



*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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***Nineteenth and Twentieth Sundays of Ordinary Time
August 10 & 17, 2025***

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Franciscan Church of St. Bonaventure



By the Watchman's Fire (1896), Thomas Edwin Mostyn (1864-1930). Oil on canvas. Williamson Art Gallery and Museum, Merseyside. Public Domain. Source: Wikicommons.

XL Expectans Expectavi

The stone itself will soon be rolled away,
I wait in patience, all expectantly,
Firm on this rock above the miry clay

Where he has set me in his loving mercy.
I sing my psalm in Christ who sings in me,
A new song made in his Love's mystery:

'Your wondrous works all rise like wings in me
And lift my heart to praise. I hear your call,
The simple call of Love: *Oh come to me,*

*Bring me no gifts, for I have made them all,
Just bring yourself, and open up your heart.
And so I come to you and bring you all,*

All that I am and have been; joy and hurt,
Glory and shame, I bring you everything,
That you might make me whole in every part.

<https://malcolmguite.wordpress.com/2020/08/05/lo-i-come-a-response-to-psalm->

Please note: the *Bonnie News* will be produced bi-weekly during the summer months.

FROM THE PASTOR

BOARD OF EDUCATION AND LETTER FROM THE PASTOR

This notice is addressed to those who may be considering a position with the Toronto Catholic District School Board. The application package includes a letter from one's Pastor that attests to the candidate's practise of the faith and parish involvement. If you intend to submit an application, please arrange for a meeting with me well in advance. (One year would be about right.) This affords me the opportunity to know candidates more personally and to write a more informed letter.

INTENSELY HOT DAYS IN TORONTO

If COVID taught us anything, it empowered us to exercise prudently the dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass on Sunday when such attendance may endanger one's health. Our church is not air-conditioned. When the City of Toronto issues heat warnings and cautions us that the quality of air is poor, it might be prudent for vulnerable persons to remain indoors - even on a Sunday. There are ways of worshipping God at home in moments like these.

On a similar note, when the heat is intense, it may mean that the homily is shorter than usual, and that fewer verses of a hymn will be sung. We will rely on the City's weather warnings to guide our application of this variance.

LITURGY & SACRAMENTS

THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, August 11	9 AM	† Joseph Chua
Tuesday, August 12	9 AM	† Jennifer Khayat
Wednesday, August 13	9 AM	† Stanley Tripp
Thursday, August 14	9 AM	† Julia Smith
Friday, August 15	9 AM	Brothers, Sisters and Benefactors of the Order Sr. Hazel Campayne, in thanksgiving † Bernardino and Eduviges Abued † Stanley Kee † Grazia Maida † Holy Souls in Purgatory
Saturday, August 16 Sunday, August 17	5 PM	† Dolores and Benjamin Ubalde
	8:30 AM	† Peter Glowczewski
	10 AM	The Parishioners
	12 PM	† Ricky Cherry
Sanctuary Lamps Bl. Sac. Bl. Sac. Our Lady	In Thanksgiving, Betty Taylor	
	Personal Intentions for Healing	
	Sr. Hazel Campayne, 60 th Anniversary of Profession	

NEXT WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, August 18	9 AM	† James and Ora Campayne
Tuesday, August 19	9 AM	† Ken MacKinnon
Wednesday, August 20	9 AM	† Cesar Urrutia

Thursday, August 21	9 AM	Radek Votruba and Family
Friday, August 22	9 AM	Intention of Marla Zupan † Theresa Conlon † Stanley Kee † Seamus O'Neill † Sigmund Soudak † Anna Szatmary
Saturday, August 23	5 PM	† Nimfa Chua
Sunday, August 24	8:30 AM	The Parishioners
	10 AM	† Bartolome and Gerarda Barrientos
	12 PM	† Joyce Brown
Sanctuary Lamps	Bl. Sac.	For all People travelling, especially to Pilgrimage Sites
	Bl. Sac.	† Barbara Cooper
	Our Lady	In Thanksgiving, Personal Intentions

ST. CLARE OF ASSISI ~ AUGUST 11



“Place your mind before the mirror of eternity! Place your soul in *the brilliance of glory!* Place your heart in *the figure of the divine substance!* And transform your whole being *into the image of the Godhead* Itself through contemplation! So that you too may feel what His friends feel as they taste *the hidden sweetness* which God Himself has reserved from the beginning for those who love Him.”

~ from St. Clare of Assisi's *Third Letter to Blessed Agnes of Prague*.
Come celebrate the Feast of St. Clare of Assisi: follower of St. Francis, founder of the Poor Clares, and co-founder of the Franciscan movement. Mass at 9 a.m..

ST. MAXIMILIAN KOLBE ~ AUGUST 14



St. Maximilian, amidst hate and imprisonment, you brought love into the lives of fellow captives and sowed the seeds of hope amidst despair. You bore witness to the whole world by word and deed that “love alone creates.”

V. Pray for us, St. Maximilian Kolbe.

R. Help us become worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray:

Heavenly Father, You inflamed St. Maximilian the friar and priest with love for the Immaculate Virgin and filled him with zeal for souls and love of neighbour. Through his prayers grant us to work strenuously for Your glory in the service of our sisters and brothers, and so be made conformable to Your Son until death.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY ~ AUGUST 15

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is our Church's act of faith that God raised Mary into glory. It is a promise of eternal life made to each of us. We celebrate Mary's place as first among us to be glorified. One title of the day celebrated in many of the Eastern-Rite Churches is “Dormition,” meaning the “Falling Asleep”. The title used in the Roman Catholic Church “Assumption” is a technical term that describes Mary's being raised up into God's eternal life.

This feast was kept for centuries in the hearts and homes of many believers. But in 1950, Pope Pius XII claimed the feast for all Roman Catholics. It was an important way to tell the world that the human body is holy. The world needed this message after so many human bodies were destroyed in the Second World War. We are reminded by this day to treat our bodies with respect and responsibility. We have been created for glory.

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Thomas Merton wrote, “It is my own sister, my own flesh and blood who is assumed into heaven!” The Solemnity of the Assumption reminds us of the unique role that Mary served in the process of our salvation. Although she was without sin, we have the possibility of receiving God’s forgiveness for our sins through Christ. Her entry into Heaven prefigures our own hope of experiencing the same eternal life.

Excerpts and adaptations from “Take Me Home” by Christine Kenny-Sheputis (Chicago: LTP, 1991) and “What does this all mean?” by Fr. Larry Rice (Washington DC: USCCB, 2018).

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.

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, + Anne Clune, + Antonino (Tony) Cravero, + Frances Fong,
+ Mary Lou Gray, + Teresa Hui and + Peter D’Brass.

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

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

The Community Share Food Bank is looking for volunteers. The Food Bank is located in the hall of the Church of the Ascension, 33 Overland Drive, North York M3C 2C3.

Volunteers are needed to serve our sisters and brothers with the distribution of food between 10:45 AM and 3:30 PM on Wednesdays. If it would be possible to do even one Wednesday a month, or more, that would be wonderful. The contact person at the Food Bank is Jiang Chen, the Operations Manager. He may be contacted at operations@communitysharefoodbank.ca or via the website www.communitysharefoodbank.ca Teresa Krijgsman would also be happy to answer any questions (tckrijgsman@gmail.com; [416 709 8150](tel:4167098150))

CASSEROLES FOR THE GOOD SHEPHERD REFUGE

Thank you to all the cooks who made the July donation of casseroles a tremendous success. We, as a parish community, sent 90 casseroles to supplement the meals served to those in great need at the Good Shepherd. Many of you accepted the challenge to make a casserole. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Those who benefit from your kindness live a challenging life everyday. The next drop-off deadling is August 25th.

SHARELIFE



You support our community in countless ways through ShareLife

Learn more about the people you have helped at sharelife.org/impact. Thank you for living the Gospel by providing for those in need! Thus far we have raised **\$72,987** or **67%** 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.

ST. BONNIE'S JOYFUL KNITTERS



Do you like to knit or would you like to learn? Come and join us on Wednesday August 13, following the 9:00 a.m. Mass, in the Parish Hall, Francis Room. We meet every second Wednesday of each month. Coffee/Tea and a treat are provided for your enjoyment. All our knitted items are donated to various charities. Any questions, please email Ann Fellin (fellins@sympatico.ca)

CWL INITIATIVE FOR 2025: SHARE THE WORDS

Meaning



Life has meaning when you recognize your God-given gifts and share them with others. Join the Catholic Women's League and celebrate the meaning of life as you share your gifts.

Mentorship

Mentorship includes guidance, inspiration and encouragement. The Catholic Women's League is a sisterhood of mentors willing to walk with you. Come be part of the journey.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL



"Lord, help us to recognize that you are always with us and to reach out for help when we're struggling. Send your grace into our hearts, that we might also serve others who are [in] need of your love and healing. Help us all to move toward the holiness and happiness for which you created us." ~ Bishop James Conley

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/>

UPCOMING EVENTS

ANNUAL MASS FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED AT OUR CATHOLIC CEMETERIES

Catholic Cemeteries & Funeral Services - Archdiocese of Toronto invites all families within the Archdiocese of Toronto to participate in the Annual Mass for the Faithful Departed on **Wednesday August 13, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.** at the Catholic Cemeteries throughout the Archdiocese. In the event of rain, Masses will be held in various locations. Please consult: <https://www.catholic-cemeteries.ca/news/annual-mass-for-the-faithful-departed-wednesday-august-13-2025/>

PILGRIMAGE TO MARTYR'S SHRINE, MIDLAND - SUNDAY AUGUST 24, 2025

The **Knights of Columbus** warmly invite all parishioners to participate in a special pilgrimage to the **Martyrs' Shrine** in Midland, Ontario, on **Sunday, August 24, 2025**, in celebration of the Archdiocese of Toronto's Jubilee Year. This meaningful journey honors the Canadian Martyrs and offers an opportunity for spiritual renewal, including the chance to receive a plenary indulgence, attend Mass celebrated by **Cardinal Frank Leo**, and spend time in prayer and reflection. To help make the pilgrimage accessible, the Knights are organizing a **chartered bus** from the parish to the shrine. Seating is limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis. Additional details will be provided in upcoming parish bulletins and are available from the parish office. For inquiries or to reserve your seat, please contact KofCCouncil5080@outlook.com.

PREPARATION FOR FIRST RECONCILIATION AND FIRST COMMUNION 2025-2026

Roman Catholic children may begin to prepare for celebrating their First Reconciliation (Confession) and First Communion (Eucharist) around the age of 7. If you are parishioners of St. Bonaventure Church and a parent of a 7-year-old child or older who is baptised Roman Catholic, and you think he or she is ready to prepare for these Sacraments, then it will be important for you to attend one of the following **Parent Information Meetings** in the Main Hall of the Parish Centre. You will learn about our parish's sacramental preparation program and how to register your child for this 2025-2026 season:

- Sunday, September 7 at 1 p.m. in the Main Hall of the Parish Centre **OR**
- Tuesday, September 9 at 7 p.m. in the Main Hall of the Parish Centre

PREPARATION FOR CONFIRMATION (YOUTH)

Information about the Confirmation 2025-26 program and how to register our parish's youth (age 12 +) to prepare for and celebrate the Sacrament will be made available shortly.

CONFIRMATION AS AN ADULT

If you are a baptized adult Roman Catholic (18+) who has not been Confirmed, besides not having received the fullness of Sacramental Initiation, you will not be able to serve as a godparent at baptism or as a sponsor at Confirmation when asked. In some Dioceses, you may have to delay marriage until you are Confirmed. Let's help you to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation. We will provide a short preparation program for adult Catholics in the autumn. Please contact Greg at 416-447-5571 Ext. 258, to make an appointment no later than September 14, 2025. Be prepared to provide a copy of your baptismal certificate recently issued by the Roman Catholic parish where you were baptised. Note: this program is separate from our Confirmation preparation program for the parish's youth.

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 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: trena@st-bonaventure.ca **Wishing you a wonderful summer full of rest and relaxation!**

Tuesday September 9th - 10:00AM to 11:30AM Main Hall
Our Need for Spiritual Integration in the Second Half of Life

Of our many needs in life - purpose, love, growth, gratitude, forgiveness, service... - spirituality is not simply one more on the list; rather, it permeates and gives meaning to all we do. For our pilgrimage of life is, in its

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essence, a journey of spirituality, a path that enables us, have we but eyes to see, to encounter God within and without, everywhere we turn. By looking for the gift, the blessing, the presence of God in everything, we discover that our lives themselves are a sacred, holy way. We only need to appreciate the precious time we have to notice. Join us in this MMA session to ponder, wonder, snack(!), and converse about signposts that God has put in our lives, and to practise seeing how our current life journey can open up a fresh and deepened understanding of God's love and presence. Because we are called to do something, to be someone - right now; this is the time.

Presented by Sandra Nelson, parishioner, and inspired by Let This Be the Time, Janet Schaeffler, OP

Tuesday September 23rd 10:00AM to 11:30AM Main Hall
(Rescheduled from June) *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.

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.

Save the Dates: October 7th and October 21st

SAVE THE DATE - 16TH ANNUAL LINDA'S WALK ~ SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2025



16Th Annual Linda's Walk ~Saturday, September 27, 2025
Registration Opens at 9:30 am

Linda's Walk is a family-friendly 5K walk to help homeless women with mental health challenges rebuild their lives. For more information and for Registration, please check the website at: stclareinn.com



THE ROSARY APOSTOLATE AT ST. BONAVENTURE SCHOOL ~ SHARE YOUR LOVE OF THE ROSARY



The Rosary Apostolate enjoyed another successful year teaching and praying the Rosary with students at St. Bonaventure school! In preparation for the upcoming school year, we are looking for more volunteers. If you have a devotion to Our Lady and her Rosary, please consider joining our Team!

We visit students in their classrooms one morning per month from October to May.

All training is provided! If you would like further information, please contact Monica Testa-Zanin at 416-432-9439.

SAVE THE DATE - CWL ANNUAL FLEA MARKET, SATURDAY OCTOBER 25

Items can be dropped off on Thursday & Friday, October 23 & 24 at the Parish Centre, Kitchen Door.
Come to shop on Saturday, October 25. More information to come!

THE CATHOLIC REGISTER - PICK UP YOUR FREE COPY AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH

We invite you to pick up your free copy of The Catholic Register.
This Catholic publication is printed weekly and is now available for distribution at our parish.

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

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Casseroles for the Good Shepherd Centre

416-447-5571 ext. 580

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

416-447-5571 ext. 570

St. Anthony of Padua Mission Aid

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REFLECTION

“You also must be ready...” ~ Luke 12:39

The following parable (vv.38-39) insists on the uncertainty as to the day and hour of this return... To be sure, this can be understood as the day and hour of death, but the parable is addressed to the whole community and fundamentally alludes to the “eschatological” [end-times] manifestation of the Lord.

The image of a thief may be surprising. But it occurs several times in the New Testament. It does not mean to imply that the Lord behaves like a thief, but that the day of his coming will be sudden, unforeseeable. “You know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief at night” (1 Thess 5:2...)

The Church, far from dreading this coming, which will inaugurate the definitive Pasch, looks for it constantly, especially when it celebrates the Eucharist, exclaiming: “Come, Lord Jesus” (Rev 22:20 and memorial acclamation)....

The life of the Church, of the Christian communities, of each believer is—must be—dynamically driven by the expectation of the full realization of the promises and the return of the Lord. This expectation is hope based on faith in the word of God, “confident assurance concerning what we hope for, and conviction about things we do not [yet] see.”

This is at the heart of the celebration of the Eucharist, the Paschal supper of a people marching toward the Promised Land into which, on his return, Christ will bring them.

Such assurance banishes all fear in the “little flock” already gathered under the staff of the Shepherd who has gone before them to prepare their place in the kingdom.

For the Church, the “stewards” of the communities, for all “pilgrims to the City of God,” as Augustine calls Christians, it is a time of wakefulness and vigilance, toilsome to be sure, but undertaken in joy.

Uncertainty as to the day and the hour must not lead to fretfulness or complacency, but must rather stimulate the fidelity and the hope that each Eucharist reawakens....

From “Days of the Lord: The Liturgical Year” Vol. 6. Year C, Ordinary Time. (Collegeville: The Liturgical Press, 1991), pp. 161-164.

May the Lord bless you and keep you!