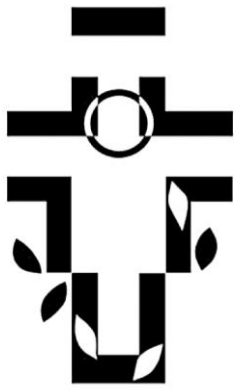


*Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 13, 2023*



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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***

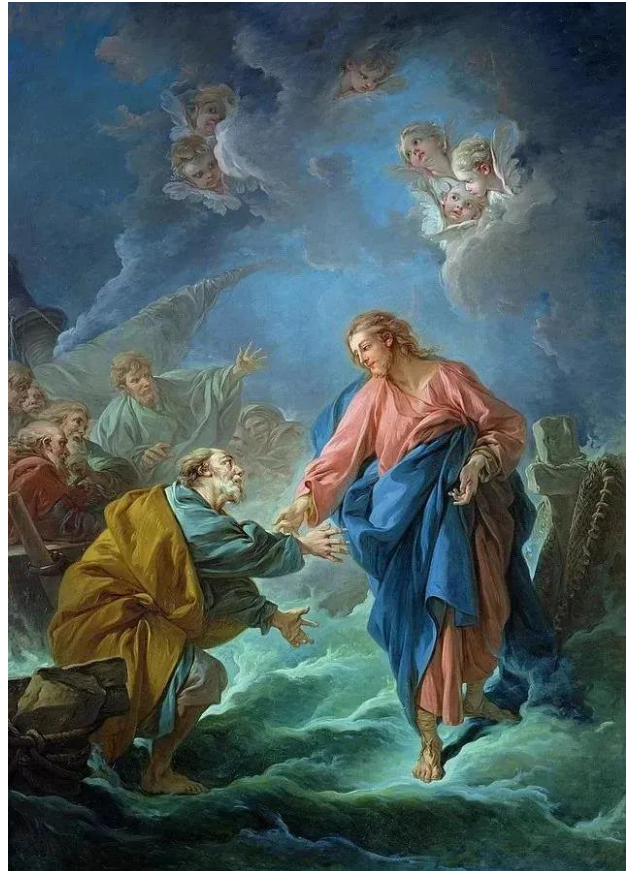
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Saint Peter Invited to Walk on the Water, by Francois Boucher (1703-1770), Painted in 1766, Oil on canvas, © Cathédrale Saint-Louis, Versailles, France

St. Peter
by Malcom Guite

Impulsive master of misunderstanding
You comfort me with all your big mistakes;
Jumping the ship before you make the landing,
Placing the bet before you know the stakes.
I love the way you step out without knowing,
The way you sometimes speak before you think,
The way your broken faith is always growing,
The way he holds you even when you sink.
Born to a world that always tried to shame you,
Your shaky ego vulnerable to shame,
I love the way that Jesus chose to name you,
Before you knew how to deserve that name.
And in the end your Saviour let you prove
That each denial is undone by love.

From Malcolm Guite's *Sounding the Seasons*.
Norwich: Canterbury Press, 2012.

LITURGY & SACRAMENTS

THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, August 14	9 AM	† Hugh Canning, father and son
Tuesday, August 15	9 AM	† Maria Elvira and Oscar D'Amico
Wednesday, August 16	9 AM	† David Sullivan
Thursday, August 17	9 AM	† Peter Glowczewski
Friday, August 18	9 AM	† Grazia Maida † Rohan Jayasundara † Ross Abbott † Alice Maglutac
Saturday, August 19	5 PM	The Parishioners
Sunday, August 20	8:30 AM	† Nimfa Chua
	10 AM	† Mae Elliott
	12 PM	† Ricky Cherry
Sanctuary Lamps		† Marie Berndorff
		† Peter Glowczewski
		† Sam Savona

ORDINATION OF FRIAR EMMANUEL WENKE, OFM CONV. TO PRESBYTERAL MINISTRY

On the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, August 15, Friar Emmanuel Wenke will be Ordained to the Priesthood at Our Lady of Victory Basilica in Lackawanna, NY. Please keep Friar Emmanuel in your prayer.

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Confessions are heard on a weekly basis on Saturdays from 9 to 10 am in the Mary 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.

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.

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).

She is blessed of God,
The Virgin
Docile to the breath of the Spirit,
She is blessed of God!
Behold the new Eve
Brought up to the joys of paradise.
She is blessed of God.
The woman
Who gave birth to the first-born,
She is blessed of God!
Everyone proclaims her:
"Blessed" in her humility.

She is blessed of God,
The mother
Who sees her Son die on the cross,
She is blessed of God!
Standing at Calvary,
She ushers in the age of faith.
She is blessed of God,
The queen
Who prays for us, poor sinners,
She is blessed of God!
Her glory carries us forth
To the day promised by the Lord.

English translation of Commission Francophone Cistercienne, *Sur la trace de Dieu*, 105; *Hymnaire de La Liturgie des Heures* (Paris: Cerf-Calet-Levain, 19890, 297 (Fiche de chant V 116-1) in *Days of the Lord*, vol. 7, Solemnities and Feasts (Collegeville: Liturgical Press, 1994), 212.

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, + Martha Fogh, + Kevin O'Sullivan, + Oliver Figueiredo, + Marcelina Manankil, + Mildred Cope,
- + Ranee Nadarajah, + Douglas Woollings, + George De Gannes, + June Burns, + Neil Pinto, + Geraldine Holen,
- + Dorothy Ying, + Vincent Chaisson, + Neil Buchanan, + Clement Leung, + Andrew Tomcik, + Ross Abbott,
- + Lois Theriault, + Marion Shaw, + Ignatius McHugh, + Giovanni Boscarino, + Emily Cusimano,
- + Wallace Lamerton, + Marie Berndorff and + Sam Savona.

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 416-444-4719 with your prayer intentions or if you would like to join the prayer network.

HELPING OTHERS

MISSION CO-OP APPEAL - BISHOP'S MISSION FOR THE DIOCESE OF SEGHENEITY, ERITREA

If you were not able to donate last weekend, please use one of the Mission Co-Op envelopes available at the back of the church. Your donations will assist the Diocese of Segheneity to fulfill its need to continue its spiritual work in catechesis, to support the Catholic schools, and to sustain the social causes including to assist with HIV/AIDS patients and health clinics. Furthermore, your generous donations help to build a much-needed new seminary for our secondary school students. In fact, continuity of our faith depends on educating tomorrow's priests.

CASSEROLES FOR GOOD SHEPHERD REFUGE

Thanks to our faithful Casserole Cooks 45 casseroles were sent to the Good Shepherd in July.

You may notice this was an increase from June. Fantastic!! Our regular cooks were supported with a few new additions to the cause.

If you signed up before and been too busy to commit it is never too late to begin again. Also, if you would like to be a part of this mission of mercy, you are welcome to join. Once a month or when you can, all is welcomed. People are hungry every day. We at St. Bonaventure can help, even if it's in a small way.



Pans and recipes are available in the cupboard at the back of the church. Please sign for pans needed.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

SPECIAL REQUESTS! We have a couple of requests from two immigrant families in need: one family would like a **stroller with a hood** and the other needs a **car seat for a child over one year old** because of his size. If you can help, please call Judy at 416-390-9495.

Is there a family or person you know who needs assistance?

Please call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that together we can help those who are hungry: 416-447-5571 Ext. 570. Your generous donations to our poor boxes and through

CanadaHelps enable us to continue helping those in need. **Thank you!** You may donate securely online at: <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/society-of-st-vincent-de-paul-st-bonaventure-conference/>



SHARELIFE 2023 PARISH CAMPAIGN - LIVING THE GOSPEL

SL ShareLife

Living the Gospel: 2023 Parish Campaign

Thus far our parish has raised **\$77,062.70** toward our goal of **\$94,000**.

you haven't already done so, please consider donating. Please give at

the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.

Living the
Gospel

FOOD DRIVE IN SUPPORT OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD CENTRE

We continue to collect food weekly and will accept all food donations, especially: Tomato Sauce, Canned Tomatoes, Soup and Stews, Mayonnaise and Mustard, Jam, Granola Bars, Beans, Chickpeas, Canned corn and peas, Breakfast Cereals, Peanut Butter, Canned Tuna, and Salmon. Please place non-perishable food items into the baskets at the back of the church. *Thank You!!!*

UPCOMING EVENTS

ANNUAL MASS FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED - WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16, 2023, AT 7 PM

Cemetery locations and celebrants for this year's Mass are:

- [Assumption Cemetery](#), Mississauga, Most Reverend Frank Leo, Archbishop of Toronto
- [Christ the King Cemetery](#), Markham, Most Reverend Vincent Nguyen
- [Holy Cross Cemetery](#), Thornhill, Most Reverend John A. Boissonneau
- [Mount Hope Cemetery](#), Toronto, Most Reverend Robert Kasun
- [Queen of Heaven Cemetery](#), Woodbridge, Most Reverend Ivan Camilleri
- [Resurrection Cemetery](#), Whitby, Rev. Fr. Dominic Barber

ST. BONAVENTURE MIXED PICKUP SOFTBALL



You are invited to participate in a friendly MIXED PICKUP SOFTBALL GAME every other Sunday afternoon starting at 2:00 pm on the baseball diamond at the back of the church.

There remaining four games scheduled are:
August 20th, September 3rd, 17th and October 1st.

Participants of any gender, ages 16 and up are welcome to sign up. Kindly bring your own baseball glove. Please sign-up with your name and phone number on the sign-up sheet located at the back of the Church or email softball@st-bonaventure.ca

Organized by the Knights of Columbus - St. Francis Council 5080

SAVE THE DATE - 14TH ANNUAL LINDA'S WALK - SEPTEMBER 23, 2023

The 14th Annual Linda's Walk
Saturday September 23, 2023
New Walking Route! 50/50 Draw and Raffle

Sign in starts at 9:30am. The walk starts at 10:00am.
BBQ Lunch will follow at 12:00pm at the church hall.
Registration: Adults - \$25.00, Youth - \$15.00, Children - Free
Registration includes a free t-shirt and a BBQ lunch with beverage.

To sign-up for the walk, register using the Eventbrite link below. If you can't walk in-person, we are also offering a virtual walk option. All walk options are available at Eventbrite.

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/lindas-walk-2023-tickets-675620548247?aff=odtdtcreator>

If you have any questions, please call us at (416) 690-0330, or email us at info@stclareinn.org.

Linda's
Walk
2023

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

REFLECTION

***Immediately Jesus stretched out his hand and caught Peter, and said to him,
“O you of little faith, why did you doubt?” -Matthew 14:31***

...Matthew consistently presents the disciples as understanding quite well; their problem is that they have little faith. In the walking-on-the-water episode, the portrait of Peter illustrates exactly that point. In the incident of the storm at sea, Jesus had berated them as being “of little faith” (Mt 8:25). If there is any uncertainty as to whether this doubting of the disciples is a special theme of Matthew’s, it becomes quite clear in the final scene of his Gospel, the appearance of the risen Lord to the eleven on a mountain in Galilee. Matthew describes that encounter in a startling sentence: “When they saw him, they worshiped [*prosekynesan*], but they doubted [*edistasan*]” (Mt 28:17).

Notice that the word translated “worshiped” here is the same as the word translated “did him homage” describing the disciples’ response in the water-walk scene. Equally significant, the word for “doubted” is precisely the word for Peter’s doubt used in Jesus’ question after he rescues the sinking man. To say that at the appearance of the risen Lord, “they worshiped, but they doubted” sounds so contradictory that most translations (e.g., KJV, Rheims, NIV, and NRSV) say “they worshiped but some doubted.” But the NAB (1986) accurately reflects the Matthean text, a mix of faith and doubt already represented in the rescue episode of this Sunday’s Gospel.

Apparently Matthew boldly addresses the shaky faith life of his readership. Like his portrait of the disciples, they have a fine understanding of Jesus and his teaching. They just need to trust in the risen Lord sufficiently to put that understanding fully into action. Would Matthew’s address to us be any different?

- Dennis Hamm, SJ.

May the Lord bless you and keep you!