
One voluntary act of love
Far more delightful to His soul doth prove,
And is above all these as far as love.

Stanzas VI and VII from "The Recovery" by Thomas Traherne.

NEW MINISTRY CENTRE HOURS

Please note, we have posted new hours for the Ministry Centre (parish office). They are: [Sundays from 9:30 am to 2:30 pm; Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 9:30 am to 4 pm; and Saturdays from 3 pm to 7 pm. The Ministry Centre will be closed on Thursdays \(meetings by appointment only\).](#)

LITURGY & SACRAMENTS

THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, February 5	9 AM	† Romi Walsh
Tuesday, February 6	9 AM	† Lorenzia Migotto
Wednesday, February 7	9 AM	† Janette Hamm
Thursday, February 8	9 AM	Intentions of Kwai Yeung
Friday, February 9	9 AM	† Mildred Cope
	8 PM	† Marie Desjardins † Marcy Manankil † Odette Olliviera † All Souls in Purgatory Intention for Bernadette Vuong
Saturday, February 10	5 PM	† Joan Watson
Sunday, February 11	8:30 AM	Parishioners
	10 AM	Thanksgiving for the Holy Trinity
	12 PM	† Lester Cueto
Sanctuary Lamps Bl. Sac. Bl. Sac. O.L. Chapel	† Jim Meyer	
	† McHugh Family	
	Intentions of Catherine Chang	

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION & BENEDICTION ~ MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5 FROM 12:30 PM TO 2 PM

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 Our Lady's Chapel from 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm.

2:00 Benediction with the Blessed Sacrament (hymn and incensation) followed by reposition.



WORLD DAY OF THE SICK ~ FEBRUARY 11 ~ SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK

The ministry of Jesus to the sick is central to the life of the Church. February 11 (Memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes) highlights the healing ministry of the Church. It reminds us that service to the sick and suffering cannot be neglected. It recognizes the great effort of doctors, nurses, health care institutions and pastoral care givers to restore health to those afflicted with illness and disease.

The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated after the 5 p.m. Mass on Saturday, February 10 and the 8:30 am Mass on Sunday, February 11 for: those who are experiencing serious illness, were involved in a serious accident, or who are suffering from chronic infirmity or mental illness; those anticipating surgery or major medical tests; and any elderly person, especially when frailty is pronounced.

CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE MASS WITH ARCHBISHOP FRANCIS LEO - FEBRUARY 11, 2024

As part of Marriage Sunday 2024 celebrations, Archbishop Francis Leo will preside at a special Mass to honour married couples, with special recognition for those celebrating 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th and 60+ wedding anniversaries in 2024. The Mass will take place at 3 p.m. on Sunday, February 11, 2024 at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica (65 Bond Street, Toronto). All married couples will have an opportunity to renew their marriage commitment during the Mass. All are welcome to attend.

Couples celebrating 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or 60+ anniversaries in 2024 may register for reserved seating. Reserved seating is limited, so please register early. All other seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. Those who are unable to attend at the Cathedral are invited to join the celebration via livestream Mass. Registration and other important information can be found at www.archtoronto.org/marriage.

ASH WEDNESDAY ~ FEBRUARY 14, 2024

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on February 14. Masses with imposition of ashes at 9 am (includes the school community) and 7 pm. A Liturgy of the Word with imposition of Ashes at 12 noon.

Ash Wednesday is a universal day of fasting and abstinence from meat. The law of "abstinence from meat" binds those who are 14 and older; the law of "fasting" binds those from 18 to 59 years of age. Parents and educators are reminded of their duty to introduce children gradually to the understanding and practice of penance. The actions modeled by adults will be the greatest influence in this matter. Christian fasting obtains its full meaning when we deprive ourselves of food in order to be more open to prayer, to share more in the suffering of those who are starving and to save money to give to the poor. Fasting is a penitential discipline intended to open our hearts to God and others, a means of purification and spiritual liberation, and a witness of the depth of our faith.

Lent has a dual purpose. It helps catechumens prepare for celebrating Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist at the Easter Vigil and it invites those who are baptized through penance and prayer to prepare to renew their promise of baptismal faith at Easter.

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Confessions are heard on a weekly basis on Saturdays from 9 to 10 am in Our Lady's Chapel. In addition, confessions are heard on the first Monday of the month from 1 to 2 pm. Finally, 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, + Bridgid O'Rourke, + Joyce Dias Lamoureux, and + Joan Watson.

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

In gratitude the Good Shepherd received [66 casseroles](#) from the Bonnie Casserole Cooks. The plea for more casseroles was heard and this is the highest donation in meals since we started back almost one year ago. Thank you!! Preparing these meals in our homes is a great way to show that we care for our hungry neighbours who depend on the charity of others. If you are new to the parish and would like to join this mission of mercy, pans and recipes are available in the cupboard at the back of the church. Let's keep up the good work. Kindly sign for pans you need.

A reminder that your casseroles are due at the Ministry Centre by Monday February 26th.

SHARELIFE 2023 CAMPAIGN RESULTS



Congratulations!

Our parish exceeded our goal of \$94,000 and raised: \$109,555.70.

Thank you for your extreme generosity!

Your support for ShareLife brought the hands of Christ to those in need.

Because of you, ShareLife agencies annually help more than 150,000 people.

- You eased the struggles of more than 13,000 people by providing over 45,000 mental health services
- You offered quality care and companionship to over 2,800 vulnerable seniors
- You invested in our Church's future by supporting 62 seminarians at St. Augustine's Seminary and Redemptoris Mater Missionary Seminary in the 2023-2024 academic year
- You helped sponsor 708 refugees on their journey to safety and freedom in Canada
- You extended a helping hand to over 1,600 young parents and their children
- You provided accessible, dignified support to over 2,300 people with special needs and their families

Thank you for living the Gospel by providing for those in need!

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/>

UPCOMING EVENTS

CWL MARY DOBELL PRO LIFE ESSAY & POETRY CONTEST

The Toronto Diocesan Council of the Catholic Women's League of Canada promotes the Mary Dobell Pro-Life Essay and Poetry Contest to support and encourage an awareness and positive attitude towards a broad range of pro-life issues. Contestants reflecting on the dignity of life can reflect on how they see the sanctity or dignity of life is diminishing in their schools, communities, and the world and what can be done to promote the dignity of life in these environments. The contest is open to students from the **Grade 7 to the Grade 12 level**.

Students interested in receiving detailed information re this contest can contact Céline Massaroni at cmassaroni10@sympatico.ca and submissions are due by **February 9, 2024**.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST - SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2024



The Knights of Columbus will be hosting the annual Pancake Breakfast/50-50 Raffle/40 cans for Lent on Sunday 11th February 2024 from 9:00 am.

Tickets will be available for purchase at all masses starting Saturday Jan 27, 2024, and at the parish office. Looking forward to seeing everyone there!

QUEEN OF APOSTLES RENEWAL CENTRE RETREAT- SATURDAY FEBRUARY 17, 2024

The Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre invites cancer patients and caregivers to a day of retreat to experience God's healing love on Saturday February 17, 2024, at the Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre located at 1617 Blythe Road in Mississauga. Registration is at 8:30 a.m. and cost is \$45.00. For more information, please contact Jean at 905-278-5229 or office@qoa.ca

CWL -THE JEAN MCCANN SERVICE AWARD FOR YOUTH

This award recognizes and affirms the role played in our Parishes by our confirmed Catholic youth (**ages 15-18**). This award emphasizes the necessity of service to others and shows appreciation to those young people who are taking the gospel message seriously. The applicant's written submission must **1) describe involvement with family, school, community, parish and other activities, 2) explain how he/she uses his/her talents in witnessing Christ and 3) tell us about his/her future plans and anything else that he/she wishes us to know.**

Students interested in receiving detailed information re this contest can contact Céline Massaroni at cmassaroni10@sympatico.ca. submissions are due by **February 25, 2024**.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - CATHOLIC CITIZENSHIP ESSAY CONTEST

The Knights of Columbus invite all parishioner students in grades 8-12 to participate in the Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest. The theme, "*How can the Church evangelize in the digital age?*" prompts reflections on leveraging technology for spreading the Word. Submit a 500 to 750-word essay with parental consent by **May 15th, 2024**, at the Parish Office. Entry forms and guideline are available at the back of the church or parish office. All participants will be recognized, and winners announced in June.

This is a valuable opportunity to showcase writing skills and reflect on the Church's role in the digital age. We encourage your participation to foster understanding of the Church's evolving mission. Good luck!

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 Meeting

Coffee and Conversation: 9:45 - 10:00 am

Meeting: 10:00 - 11:30 am

**February 13, 2024: Eucharistic Worship and Synodality: The Mass as central to our Journey Together
Presented by Gregory Beath**

As the Bishops and lay representatives discern how to develop a Church that is more synodal, we can ask: in what ways does our celebration of Eucharist help us to live the communion, participation and mission envisioned in a Church that journeys together?

Greg is your “resident” pastoral associate responsible for developing faith formation at St. Bonaventure’s Church. Presently, he is focused on helping people enter the life of the Church through the evangelization and catechesis envisioned by the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults. He also supports parents in their vital role in the sacramental preparation of their children and their fostering faith in the home. He doesn’t do this alone but works with dedicated groups of fabulous volunteers. He has been supporting parish ministry here and throughout the Archdiocese of Toronto for over 22 years. He and his family became parishioners of St. Bonaventure’s in the early 1980’s.

**February 27, 2024: The Return of the Prodigal Son: A Lenten Reflection on the book of
Henri J. M. Nouwen and the painting of Rembrandt**

The morning will include presentation, music, prayer, small group sharing and a time for reflection as we explore a man captivated by a painting and the road travelled

Facilitated by Trena Finnegan, Coordinator, Ministry with Maturing Adults at St. Bonaventure Parish

Save the dates: March 12 and March 26!

CATHOLIC FAMILY SERVICES OF TORONTO - BREATHING SPACE ONLINE CAREGIVER PROGRAM



Breathing Space is an open 6-week support group to learn skills, develop coping strategies, and provide you support and resources in a safe, welcoming, and non-judgmental environment. Topics include:

1. Maintaining Emotional Balance (Feb 7, 2024)
2. Living a Wholehearted Life While Dealing with Chronic Illness (Feb 14, 2024)
3. I Matter Too: Caregiver Stress and Family Relationships (Feb 21, 2024)
4. Healthcare Resources and System Navigation (Feb 28, 2024)
5. Coping with Illness, Maintaining Independence, and Self Care (Mar 6, 2024)
6. Handling Pain and Suffering; Bereavement and Grief (Mar 13, 2024)

Wednesdays from 2-3 p.m. Online groups on Zoom **For further information and to register, please contact Corina Sumaway, Email: csumaway@cfstoronto.com / Phone: 416-921-1163 ext. 2230**

BLOOD DONOR CLINIC - THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15TH FROM 3 - 7 PM, MAIN HALL



Donating Blood

About an hour of your time could change someone's life.

Blood and blood products are a critical part of everyday medical care including major surgeries, medical procedures, cancer treatments and managing diseases and disorders. As a blood donor you form a vital link in Canada's lifeline, helping many Canadians wake up healthy each day.

Individuals that are interested in donating blood can book an appointment these ways:

- Download the GiveBlood App - Click BOOK under Whole Blood and search St. Bonaventure's Church. (You can also add in Feb 15, 2024, as the date to aid in the search)
- Go to Blood.ca - Click BOOK NOW at top right and search St. Bonaventure's Church (Click Advanced search tab in middle left adding in Feb 15, 2024, as the date with the location typed in will help bring it up faster as it is a few months away!)
- Call 1-888-2-DONATE (1-888-236-6283) to book a blood donation appointment on Feb 15, 2024, at St. Bonaventure's Church! CBS will do all the work over the phone to book the appointment for donors!

Upcoming donation event

Location: St. Bonaventure's Parish

Date: Thurs, Feb 15, 2024

Time: 3:00pm - 7:00pm

**New donors are needed every day.
Book now at blood.ca**



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ARE YOU REGISTERED? IF NOT, ASK AN USHER
FOR A PARISH REGISTRATION FORM TO COMPLETE

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1320 Leslie Street, Suite 100
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416-690-9904
www.saintanthonyofpadua.net

St. Clare Inn Office:
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416-690-0330
info@stclareinn.org

St Bonaventure School
1340 Leslie Street
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416-393-5263
<https://www.tcdsb.org/SCHOOLS/STBONAVENTURE/>

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

Casseroles for the Good Shepherd Centre, contact
casseroles@st-bonaventure.ca

REFLECTION

'Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.'

~ Mark 1:30-31

....And then look what happens. The whole town hears of her healing and they rush all their sick to Peter's house. The house is surrounded, and so is Jesus. Now, all of a sudden, Jesus seems to have become a one-man hospital. He is so besieged that he can't even pray in the house. He has to head out secretly into the countryside in the dark of early morning. When his absence is detected, his disciples go looking for him. "Hey," they say when they find him, "Everybody is looking for you"! They seem to think that his urgent-care clinic should be open at all hours.

Now, of course, it is a good work to heal the sick. And, of course, those who love the sick are right to want them healed. And yet how absurd it is to suppose that prayer should take second-place to work, no matter what the work is! And how sadly and understandably absurd it is to suppose that the mission of Jesus is to be a Doctor Without Borders. So maybe it isn't hard to figure out what Jesus was praying about in the early morning in the countryside.

Each healing Jesus does is a good thing. But good things can actually get in the way of serving God well. To serve God well, a person has to do not just any good things that others want him to do. He has to do those good things that God has called him to do. It may take prayer to figure out which good things to turn down. Jesus' disciples feel that Jesus needs to hurry back to Peter's village to keep practicing medicine. What Jesus tells them, after his prayer, is that he is leaving Peter's village to continue his ministry—not of medicine but of preaching—in other towns. Preaching is the purpose for which he came.

What is needed to serve God well, then, is not endless good things that other people want from you. What is needed for the Lord's service is prayer first. And after that comes fidelity to just those few good things that fulfill that particular purpose to which the Lord has called you.

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May the Lord bless you and keep you!