



*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**

*9 am: Monday to Friday*

**Sacrament of**

**Reconciliation**

*Saturday: 9 to 10 am*

**Ministry Centre**

**Hours**

*10 AM– 4 PM*

*Monday, Wednesday,  
Friday*

*and by appointment on  
Tuesday & Thursday*

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*Third Sunday in Ordinary Time  
January 22, 2023*

# Bonnie News

*Franciscan Church of St. Bonaventure*

## Sunday of the Word of God

“When sacred Scripture is read  
in the light of the same Spirit by whom it was written,  
it remains ever new.

The Old Testament is never old once it is part of the New,  
since all has been transformed

thanks to the one Spirit who inspired it.

The sacred text as a whole serves a prophetic function  
regarding not the future

but the present of whoever

is nourished by this word.

Jesus himself clearly stated this

at the beginning of his ministry:

‘Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing’  
(Lk 4:21).

Those who draw daily nourishment from God’s word  
become, like Jesus,

a contemporary of all those whom they encounter:

they are not tempted

to fall into sterile nostalgia for the past,

or to dream of ethereal utopias yet to come....

The sweetness of God’s word leads us to share it

with all those whom we encounter in this life

and to proclaim the sure hope that it contains....

(cf. 1 Pet 3:15-16).

We should never take God’s word for granted,

but instead let ourselves be nourished by it,

in order to acknowledge and live fully

our relationship with him

and with our brothers and sisters.”

~Pope Francis, *Aperuit illis*, 12.

A WORD FROM THE PASTOR...

In 1019 Pope Francis established that the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time be devoted to the celebration, study, and dissemination of the Word of God. The opening line of the Pope's letter by which he announced this action is instructive: "He [Christ] opened their minds to understand the Scriptures." (Luke 24, 11). These were Jesus' words as he walked with his disciples on the road to Emmaus on the evening of his resurrection.

We are Christ's disciples today. As we walk with him on our life's journey, Christ desires to open our minds to the meaning of the Scriptures. He invites us to an ever deeper understanding of the message of the Sacred Scriptures - the Bible. Today we are celebrating the Word of God. I encourage you to spend some time studying it. Read it and pray with it. Finally, spread the Word and become a disciple who also evangelizes. Disseminate the Word, especially by the witness of the transformation it has brought about in your life. *Fr. Tom*

LITURGY & SACRAMENTS

THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, January 23	9 AM	† Don R. Bello
Tuesday, January 24	9 AM	† Margaret Ramsdale
Wednesday, January 25	9 AM	† Michael Dean
Thursday, January 26	9 AM	† Mary Tanter
Friday, January 27	9 AM	† Maureen Tally and one forgotten soul in Purgatory
Saturday, January 28 Sunday, January 29	5 PM	† Margaret King
	8:30 AM	† Alejandra Ramos
	10 AM	Christina Beaton (90 <sup>th</sup> Birthday)
	12 PM	† Isabella and Agnes Hayes
Sanctuary Lamps	In memory of † Dennis Charles Szechy	
	In memory of † Martha Fogh	
	For Christian Unity	

CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: A NEW TIME AND PLACE FOR CONFESSIONS

Confessions are heard on a weekly basis on Saturdays from 9 to 10 am in the Mary Chapel. In addition, during our monthly Eucharistic Adoration (first Monday of each month) confessions are heard 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.

LITURGY OF THE WORD WITH CHILDREN

Sundays at the 10 a.m. Mass for children ages 4 to 9 (older children who "missed out" the past two years due to pandemic restrictions may participate.) A parent is welcome to accompany a child who is too shy to participate on their own.

Annual GTA Prayer Service Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2023

The Annual Week of Prayer Service for the Greater Toronto Area will be held at: St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church 73 Simcoe St. (@ King St. W.), Toronto, ON M5J 1W9 on Sunday, January 22, 2023, at 4:00 p.m. The homilist is The Rev. Dr. Robert Faris (Moderator of the Presbyterian Church in Canada.)

## HELPING OTHERS

### CASSEROLES FOR GOOD SHEPHERD REFUGE

Baking a casserole at home in support of The Good Shepherd is a great way to help feed the hungry in Toronto. One casserole provides ten servings. In one day 1,100 (approximately) meals and snacks are provided to those who come hungry to The Good Shepherd Door. No person is refused.

If you are already a Casserole Cook or would like to join this ministry of service, please bring your prepared frozen casserole to the Ministry Centre. Casseroles will be picked up by the Good Shepherd on fourth Monday of each month. Pick up in February is the 27th. Info [casseroles@st-bonaventure.ca](mailto:casseroles@st-bonaventure.ca) or call 416-447-5571 ext.580.

### FOOD DRIVE IN SUPPORT OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD CENTRE

Please place non-perishable food items into the baskets at the back of the church.

We are collecting:

Tuna, Salmon, Peanut Butter, Vegetables, Beans, Chickpeas, Pasta Sauce & Pasta, Cereal, Granola Bars

Thank you in advance for your generosity!

### SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL



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 Canada Helps 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/>

## 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:

+ Gerald Desjardins, + David Hui, + Teresa Brown, + Patricia Docherty, + Nina Jagaric, + FlordeLiz Noriel,  
+ Donna McGuinness, + Claudine Fox, + Anita Baker, + Cecily Foss, + Madeline Fotyi, + Anthony Narayan,  
+ Dennis Szechy and + Martha Fogh.

May heaven be theirs and may peace be to those who mourn their passing.

### PRAYER NETWORK REQUESTS

Network members pray daily for the intentions which are held in confidence. Let the Prayer Network know when a situation is resolved, and members will offer prayers of thanks.

New members are welcome! Call Teresa Krijgsman with your intentions: 416-444-4719.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### MOTHER TERESA DOCUMENTARY COMING TO TORONTO THEATRES - JANUARY 22 OR JANUARY 23, 2023

[\*Mother Teresa: No Greater Love\*](#), the newest film from the Knights of Columbus, will be showing at two theatres in the Archdiocese of Toronto this month. On Sunday, January 22, it will be screening at Scotiabank Theatre in downtown Toronto at 3:30 p.m. and on Monday, January 23, it will be shown at Cineplex Cinemas Queensway in Etobicoke at 7 p.m.

Twenty-five years after the death of Mother Teresa, this film reveals not just who Mother Teresa was, but how her singular vision to serve Christ in the poor continues to be realized through the Missionaries of Charity today.

### CWL GENERAL MEETING & LINE DANCING - TUESDAY, JANUARY 24 AT 7 PM, MAIN HALL



St. Bonaventure's Catholic Women's League invite all the ladies of the parish to participate in its General Meeting on January 24 at 7 PM.

After the brief meeting, all are invited to participate in Line Dancing taught by an instructor. The cost of the dancing instruction is only \$5.00.

Come and join in the fun! We look forward to seeing you there!

### PANCAKE BREAKFAST & BAKE SALE - SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2023 - AFTER ALL MASSES



#### Knights of Columbus

Pancake Breakfast

February 19, 2023

Main Hall

After all the Masses

Tickets:

Adults \$7

Children \$3



and

#### CWL Bake Sale

Shop the sale after breakfast!

Donations of baked goods will be greatly appreciated.

### MINISTRY WITH MATURING ADULTS

#### Ministry with Maturing Adults

#### Nurturing Our Spirituality in the Second Half of Life

**TUESDAY MORNINGS: Gatherings on ZOOM at 10:00 - 11:30 am**

**Next Meeting Dates: February 14, March 14, April 11 and, May 9**

**Email: [mma@st-bonaventure.ca](mailto:mma@st-bonaventure.ca) to register**

## Q & A: What to Read

### How are the readings for each Sunday chosen?



Each Sunday the word of God is proclaimed in our church in the form of three scripture readings and a psalm. The first reading and the psalm always come from the first testament of the Bible (the “Old Testament”), except during the Easter Season, when the reading is from the Acts of the Apostles. The second reading is a selection from one of the non-Gospel books of the second testament of the Bible (the “New Testament”). The third reading is always chosen from one of the Gospels: Matthew, Mark, Luke or John. It is clear from the title “Liturgy of the Word” that the scriptures are an integral part of Sunday Eucharist.

This emphasis on a more thorough and varied use of the scriptures is a direct result of the renewal of the liturgy called for by the Second Vatican Council: “The treasures of the Bible are to be opened up more lavishly, so that richer fare may be provided for the faithful at the table of God’s word.” To meet this need, a new lectionary (or book of readings for worship) was published in 1970. It included assigned texts for each Sunday based on a three-year cycle of readings. And, as noted

above, each Sunday included three readings as well as a responsorial psalm.

This was a major change. Previously, only one set of Sunday readings was used year after year. Two readings and a psalm verse were appointed for each Sunday. And one of those readings, the Gospel, was almost always from the Gospel of Matthew. The Gospel readings in the 1970 lectionary include selections from all four evangelists: Matthew in what is called Year A, Mark in Year B, and Luke in Year C. We hear the Gospel of John during the major liturgical seasons as well as during Year B (the year of Mark), perhaps because Mark’s Gospel is the shortest of the four and wouldn’t otherwise fill out the whole year.

The Gospels were assigned first. The first reading was chosen for its connection to the day’s Gospel. The psalm that follows the first reading is related to it. The psalm is the assembly’s response to the word that has just been proclaimed. The second reading is not necessarily related to the other readings. Selections from the chosen book are simply read somewhat in order.

As people baptized to live not by bread alone but by the word of God as well, the Liturgy of the Word should not be the only time we hear the readings. One way to live with the lectionary is to do an attentive reading of the scriptures before the liturgy each Sunday—a fruitful and enriching way of entering more deeply into the prayer. Another approach is to hear the word proclaimed in the assembly first, and then spend the following week rereading and meditating on it. Whichever method you choose, several resources have been published to aid you.

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## REFLECTION

**“The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;  
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined.” ~ Isaiah 9: 2b**

“Christianity is about light. Just as Jesus is light to the world, so his church is to be light in a world of darkness. Light enables the beauty of things to be seen, and we are called to make the beauty of the world shine. But we are not to call attention to ourselves: if you are aware of the light in a room, it is too bright. Our vocation is for others, not ourselves.

Surrounded by discrimination, oppression and war, Christians are challenged to “be united in mind and judgment,” and they are directed by God’s love to “bring humankind to unity and peace.” The light we bring to the world should lead in time to an end of all the world’s darkness: the alienation and oppression of peoples, the attacks on human life and dignity, and disrespect for God’s creation.” ~ Gerald Darring

“The Church ... serves as a leaven and as a kind of soul for human society as it is to be renewed in Christ and transformed into God’s family. ... the Church not only communicates divine life to people, but in some way casts the reflected light of that life over the entire earth.”

~ Vatican II, *Constitution on the Church in the Modern World*, 1965: 40

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