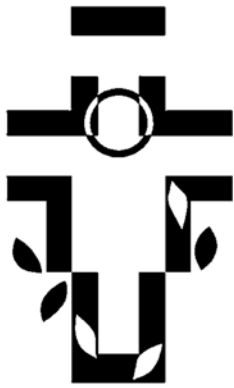


*Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 29, 2023*



*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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Bonnie News

Franciscan Church of St. Bonaventure

Humility is to be still
under the weathers of God's will.
It is to have no hurt surprise
when morning's ruddy promise dies,
when wind and drought destroy, or sweet
spring rains apostatize in sleet,
or when the mind and month remark
a superfluity of dark.

It is to have no troubled care
for human weathers anywhere.
And yet it is to take the good
with the warm hands of gratitude.
Humility is to have place
deep in the secret of God's face
where one can know, past all surmise,
that God's great will alone is wise,
where one is loved, where one can trust
a strength not circumscribed by dust.

It is to have a place to hide
when all is hurricane outside.

~ Jessica Powers. "Humility."
from *The Selected Poetry of Jessica
Powers* (Washington D.C.: ICS Publications,
1999).

'The foundation of our way to God is to advance on the way of life with great patience, humility, poverty of spirit, and meekness. All these lead us to justice—and by justice, we mean the Lord himself. The commandments that enjoin these virtues on us are like landmarks and signposts on the royal road that leads travelers to the heavenly city. For it is said, "Blessed are the poor in spirit..., Blessed are the meek..., Blessed are the merciful..., Blessed are the peacemakers." This is what we mean by Christianity. Those who do not walk on this way wander where there is no way and they have set a bad foundation.'

~ St. Macarius

LITURGY & SACRAMENTS

THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, January 30	9 AM	† Marie Fung
Tuesday, January 31	9 AM	† Charles Grieco
Wednesday, February 1	9 AM	† Grazia Maida
Thursday, February 2	9 AM	† Florinda Ortuoste
Friday, February 3	9 AM	† Amparo Liwanag † Dianne Ellen Williams † All Souls
Saturday, February 4	5 PM	† The Parishioners
Sunday, February 5	8:30 AM	† Julian Ballesteros
	10 AM	† Hugh Canning, Father and Son
	12 PM	† Clayton Searle
Sanctuary Lamps	For those in Consecrated Life	
	For an increase in vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life	
	For our Parish's continued growth in faith, fraternity, and hospitality towards those in need	

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.

FEBRUARY 2 ~ THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

"The feast of the Presentation of the Lord is a prolongation of the feast of the Nativity [occurring well into Ordinary Time]. But it has a definite paschal colouration: the acclamation of Christ as Light is a prelude to that which will flow unrestrained in the liturgy of the Easter Vigil: the Encounter with God coming among us, in his Son made human, has its prolongation and fulfillment in the encounter that the Risen Christ is preparing for us at the end of our earthly pilgrimage, in a Pasch like his.

The feast of the Encounter—the name the Eastern Churches give to the Presentation of the Lord—unveils all its riches to anyone who attentively reads and ponders the scriptural texts offered by the liturgy. (cf. Malachi 3:1-4 or Hebrews 2:10-11, 13b-18, and Luke 2:22-40)

God had promised to send a messenger to purify the Temple, the priesthood and the people. He sent his own Son. A "merciful and faithful" high priest, this Son delivered humankind from the weight of sin and from the anguish of death and the end of a life of slavery. Light that illuminates all nations, he enables all who welcome him to become children of light, children of God. His risen body is the new Temple into which everyone may enter to at last render to God a 'worship in Spirit and truth.'"

From Days of the Lord, Vol. 7 Solemnities and Feasts. (Collegeville: Liturgical Press, 1994), pages 105, 115-116.

FEBRUARY 3 ~ SAINT BLAISE BLESSING

Sickness and suffering are mysteries that confront most Christians at some time in their lives. Believers cherish the stories of Jesus' tender concern for the poor and sick who sought to find relief and meaning in their struggles. The flesh-and-blood example of a long line of Christian witnesses whose faith sustained them in time of trial offers us hope when shadows darken our lives. Saint Blaise was such a person.

Blaise served as bishop of Armenia in the fourth century. Little is known about his life, but tradition tells us that he saved a small boy from choking on a fish bone. Because of this, his help is sought for those who are sick, especially those who are afflicted with illnesses of the throat. On February 3, the feast of Saint Blaise, the church continues its ministry to the sick with the blessing of throats.

This blessing, which can take place either after...Mass or as part of a Liturgy of Word, invokes God's healing and protection. Two blessed candles, joined in the form of a cross, are placed around the throat of each person seeking a blessing. The minister then prays, "Through the intercession of Saint Blaise, Bishop and Martyr, may God deliver you from every disease of the throat and from every other illness. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." Humbled by physical weakness and human limitations, we acknowledge our faith in God's protective love for all who call upon God's name.



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ST. JOSEPH'S ICON WILL BE AT OUR PARISH FROM JANUARY 30 TO FEBRUARY 12, 2023



St. Joseph carried out his mission of raising, guarding, and preparing Christ quietly, courageously, and faithfully. For that faithful work, St. Joseph was rewarded – not with seeing the fruits of his labor in this life, but with the incomparable prize of glory in heaven.

This beautiful icon is housed at St. Joseph's Oratory in Montréal, Canada's preeminent Shrine to St. Joseph, founded by St. André Bessette. The original is written (prayerfully painted) by Elizabeth Bergeron, from a drawing by famed iconographer Alexandre Sobolev. In the image, St. Joseph stands with his eyes cast humbly down, but with a determined strength in his face. In his covered arm he bears the Child Jesus, whose own hand is raised, blessing the world. In his right arm, St. Joseph holds a flowering staff, a sign that he was chosen by God. The white lilies of the staff signify his purity and chastity. Taken together, the icon provides a window into the life and mission of this courageous father, a man who was one of us and yet called to a mission of incomparable significance.

We give thanks to God for the gift of his fatherly example, and we ask St. Joseph to be a father to us. Along the way, may we also grow in our own imitation of St. Joseph's quiet strength, integrity, and fidelity.

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 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, and 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.

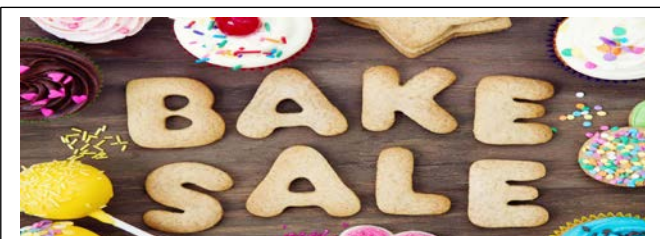
May heaven be theirs and may peace be to those who mourn their passing.

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.

CWL BAKE SALE - SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2023 - AFTER ALL MASSES



CWL Bake Sale

Shop the sale at the Pancake breakfast!
Donations of baked goods will be greatly appreciated.



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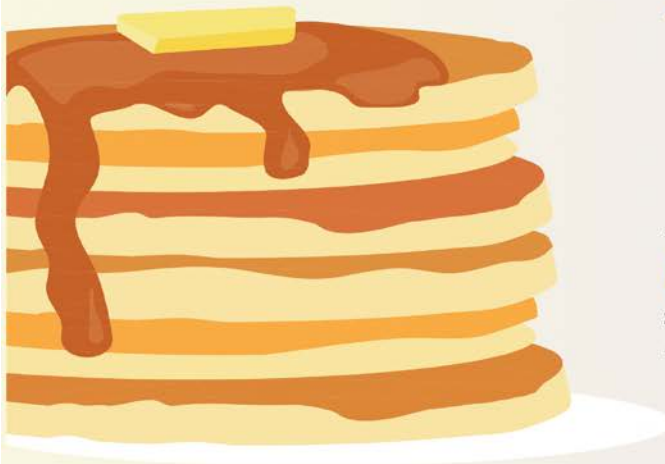
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Casseroles for the Good Shepherd Centre, contact
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REFLECTION

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." ~ Matthew 5:3

"We can also apply this word to Christ. Being rich by nature, since all the Father's goods are his, he became poor on our account in order to enrich us by his poverty. Christ himself has initiated every action by which we strive for beatitude, giving himself as an example to his disciples.

Coming back to the Beatitudes, examine each one and you will see that the teaching was preceded by action.

'Blessed are the meek.' How shall we learn meekness? He says, 'Learn from me for I am meek and humble of heart.'

'Blessed are the peacemakers.' From whom are we going to learn peace? From this peacemaker himself who reconciled two adversaries into one new human being and brought peace to heaven and earth through the blood of his cross.

'Blessed are the poor.' It is he who was poor and who emptied himself taking the form of a slave in order that we might receive gift for gift from his fullness." ~ St. Basil the Great

~ from St. Basil, *Commentaire sur le psaume (34:7)*, cited by J. Leclercq, "Il s'est fait pauvre: Le Christ modèle de la pauvreté volontaire d'après les Pères de l'Eglise," *Vie spirituelle* (1967), 503-505.

May the Lord bless you and keep you!