

*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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*Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time  
August 23 to week of August 30, 2026*

# Bonnie News

*Franciscan Church of St. Bonaventure*



*The Delivery of the Keys* (c. 1481-1482), Pietro Perugino (c. 1446/1452 - 1523). Fresco. Sistine Chapel, Vatican City. Source: Wikipedia. Public domain.

**St. Peter  
by Malcolm 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.

Source:

<https://malcolmguite.wordpress.com/2026/06/27/a-sonnet-for-petertide-and-for-those-being-ordained-4/>

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## LITURGY & SACRAMENTS

### THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

|                                          |          |                                                                                                                                                              |
|------------------------------------------|----------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Monday, August 24                        | 9 AM     | † Margaret Wong                                                                                                                                              |
| Tuesday, August 25                       | 9 AM     | † Carmen Guzman                                                                                                                                              |
| Wednesday, August 26                     | 9 AM     | Intentions for Radek Votruba & Family                                                                                                                        |
| Thursday, August 27                      | 9 AM     | † Sixta Sanchez                                                                                                                                              |
| Friday, August 28                        | 9 AM     | Thanksgiving & Intention for Julita Dorres<br>Birthday Intention for Carol Salvador<br>† Franklin Alberto Godoy<br>† Rian Zuraek<br>† All Souls in Purgatory |
| Saturday, August 29<br>Sunday, August 30 | 5 PM     | † David Tomcik                                                                                                                                               |
|                                          | 8:30 AM  | † Virginia Wong                                                                                                                                              |
|                                          | 10 AM    | † C.H. Kwan                                                                                                                                                  |
|                                          | 12 PM    | The Parishioners                                                                                                                                             |
| Sanctuary Lamps                          | Bl. Sac. | † Private Intentions (anonymous)                                                                                                                             |
|                                          | Bl. Sac. | † Rian Zuraek                                                                                                                                                |
|                                          | Our Lady | † Private Intentions (anonymous)                                                                                                                             |

### NEXT WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

|                                              |          |                                                                                                                                      |
|----------------------------------------------|----------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Monday, August 31                            | 9 AM     | Marriage of Dara & Abby Nelson                                                                                                       |
| Tuesday, September 1                         | 9 AM     | † Peter Glowczewski                                                                                                                  |
| Wednesday, September 2                       | 9 AM     | † Lily F.W. Chiu                                                                                                                     |
| Thursday, September 3                        | 9 AM     | † Marieta Soliva Santos                                                                                                              |
| Friday, September 4                          | 9 AM     | Vocations<br>Personal Intentions<br>Thanksgiving Birthday Intention for Ed Policarpio<br>† Peter Alikpang<br>† Colleen Dorothy Maida |
| Saturday, September 5<br>Sunday, September 6 | 5 PM     | † James Durbano                                                                                                                      |
|                                              | 8:30 AM  | Wellbeing of First Nations (Intentions of Osuji Family)                                                                              |
|                                              | 10 AM    | The Parishioners                                                                                                                     |
|                                              | 12 PM    | † Monique Popiel                                                                                                                     |
| Sanctuary Lamps                              | Bl. Sac. | † Norma & Eriberto Taban-Ud Sr.                                                                                                      |
|                                              | Bl. Sac. | Intention for Gemma & Marco                                                                                                          |
|                                              | Our Lady | † Andrew Long                                                                                                                        |

### OLDER CHILD (AGE 7+) NOT BAPTISED?

If you are Roman Catholic, live within the parish boundaries, and have child age 7 and older who is not baptized, and you would like to learn more about preparing your child for baptism, please contact Greg before August 31 (416-447-5571 ext. 258).

## PREPARATION FOR FIRST RECONCILIATION AND FIRST COMMUNION 2026-2027

Roman Catholic children may begin to prepare for their First Reconciliation (Confession) and First Communion (Eucharist) around the age of 7 (Grade 2). If you are a parent of a 7-year-old child or older who is baptised Roman Catholic and a parishioner of St. Bonaventure Church, and you think your child is ready to prepare for these Sacraments (e.g., your family's regular participation in Sunday Mass is a good indicator of readiness), then it will be important for you to attend one of the following **Parent Information Meetings** in the Main Hall of the Parish Centre:

- **Sunday, September 13 at 1 p.m.** in the Main Hall of the Parish Centre **OR**
  - **Wednesday, September 16 at 7 p.m.** in the Main Hall of the Parish Centre
- Please note the registration deadline this year: September 25, 2026**

## PREPARATION FOR CONFIRMATION (YOUTH) 2026-2027

Roman Catholic youth may begin to prepare for Confirmation around the age of 12 (Grade 7). If you are a parent of a 12-year-old child or older who is baptised Roman Catholic and a parishioner of St. Bonaventure Church, and you think your child is ready to prepare for Confirmation (e.g., your family's regular participation in Sunday Mass is a good indicator of readiness), then it will be important for you and the child to be confirmed to attend one of the following **Parent & Youth Information Meetings** in the Main Hall of the Parish Centre:

- **Monday, September 21 at 7 p.m.** in the Main Hall of the Parish Centre **OR**
  - **Wednesday, September 23 at 7 p.m.** in the Main Hall of the Parish Centre
- Please note the registration deadline this year: October 9, 2026**

## CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

The facilitors of the Liturgy of the Word with Children are taking a well-deserved rest. The Liturgy of the Word with Children will resume on September 20.

## FAITH & 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 Durbano, + Joyce Chong, + Ann O'Leary, + Michael Price, + Theresa Duffy, + Rev. Sal Badali,  
+ Nabor Sequeira, + Diane Marchisello, + Suzanne McCallister, + Jorge Carvalho, + Justyn Klym, + Patrick Doty,  
+ Nealia Somasundaram, + Jennie Mayer, + Tom Lloyd, + Joseph Cusimano, + Kathleen Fitzgibbons,  
+ Patricia McQueenie, + Colleen Maida,  
+ Zoe Duffy, + Louise Pappalardo, + Andrew Long, and + Wendy Dingillo.

## PRAYER NETWORK REQUESTS



**The Prayer Network** is a group of parishioners who pray daily for all the prayer requests received by the Network. Nearly 45 parishioners are members of this group which began 1994. All prayer requests are kept in confidence, and no names are included when requests are passed onto the Network. Please contact **Teresa Krijgsman at 416-709-8150** with your prayer intention or if you would like to become a member of the Prayer Network.

## NEW POLICIES

**Please note** that the Parish is no longer able to waive the fee for parishioners using the Parish Hall for receptions following funerals. The fee helps cover the ongoing costs of building maintenance and cleaning. We appreciate your understanding.

### **“People shall stream to the Lord’s house”**

When people enter a church, they hope to encounter God and find a place of prayer, peace, and rest in the Lord. Let us do all we can to preserve the reverence of this sacred space. Please do not bring pets, coffee, tea, soft drinks, or food into the church. Service animals and items required for medical needs are welcome exceptions. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

## HELPING OTHERS

### ST. BONAVENTURE CATHOLIC WOMEN’S LEAGUE (CWL)



#### **From the Catholic Women’s League August-Focus: Youth**

To the young people of our parish: thank you for the light you bring. Whether you serve at the altar, lift your voices in song, read God’s Word, help at parish events, or simply arrive with your bright energy and open hearts - you bless our community more than you know. As the CWL highlights **youth** this August, we want you to know that your presence gives us hope. We appreciate you. And we are grateful for the joy you bring to our parish family.

#### **Other Announcements:**

##### **Flea Markert Storage**

The Great Storage Quest continues, and the plot thickens. Storage is needed for Flea Market items from now until October 22. There is no room at the inn (a.k.a. the church). If you have a garage corner or a basement nook to spare until October...we’ve got gratitude.

Email Elfreida Soans at [jesoans74@gmail.com](mailto:jesoans74@gmail.com) or call her at 416-424-4984 if you have room to spare.

##### **Rosary Sunday - September 13**

A beautiful pilgrimage day at the Martyrs’ Shrine in Midland.

- Outdoor Mass at 12 noon
- Living Rosary at 2:30 p.m. Pack a lunch, bring a chair, and let the peace of the day wrap around you like a warm shawl

## SAVE THE DATE FOR CWL’S GENERAL MEETING - SEPTEMBER 20 AT 1:00PM

### **General Meeting - September 20**

Mark your calendars with a flourish. Special guest: **Kate O’Quinn**, Past President TDC and newly elected OPC Faith Chair. Expect refreshments, an ice breaker, and the delightful chaos of reuniting after summer.

## ST. BONNIE’S JOYFUL KNITTERS



Come and see what we are all about on Wednesday, September 9, following the 9am mass. Meet a welcoming group of ladies who work to benefit several agencies throughout Toronto. Goods are distributed in time for the upcoming cold winter months. If you knit at home and cannot come on Wednesdays, please consider donating your work. We need a variety of items such as; hats, neck warmers, head bands, scarves and baby items too. We meet in the Francis Room and share our talents great and small with a warm smile, coffee and treats.

Call Ann Fellin 647-526-5066 if you have any questions.



## CASSEROLES FOR THE GOOD SHEPHERD REFUGE



The Casserole project at St. Bonaventure continues to support the hungry in our city. We average about 60 each month. Please think about joining this “Mission of Mercy.” Your help is needed to expand our contribution. Men and women coming to the good Shepherd for a meal are increasing in number. No one is refused. **If you have any questions, call Ann Fellin at 647-526-5066. Pans are readily available in the cupboard at the back of the church.** To all those who continue to support this most needed and worthy cause, thank you!!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### WITH GRATITUDE AND PRAYER FOR FRIAR TOM & FRIAR PETER

As Friar Tom begins his retirement and prepares to move on from our parish, and Friar Peter enters retirement while remaining with us in the new friary, we give heartfelt thanks to God for their faithful ministry among us. Through their prayers, leadership, compassion, and dedicated service, both friars have helped shape the St. Bonaventure community and have left a lasting mark on our parish.

They will be deeply missed in the roles through which they have served us so generously. May God watch over Friar Tom and Friar Peter, bless this next chapter of their lives, and guide every step of the journeys ahead. Please join us in holding them in prayer and in wishing them peace, joy, and every blessing.

At the same time, we warmly welcome our new Pastor, Friar Albert, and our new Associate Pastor, Friar Reto. May God bless them as they join our parish family, guide them in their ministry among us, and fill their service with wisdom, joy, and grace. Let us receive them with open hearts and help them feel truly at home in the St. Bonaventure community.

### 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 (10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.), usually twice monthly, September to June. We look forward to welcoming you and feel free to invite a friend!

#### Past and Future

**Tuesday, September 15, 2026 - 10:00 AM Location: Main Hall**

**Presenter: MMA**

In small groups, participants will be invited to share highlights from their summer and discuss potential topics and presenters for future MMA sessions. We value your input and want to hear from you!

#### Grief, the Untold Story

**Tuesday, September 29, 2026 - 10:00 AM Location: Main Hall**

**Presenter: Arcangelo Limanni**

Arcangelo Limanni is a registered psychotherapist working for Catholic Family Services of Toronto as the New Beginnings Program Promoter. In 2005 he began his studies at the University of St. Michael's College in Toronto and in 2016 obtained a master's degree in religious education. He graduated from the Master of Arts and Counselling Psychology program at York University in 2024. He has a special passion for griever and has personal experience in bereavement, separation/divorce and other unrecognized loss. Through his own experiences and outreach, Arcangelo approaches grief and loss through enthusiasm, empathy, and education. He gives back to the grieving through support group facilitation, public speaking and community engagement.

**Save the Date - Upcoming Sessions: October 13 & 27, November 10 & 24, and December 8 & 22, 2026  
More details to follow.\**



**COME ONE, COME ALL TO THE ANNUAL  
Knights of Columbus • St. Bonaventure**



# PARISH BBQ



**FUN • FOOD • COMMUNITY SPIRIT**

**October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2026 • 1:00–4:00 pm**



**St. Bonaventure Church Grounds  
1300 Leslie Street**



**TICKETS \$7 per person**

Available at the parish office, after weekend Mass  
in September or the day of the event

**CREDIT & DEBIT CARDS** Accepted on the Day of the Event

This BBQ is not just about great food and fun; it's about coming together as a community. Whether you're a regular at St. Bonaventure or just curious to see what we're all about, we welcome you with open arms. Meet your neighbors and make new friends in a relaxed and welcoming atmosphere.



## DELICIOUS BBQ MENU

Savor a variety of grilled favourites and tasty sides. Choice of hamburgers, sausage, hot dogs.



## LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Enjoy music and performances that will keep the energy high and the smiles wide.



## FAMILY FUN

Games and activities for all ages, ensuring a fun-filled time for everyone.

## JOIN US IN SUPPORTING SEEDS OF HOPE FOUNDATION



Since 2001, Seeds of Hope Foundation has supported individuals impacted by homelessness in Toronto, providing care, community, and opportunities to build brighter, more self-sustaining futures.

Together, we can make a meaningful difference in our community.

For more information visit [www.seedsofhope.ca](http://www.seedsofhope.ca)



## THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

We will also be collecting non-perishable food donations during the event to support Good Shepherd Ministries this Thanksgiving. Please bring a food donation and help us provide a Thanksgiving meal to those in need in our community.



## SPREAD THE WORD!

Please share this invitation with friends, family, and neighbors. The more, the merrier! We can't wait to see you there! for more information, contact us at [KofCC5080@outlook.com](mailto:KofCC5080@outlook.com)  
**Let's make this BBQ a memorable day for everyone!**



**17th Annual**  
**2026**

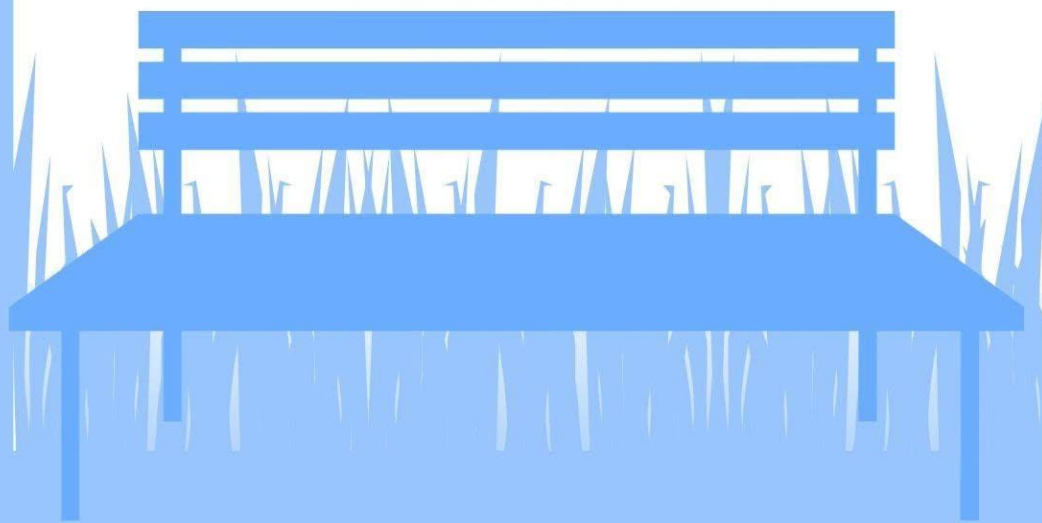
# St. Clare Inn Annual 5k **LINDA'S WALK**

**Saturday, September 26, 2026**

Registration opens at: 9:30am

Location: 1300 Leslie St.

St. Bonaventure Parish Hall



**In-person registration Sunday,  
August 23 at 11:00 a.m.**

**at St. Bonaventure's Parish**

**1300 Leslie Street, Toronto, ON**

For more information, visit our website: [www.stclareinn.com](http://www.stclareinn.com)



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### Casseroles for the Good Shepherd Centre

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## REFLECTION

**He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” ~ Matthew 16: 15**

Jesus is in Caesarea Philippi and the disciples are just back from their mission of preaching. He asks them who people think he is. The disciples laugh boyishly and repeat some answers they have heard. Obviously, they regard these guesses as absurd. Something like this: Believe it or not, some think you are John the Baptist returned from the dead! The ones I talked to said you were the prophet Elijah! It was hilarious! A few of them said you are Jeremiah or one of the other prophets! They just don't know what to make of you. Laughter all around.

But Jesus' question was a curve ball and now it crosses the plate. He says abruptly, “And what about you? Who do you say I am?” Eyes wander, feet scuff, laughter turns into a cough. The disciples' faith is still young and perhaps they are confused about it, not to mention the fact that up to this point they have not been required to profess anything out loud. Red faces. Peter is bold, awkwardly walking on water again, figuratively this time. He stammers out his best answer. You ... you are ... the, uh, ... yes, uh, the ... the Son of ... you are the Christ, the Son of the living God! Silence and then nods and relief all around. “Simon, how great is your faith,” Jesus says. “Whatever you open with this faith will stay open. Whatever your faith shuts will remain shut, not only here but in heaven.” A high compliment to Peter's tottering belief status. But does this help with the contradiction we began with? Is it Jesus' action or an act of their faith?

Jesus is always seeking a two-way liaison between himself and us, not just one-way. He wants us to have a relationship to the fullness of who he is. Besides being a charismatic leader or a good friend, he is *the very reality of God's love, present in the world, wide open to loving each of us—and being loved in return*. He wants a mutual love-relationship with you and me, one in which we open up our hearts and let Godly love in—and return it. The name of that openness to God's love on the part of a person is “faith.” Faith.

Excerpt from Larry Foley, S.J. “Spirituality of the Readings” reflection for the 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A). The whole reflection can be read here: <https://www.slu.edu/mission-identity/initiatives/slu-liturgy/year-a/august.php>

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