



*Growing  
in Spirit,  
Community,  
and Service*

*First Sunday of Advent  
December 1, 2024*

# Bonnie News

*Franciscan Church of St. Bonaventure*

## ***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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*Woman with a Taper (1873), Jules Breton (1827-1906)*

Oil on canvas, Museum of Fine Arts Boston. Source: Wikicommons

### **Psalm 25: XXV *Ad te, Domine, levavi* by Malcolm Guite**

The gates will open for us both, look up!  
I hear that voice each day when I'm downcast  
I hear it when I've almost lost my hope

And now, when I'm entangled by my past,  
My feet are netted by necessity,  
Snared in the traps of time that bind so fast,

My eyes turned downward, dimmed by what they see,  
I hear that voice again and raise my eyes  
And he untangles me and sets me free.

He alters my perspective. The wide skies  
Speak of his mercy, and the distant hills  
Stand in his steadfast love and make me wise

In his simplicity, and all my ills  
Diminish and recede to their true size.  
That I may find my peace in all he wills.

- from Malcolm Guite's *David's Crown: Sounding the Psalms*. Norwich: Canterbury Press, 2021.

## LITURGY & SACRAMENTS

### NEXT WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, December 2	9 AM	† Randolph Fung
Tuesday, December 3	9 AM	† Lourdes Cruz
Wednesday, December 4	9 AM	† Marjorie and Len Beverley
Thursday, December 5	9 AM	† Maria Prieto
Friday, December 6	9 AM	Vocations † Maria Mamorno † Deanna Andrew † Ivy Lyn † Kay Corner
Saturday, December 7	5 PM	† Intention of Cindy Chaisson
Sunday, December 8	8:30 AM	† Nimfa Chua
	10 AM	† Iris Olivia Somasundaram
	12 PM	Intention of the Fernando Family and Thanksgiving
Sanctuary Lamps	Bl. Sac.	Intention of Laraine Chen
	Bl. Sac.	Intention of Laurent Chretien
	Our Lady	Intention of Laurent Chretien

### A RETURN TO THE CONFESSIONAL ROOM FOR THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

We've returned to using the Confessional Room for celebrating the Sacrament. The Confessional Room is located beside the infant and toddler crying room. Confessions are heard on a weekly basis on Saturdays from 9 to 10 am. In addition, you can always make an appointment with Fr. Peter or Fr. Tom.

### EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND ~ VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

**Will you join us?** Our **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to the Homebound** bring the Holy Eucharist to parishioners who are confined to their homes due to illness, disability or the aging process. We are looking for new members to be part of this wonderful ministry. Your compassionate presence and prayers will provide the sick and homebound with a sense of community, spiritual support and belonging. If you are interested in learning more about this ministry, please email [homebound@st-bonaventure.ca](mailto:homebound@st-bonaventure.ca) or call 416-447-5571 ext. 590.

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION & BENEDICTION - MONDAY, DECEMBER 2<sup>ND</sup> FROM 12:30 - 2:00PM

Our first Monday of the month prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. Please join us along with one grade of students from St. Bonaventure School for Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

12:30 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, hymn, incensation, greeting and opening prayer

12:35 Scripture reading

12:40 Reflection on the Scripture reading

12:45 Intercessions concluded with the Lord's Prayer

12:50 Children head back to school

Adoration continues with others who are present. This is open to all. A particular invitation is extended to the children's parents, grandparents, and godparents.

1:00 Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available in the Mary Chapel from 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm.

2:00 Benediction with the Blessed Sacrament (hymn and incensation) followed by reposition.



## 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* and + *Bernard Nottage*

## HELPING OTHERS

### SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL



*You have now been given life's great treasure; when he comes the Lord will ask for what he has entrusted to you. ~St. Cyril of Jerusalem*

By visiting people in need in their homes and walking alongside to guide them to resources to break the cycle of poverty, we give them hope for the future. Your generous donations to our poor boxes and through Canada Helps do help us make a difference. Thank you!



Our confidential helpline is: **416-447-5571 Ext. 570**. In addition to donating through our poor boxes located at our three main exits, online donations can be made securely through our QR code or the following link: <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/society-of-st-vincent-de-paul-st-bonaventure-conference/>

### SHARELIFE CAMPAIGN UPDATE: MAKE A SHARELIFE GIFT , YOUR YES WILL GO TWICE AS FAR!

**NEW: Your gift will double in value!** From November 1 until year end, **your contribution** to our parish's ShareLife campaign **will be matched** by an anonymous donor up to a total of \$500,000.

**Our goal this year is \$119,000. To date we have achieved \$74,497.64.** Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at [sharelife.org/donate](http://sharelife.org/donate).

### ADVENT GIVING TREE IN SUPPORT OF LOCAL NEEDS LAUNCHED NOVEMBER 30<sup>TH</sup>

The Giving Tree will be set up in the back of the church. This year, we are supporting: Society of St. Vincent de Paul, the Sisters of Life -Toronto, and Greenview Lodge Seniors Residence. Please take a tag off the tree and return the gift by Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup>. **Thank you for your generosity!**

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - ANNUAL SOCK DRIVE



The Knights of Columbus is asking for donations for its annual Sock Drive to be held in December at all the weekend masses. Two large boxes with labels will be placed at the back of the church and parishioners are asked to drop off items in the boxes.

All donations will be given to Homeless Shelters.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### MINISTRY WITH MATURING ADULTS



#### Ministry With Maturing Adults

With a focus on nurturing our spirituality in body, mind and spirit in the second half of life and finding meaning and purpose in our daily life, always with a spirit of gratitude and practicing welcoming and hospitality to those we encounter each day in our families, communities and beyond.

We hope 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! There is no need to pre-register for these events below. Just come and you will be warmly welcomed! And feel free to invite a friend! If you would like more information, email: Trena Finnegan, Coordinator Ministry with Maturing Adults: [trena@st-bonaventure.ca](mailto:trena@st-bonaventure.ca) Wishing you all a blessed Advent season!

#### Advent Family Prayer

God of Love, Your son, Jesus, is your greatest gift to us.

He is a sign of your love. Help us walk in that love during the weeks of Advent,

As we wait and prepare for his coming. We pray in the name of Jesus, our Savior.

- Author Unknown

#### Tuesday December 3<sup>rd</sup> 10:00AM to 11:30AM Main Hall

##### Advent Reflection

This reflection will be given by Fr. Thomas Reist, OFM Conv. Pastor of St. Bonaventure Parish. He will help us reflect on how John the Baptist announced the First Coming of Christ and how in our present time St. Francis of Assisi can help us prepare for the Second Coming of Christ. You are very welcome to this morning of reflection at this very special time in the Church Liturgical Year to deepen our faith and help us mature on our spiritual journey. We will enjoy small group discussion, coffee and fellowship!

#### Tuesday December 17<sup>th</sup> 10:00AM to 11:30AM Francis Room

##### Coping with the Loss of a Loved One during Christmas and other Holiday Celebrations

We warmly welcome you to come and join us in a small group setting to remember those you will be missing this Christmas and explore possible new ways that might help you be more present to yourself, other family members and friends as you experience this time of loss.

We will learn from an experienced Grief Counsellor some new coping skills, recall a good moment in the life of our dearly departed one, have some time of prayer and enjoy coffee with others in our supportive community here at St. Bonaventure Parish.

RSVP or if you would like more information email Trena at [trena@st-bonaventure.ca](mailto:trena@st-bonaventure.ca)

**Save the Dates: January 7th and January 21st, 2025.**

### COFFEE MONDAYS FOR SENIORS AT HAWTHORN SCHOOL



As a gesture of respect and gratitude for senior citizens in the community, the students at Hawthorn School would like to invite all seniors to Hawthorn's monthly Coffee Mondays. Join us! Enjoy complimentary coffee, snacks and a performance at 3:15 pm on the following Mondays:

December 16, January 20, February 10, March 3, April 14, May 12, June 9

For more information: Contact Queenie Yu at 416-444-3054 or

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Hawthorn School, 101 Scarsdale Rd, Toronto M3B 2R2

## CWL NEWS AND EVENTS

We're kicking off our collection of sanitary products for women who visit the food bank. Please drop off your donations at the back of the church or bring them to the Parish Christmas Market on December 7 & 8 at the CWL booth. For more information on this campaign, contact Barbara Morton at 416-289-7012 or email her at [bjmorton@rogers.com](mailto:bjmorton@rogers.com).

### **Attention all baking enthusiasts!**

Bring your holiday treats to the CWL table before any Mass on either Saturday or Sunday of the St. Bonaventure Parish Christmas Market! The CWL is having a Bake Sale. Fire up those ovens and share your festive goodies with our community. Your treats will add that extra sprinkle of magic to the event. We can't wait to see (and taste) what you've whipped up!

Parish Christmas Market & The St. Bonaventure CWL Calling all Catholic women! The Catholic Women's League of Canada welcomes you. Visit the CWL Booth at the Christmas Market to learn more about The League and discover why we're so passionate about it. This is also a great opportunity to renew your membership or join The League. We look forward to seeing you there!

**2025 Membership Fees Are Now Due!** It's that time of year again! Your \$40 annual membership can be paid in several ways: mail, drop off at the ministry centre, or via e-transfer. Check the bulletin board and the Friday Love Note for more details. For more information, contact Tracy MacInnis at 647-973-7645 or email her at [t.macinnis60@gmail.com](mailto:t.macinnis60@gmail.com).

## CHRISTMAS MARKET - DECEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup> 4 - 6:30 PM AND DECEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup> FROM 9:30 AM - 2 PM



**Saturday, December 7, from 4 pm to 6:30 pm  
(before and after 5 pm Mass)**

**Sunday, December 8, from 9:30 am to 2 pm.  
Come and Join us!**

## BLOOD DONOR CLINIC - FRIDAY DECEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup> FROM 3 - 7 PM - MAIN HALL



**Canadian Blood Services** **Société canadienne du sang**

Your donation Matters!

It matters to every patient across Canada because it's something we can do today to help others wake up healthier tomorrow. Please consider being a blood donor.

Join Canada's Lifeline: Book now at [blood.ca](http://blood.ca) or call 1-888-2 DONATE

## THE PROMISE - ADVENT CONCERT IN SUPPORT OF ST. CLARE INN



**Save the Date! *the Promise***

**St. Bonaventure Church, Main Hall  
Friday, December 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm  
and**

**Saturday, December 21<sup>st</sup> at 2 pm and 7:30 pm  
Tickets: \$30 and Free for children 12 & under**

Purchase tickets online at [stclareinn.org](http://stclareinn.org)

## ADVENT RESOURCES



As we light the first candle of hope, may our hearts be filled with anticipation and joy. Advent is a time of deep reflection, prayer, and preparation, reminding us of the true meaning of Christmas. Let us enter this season with faith, hope, and love, ready to welcome the Savior into our lives once more.

### Pray as you Go, Pilgrims of Hope: Advent 2024

This new liturgical year is also the opening of the Jubilee Year within the church, to which everyone is invited. This year's retreat is 'Pilgrims of Hope'. Advent is above all a time of hope. As pilgrims of hope, our Advent journey invites us to travel in confidence, looking to the birth of Jesus as the source of all hope for our world. The retreat can be found online with the link below and offers weekly installments. <https://pray-as-you-go.org/series/70-pilgrimsofhotheadvent2024>

### Advent Retreat with Cardinal Collins: Come Lord Jesus

Each day of Advent Cardinal Collins will share with us insights for the season. This retreat is available the Daily TV Mass. <https://dailytvmass.com/news/advent-retreat-with-cardinal-collins/>

### Sacred Space Advent Retreat 2024: We Need Never Walk Alone

Let us begin our Advent journey together, praying each day with scripture and in the Presence of the One for whom we are waiting. Advent is an opportunity to spend time quietly resting in God's loving arms and ponder the wonder and mystery of Jesus. It is a perfect time to renew our faith, hope and love, reflect on our relationships with ourselves, others and God, and focus on what matters most in life. <https://sacredspace.com/events/retreat/advent-2024/>

## THE ADVENT WREATH

**Candles and Colours** - There are four candles on the wreath, one for each week of Advent. Advent is a time of preparation and waiting. Lit candles are always a sign of the light of Christ. The liturgical colour for the season is a deep, bluish violet which represents the colour of the night sky just before dawn breaks. Three of the candles are violet, but one is pink. The pink candle reminds us that Christians know that even in the midst of darkness, the light has already come into the world. Therefore, there is cause for Joy even while we wait. The Sunday that we light this candle third is called *Gaudete* Sunday. The word *Gaudete* means rejoice.

### Blessing of the Advent Wreath

*Sprinkle the advent wreath with holy water, pray this prayer:*



Loving God, we ask you to bless this advent wreath.  
Just as the circle never ends, your love lasts through all time and all seasons.

As we light the candles, may we always remember  
that your Light has come into our world.

Help us to prepare our hearts  
for the birthday of your Son, Jesus.

We ask this through Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**



## **Late Advent and Christmas Mass Schedule**

### **Day of Confessions**

Wednesday, December 18

Confessions heard from 9:30-10:30 a.m., 12-1 p.m., and 7-8 p.m.

### **Fourth Sunday of Advent**

Saturday, December 21<sup>st</sup> - 5 pm

Sunday, December 22 - 8:30 am, 10 am and 12 Noon

### **Solemnity of The Nativity of the Lord (Holy Day of Obligation)**

#### **Christmas Eve - Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup>**

4 pm (Children's Mass) ~ Live animals before Mass

7 pm (Carols begin at 6:40 pm)

10 pm (Carols begin at 9:40 pm)

#### **Christmas Day**

Wednesday, December 25<sup>th</sup> - 10 am and 12 noon only

### **Feast of The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**

Saturday, December 28<sup>th</sup> - 5 pm

Sunday, December 29<sup>th</sup>- 8:30 am, 10 am and 12 noon

### **Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God (Holy Day of Obligation)**

#### **New Year's Eve**

Tuesday, December 31<sup>st</sup> - 5 pm

#### **New Year's Day**

Wednesday, January 1<sup>st</sup> -10 am and 12 noon only

### **Solemnity of The Epiphany of the Lord**

Saturday, January 4<sup>th</sup> - 5 pm

Sunday, January 5<sup>th</sup> - 8:30 am, 10 am and 12 noon

### **Feast of the Baptism of the Lord**

Saturday, January 11<sup>th</sup> - 5pm

Sunday, January 12<sup>th</sup> - 8:30 am, 10 am and 12 noon

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## REFLECTION

“...stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.” (Luke 21:28)

The First Reading and the Gospel both talk about a time when the Lord comes—for justice, as the First Reading says; and for judgment, as the Gospel implies. In the Gospel, Jesus warns people not to be overcome with the pleasures and anxieties of the world but to be ready for his coming. Those who are not ready will practically die of fright when they see him. Well, then, what do we need to do to get ready? The Second Reading in effect answers that question. At Christ’s coming again, we are to be blameless in holiness. And what is *that*? If you are blameless *under law*, then no one can blame you for any violation of the law of the land. You weren’t speeding, for example, or cheating on your income tax, or violating any other law of the city or country in which you are. If you are *morally* blameless, then no one can blame you for any violation of the moral law. You weren’t lying, for example, or cheating on your spouse, or violating any other command of the universal moral law that applies to all people no matter where they are. But what is it to be blameless *in holiness*? The answer is in the Second Reading: in order to be ready for Christ at his coming, Christians need to increase in love and abound in it.

So here’s the thing to see. You can keep all the laws of your land and still be a real jerk. And the same truth holds for the moral law. You can be a priggishly righteous jerk, too. Something more than having a great record for keeping the laws is necessary to be ready for the Lord. That more is love. If you want what is bad for your neighbor, if you curse him in public or even in your heart, if you wish he would just go away, if you tell him in your thoughts or to his face to go to hell—you do *not* love him. And you are blameworthy with regard to holiness if you don’t. It doesn’t matter how moral or legal your conduct is otherwise. To be blameless in holiness, then, takes being loving. And being loving is what makes us ready for the return of the Lord.

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