



*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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*The Transfiguration of the Lord
August 6, 2023*

Bonnie News

Franciscan Church of St. Bonaventure



*The Transfiguration (1872), by Carl Bloch (1834-1890),
Oil on Copper, © Frederiksborg Palace, Denmark.*

Transfiguration by Malcom Guite

For that one moment, 'in and out of time',
On that one mountain where all moments meet,
The daily veil that covers the sublime
In darkling glass fell dazzled at his feet.
There were no angels full of eyes and wings
Just living glory full of truth and grace.
The Love that dances at the heart of things
Shone out upon us from a human face
And to that light the light in us leaped up,
We felt it quicken somewhere deep within,
A sudden blaze of long-extinguished hope
Trembled and tingled through the tender skin.
Nor can this blackened sky, this darkened scar
Eclipse that glimpse of how things really are.

From Malcom Guite's *Sounding the Seasons*.
(Norwich: Canterbury Press, 2012), 56.

LITURGY & SACRAMENTS

THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, August 7	9 AM	† Frances Macdonald,
Tuesday, August 8	9 AM	Anna and Jerry Liu, 40 th Wedding Anniversary
Wednesday, August 9	9 AM	† Eamonn Nolan
Thursday, August 10	9 AM	† Paz Olandria
Friday, August 11	9 AM	† Joseph Chua † Josef Sitar † Germiniano Cano † Yin- Kwan Tsang
Saturday, August 12	5 PM	† Jennifer Khayat
Sunday, August 13	8:30 AM	† Laurie Anne Buffet
	10 AM	The Parishioners
	12 PM	Intentions and Thanksgiving of Ikenna and Family
Sanctuary Lamps	Jacob Votruba	
	† Felisa and Aguida Lacap	
	The Sick Members of the Parish	

LITURGY OF THE WORD WITH CHILDREN ~ TIME FOR A SUMMER BREAK

The Liturgy of the Word with Children is taking a month-and-a-half-long break. A sincere THANK YOU to the volunteer leaders of this ministry who have faithfully and generously provided an invaluable opportunity for the young children of the parish to hear and encounter Christ through His Word.

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. CLARE OF ASSISI ~ AUGUST 11



St. Francis of Assisi touched many people in his lifetime, and one of the most memorable incidents is *The Reception of St. Clare*.

Francis was the son of Assisi's leading cloth merchant, and when he decided to follow Christ, he caused quite a stir in the city. The moment of decision for him was when he stripped himself in the city square, gave his clothes to his dad, and went off to live the Gospel. Right there, he made a lasting impression on the people of the city...everyone had an opinion of him.

He continued to live near the city, and would be asked to preach in the Cathedral of St. Rufino on Sundays every once in a while.

In 1210, he told his listeners about Christ, his love for us, and how we have to try to return that love each in his or her own way. Among the listeners that day was a young blond girl who was touched by his message.

Clare Favarone was from the nobility; her uncle had just arranged an excellent match for her and no one wanted to hear about her new-found fervor for poverty and peace. She slipped away from her home, sneaked down to Our Lady of the Angels where St. Francis lived, and told him of her dream.

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She accepted an olive branch from his hand as a symbol of martyrdom and then before the little community of brothers, committed herself to the pursuit of Gospel perfection.

Like Francis, she was not a woman satisfied with half measures. That very night, at her bidding, Francis shored off her beautiful hair, clothed her in a simple habit of a cloistered nun and took her to a monastery.

For the rest of her days, St. Clare lived a life aflame with love for her Spouse. She wanted nothing more than to live in the greatest austerity of life and love Christ. San Damiano, where Francis first heard the voice of his Master, was to be her home and when the pope sought to forgive her austere vows of life she said: “Holy Father, forgive me my sins, but please let me keep my way of life.”

Very quickly after she took up residence at San Damiano, many came to share her life. Her sister and her aunt were among her first companions, and over the years many continued to follow her. From the very beginning, they were known as the ‘Poor Ladies of Assisi’ and are popularly known as Poor Clares.



Inner quadrangle of the Monastery of San Damiano, Assisi

From Companion of St. Francis and St. Anthony (July/August 1986), pg 5.

We become what we love and who we love shapes what we become.
If we love things, we become a thing. If we love nothing, we become nothing.
Imitation is not a literal mimicking of Christ, rather it means becoming the image of the Beloved, an image disclosed through transformation.
This means we are to become vessels of God’s compassionate love for others.
~St. Clare of Assisi.

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,
+ Raneé 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, and + Marie Berndorff.

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

Please give generously to the Mission Co-Op Appeal presented this weekend. Additional information and envelopes are available at the back of the church. Thank you for your consideration and support!

The Purpose of the Donation

My brothers and sisters in Christ, the poor life and harsh situation of our people live in the Diocese required His Grace Bishop Fikremariam and the Diocese to ask your donations and your prayers. 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.

I thank each and every one of you, **Pastor Rev Thomas Richard Reist** and **His Grace Archbishop Francis Leo** for allowing me to share experiences and needs of the Catholic Diocese of Segheneity.

GOD BLESS YOU AND GOD BLESS OUR CATHOLIC MISSION IN SEGENEITY!!

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

Do not grieve or complain that you were born in a time when you can no longer see God in the flesh. He did not in fact take this privilege from you. As he says, "Whatever you have done to the least of my brothers, you did to me." ~St. Augustine

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



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.



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

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 are five games scheduled:
August 6th, 12th, 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=oddtcreator>

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

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<https://www.tcdsb.org/SCHOOLS/STBONAVENTURE/>

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416-447-5571 ext 570

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

REFLECTION

‘But Jesus came and touched them, saying “Get up and do not be afraid.”’ ~ Matthew 17:7

‘Jesus himself intervenes to bring the apostles back to the reality of the present. He “came to them, saying, ‘Rise, and do not be afraid.’” Each of the verbs quoted here has its own resonances and harmonics that are very rich in meaning. They recall the way Jesus acted with the sick whom he “touched” and told him to “rise”—to resurrect?—as well as the vocabulary of the Easter visions: “Do not be afraid!” But this vocabulary is also that of the days of the Church’s march toward the return of the Lord who “is coming”; these are words that ask us believers, now that we have gotten up—“resurrected”—to forge ahead without fear, and to keep watch confidently, as we accomplish the task that is for now ours. This is how we can work for the coming of the kingdom, and prepare ourselves to enter in.”

*~ from Days of the Lord: the Liturgical Year. Vol. 7 Solemnities and Feasts.
(Collegeville: Liturgical Press, 1994), 195.*

“Do not be afraid to be holy! Have the courage and humility to present yourselves to the world determined to be holy, since full, true freedom is born from holiness.”

~ from the message of St. John Paul II to the Youth Meeting in Santiago de Compostela, 7 Aug. 1999.

“Do not be afraid of holiness. It will take away none of your energy, vitality, or joy. On the contrary you will become what the Father had in mind when he created you, and you will be faithful to your deepest self.”

*- Apostolic Exhortation Gaudete et Exsultate of Holy Father Francis
on the Call to Holiness in Today’s World, 19 Mar. 2018.*

May the Lord bless you and keep you!