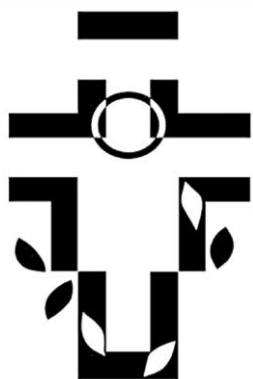


*Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 9 to week of August 16, 2026*



*Growing
in Spirit,
Community,
and Service*

Bonnie News

Franciscan Church of St. Bonaventure



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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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“Faith” (excerpt) by John Greenleaf Whittier

When the storm of the soul is howling,
And the heart is bowed with fear,
Remember the voice of the Master,
And know that He is near.

He walks on the waters of sorrow,
He speaks to the troubled wave,
And His hand is stretched out in the darkness,
Omnipotent to save.

The wind may be fierce and biting,
The waves may be wild and high,
But above the roar of the tempest,
We hear His “It is I.”

Then fear not, O faithful spirit,
Though the night be dark and drear;
For the Lord of the stormy waters
Is standing very near.

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

COMINGS AND GOINGS! - A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

Comings

Over the past few days, you may have noticed a new face or two wearing a Franciscan habit. It's not your imagination nor your memory playing tricks. Some of these developments have to do with the staffing of the parish. Other changes are related to the consolidation of the friars living in Canada to a single residence: St. Bonaventure Friary.

Parish Staffing

Fr. Albert Sherer will be your new pastor. Fr. Albert hails from Western New York and brings years of experience in parish ministry. His associate will be Fr. Reto Davatz, born in Switzerland and raised in Canada. He too has had experience in parish ministry as well as in the classroom. Friar Albert will assume his responsibilities for the parish on August 22, and Friar Reto will do the same on August 15.

There are other friars coming to Toronto. Friars Ed Debono, David Collins and Maurice Richard are now members of St. Bonaventure Friary, with Friar Maurice as the Guardian (local superior). Friar David has already arrived, and Friars Ed and Maurice will join the ranks later this month. Meanwhile, Friars Peter and Joe remain in Toronto rounding out the community, welcoming the newcomers.

Goings

I have been assigned to Seaside Park, New Jersey, as the Guardian of St. Catharine Friary. Similar to St. Bonaventure Friary, this friary is situated along side a parish that will be staffed by friars other than myself. This ministry, internal to the Order, may allow me to help out on occasion at parishes in the area. Friar Albert and I will spend some days together after his arrival before I depart for the United States.

Comings and Goings

Franciscans call this itinerancy - being on the road. It was already an integral part of St. Francis' manner of living out the Gospel when his movement began. It reminds a friar, and those he may serve, that our only true home is in the embrace of God's Kingdom whether here on earth or thereafter. From a human point of view, itinerancy invariably stings, but it has the potential to help a person give one's heart more readily and fully to God and others.

I am grateful to all of you for the welcome you extended to me over the past four years and am confident that you will welcome Friars Albert and Reto with open arms. It has been my privilege to be your pastor. Let us keep one another in prayer. The words that St. Francis encouraged his friars to say seem especially appropriate: May the Lord give you His peace!

Fr. Tom



Please join us for a

Farewell & Appreciation Reception

Sunday August 23, at 1:00 pm,
following the 12:00 noon Mass

We wish to thank Friar Tom and Friar Peter
for their faithful service to our parish
family and wish them every happiness in
their retirement.

Light refreshments will be served.

LITURGY & SACRAMENTS

THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, August 10	9 AM	† Juan Sosa
Tuesday, August 11	9 AM	† Joseph Chua
Wednesday, August 12	9 AM	† Jennifer Khayat
Thursday, August 13	9 AM	† Allan Rosario
Friday, August 14	9 AM	Brothers, Sisters, & Benefactors of the Order Thanksgiving Birthday Intention of Mylene † Colleen Maida † Bernardino & Eduviges Abued † Aida B. Castillo † Souls in Purgatory
Saturday, August 15	5 PM	Thanksgiving Intention of the Fernando Family
Sunday, August 16	8:30 AM	The Parishioners
	10 AM	† Thomas Hyland
	12 PM	† Ricky Cherry
Sanctuary Lamps	Bl. Sac.	† Zoe Duffy
	Bl. Sac.	† Louise Pappalardo
	Our Lady	† Andrew Long

NEXT WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, August 17	9 AM	† Peter Glowczewski
Tuesday, August 18	9 AM	Thanksgiving Intention of Dave Alon & Christine Votruba
Wednesday, August 19	9 AM	† Cesar Urrutia
Thursday, August 20	9 AM	Intentions of Gwen Fitzgerald
Friday, August 21	9 AM	The Friars † Sylvia S. Alon † Grazia Maida † Marta Kedrzycki † All Souls in Purgatory
Saturday, August 22	5 PM	Intention of Constantine Bethune
Sunday, August 23	8:30 AM	† Norma & Eriberio Taban-Ud, Sr.
	10 AM	The Parishioners
	12 PM	Morgens & Gloria Jensen
Sanctuary Lamps	Bl. Sac.	† Barbara Cooper
	Bl. Sac.	Intentions of Geraldine Daly
	Our Lady	† Peter Glowczewski

HOLY COMMUNION FOR THE HOMEBOUND



If a parishioner is unable to attend Sunday Mass due to serious illness, recovery from surgery, or frailty in old age, then Extraordinary Ministers of Communion to the Homebound (specifically trained for this ministry) will bring the Eucharist to them. If you or someone you know might benefit from this ministry, please contact us by e-mail at homebound@st-bonaventure.ca or call Mary Catherine directly at 416-303-0269.

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 AM.

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 CONFIRMATION (YOUTH)

Information about the Confirmation 2026-27 program and how to register our parish's youth (age 12 +) to prepare for and celebrate the Sacrament will be made available shortly.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

The facilitators 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, and + Andrew Long.

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.

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. 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

HELPING OTHERS

ST. BONNIE'S JOYFUL KNITTERS



Do you like to knit or would you like to learn? Come and join us on Wednesday August 12, 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.

DR. SIMONE'S CANADIAN FOOD FOR CHILDREN



August items: Salt

*Please Drop off your donations at the back of the church behind the toddler area.
Thank you for your generosity!*

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL



One of the most important works of mercy is that of accompanying another person in their time of need. Accompaniment is not found on the traditional list of the works of mercy, but it is at the heart of how the Church fulfills the Gospel. To accompany someone is to come alongside them and support them with our presence as much as with our material resources. Perhaps the greatest fruit of accompanying someone in need is the gift of hope they receive. ~ Bishop Joseph G. Hanefeldt

Vincentians seek to assist those in need not simply in a material way but by accompanying them with compassion and concern. Your continuing generosity, prayers, and support are invaluable in helping us meet out Lord's challenge to "Love one another as I have loved you." Thank you!

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

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 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

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.

ANNUAL MASS FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED ~ CATHOLIC CEMETERIES

Catholic Cemeteries & Funeral Services invites families and our faith communities to join us for the Annual Mass for the Faithful Departed on **Wednesday, August 12, 2026, at 7 p.m.**

Assumption Cemetery & Funeral Home, Mississauga
Christ the King Cemetery, Markham
Holy Cross Cemetery & Funeral Home, Thornhill
Mount Hope Cemetery, Toronto
Queen of Heaven Cemetery & Funeral Home, Woodbridge
Resurrection Cemetery, Whitby
St. Mary's Cemetery, Barrie

Most Reverend John Corriveau
Most Reverend Robert Kasun
His Eminence Frank Cardinal Leo
Most Reverend J. Gerard Pettipas
Most Reverend Ivan Camilleri
Most Reverend Vincent Nguyen
Rev. Msgr. Owen Keenan

In the event of rain, see: <https://www.archtoronto.org/en/outreach/calendar-of-events/event-listing/archdiocesan/annual-mass-for-the-faithful-departed/>

ST. CLARE INN - LINDA'S WALK - SEPTEMBER 26, 2026



St. Clare Inn is excited to announce the official launch of Linda's Walk 2026! Scan the QR Code to get your tickets and reserve your spot.

We can't wait to see you there!



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REFLECTION

“You of little faith, why did you doubt?” Matthew 14: 31

There are the themes of call and of fearfulness in today's readings.... In the Gospel, Peter hears the call, responds, and it seems that Jesus fails him, tricks him. Peter has faith, but fears as well. It seems that whenever Peter has a failure, Jesus reveals to Peter and the Gospel readers, ever more clearly who Jesus is for those who can find faith within their fears. In the holy scriptures it seems that revelation takes place within the dramatic context of human and personal timidity and poverty.

I was just sitting here thinking and I heard a little fellow outside call out his friend's name four times. Finally, the lad shouted, “Come out and play!” What I heard next was, “Why not, are you afraid!” Really, that just happened. A call, a response and a reaction all within ten seconds!

I have witnessed two weddings in the past three weeks. Let's talk about fear and faith being wedded. Walking down aisles is like walking on water. Commitment, covenant are formed from the tiny wee voice of love and faith which allows fears to make loud noises. Often the earthquakes and thunders are all we hear, but faith needs doubt to be real and in time God grasps us enough to hear his voice saying “Be not afraid.” I did not say to the trembling couples, “O you of little faith, why are you doubting?” They might say in response, “Easy for you to say, you are not getting married.” I wish it had been recorded that Peter responded, “Why? Because I was drowning and it didn't look like you were going to do anything about it.” The only sure thing about the unknown is that we don't know it.

John's Gospel says that love casts out fear. That sounds good enough. Fear and doubt are appropriately human and so embraced by the love of the Creating God. I recall lying on the floor of Gesu Church in Milwaukee during the mass of my ordination to Christ's priesthood. There was the singing of a long litany, but not quite long enough. I remember thinking, “If I had only a little more time, I'd be absolutely sure.” The singing ended, but not the unsureness. Thirty-nine years have past, but still there is the gift of doubt and fear which make commitment and fidelity a simple gift of mine to God. He drags me often into his boat of affirmation which lasts a while until the next big set of waves gives me that same sinking feeling. “You of little faith” is not a condemnation, but the context for Jesus becoming Lord and the Sender.

Excerpt from “A Little Faith” by Larry Gillick, SJ.

To read the whole reflection go to: <https://www.slu.edu/mission-identity/initiatives/slu-liturgy/year-a/august.php>

May the Lord bless you and keep you!