



*Growing
in Spirit,
Community,
and Service*

*Feast of The Baptism of the Lord
January 11, 2026*

Bonnie News

Franciscan Church of St. Bonaventure



The Baptism of Christ. Located above the Door to Paradise, The Baptistery of Florence.
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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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Your Grace by Anna Beth Fore

Because of your grace, Lord,
I am free.

I'm no longer blind, Lord;
now I see.

Because of your grace, Lord,
I am forgiven.

My sins are washed away, Lord;
Christ has risen.

Because of your grace, Lord,
I am blessed.

I'm no longer anxious, Lord;
in you I find rest.

Because of your grace, Lord,
I am saved.

I'm sanctified by your holiness,
in which I am bathed.

Because of your grace, Lord,
I have less fear.

I can feel your presence, Lord;
You are always here.

Because of your grace, Lord,
I do believe
that your gift of eternal life
I will receive.

LITURGY & SACRAMENTS

THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, January 12	9 AM	† Joevir N Panes
Tuesday, January 13	9 AM	† Paolo Migotto
Wednesday, January 14	9 AM	† Henryk Horodyski
Thursday, January 15	9 AM	† Margaret O'Shea Creedon
Friday, January 16	9 AM	Special Intentions † Elena Ammendolia
Saturday, January 17	5 PM	† Jim Durbano
Sunday, January 18	8:30 AM	† Maria Esperanza Godoy
	10 AM	The Parishioners
	12 PM	† Dora Luz Restrepo Posada
Sanctuary Lamps	Bl. Sac.	Intention of Anita Champagne
	Bl. Sac.	† Michael Price
	Our Lady	† Theresa Duffy

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.

LITURGY OF THE WORD WITH CHILDREN

Liturgy of the Word with Children resumes this Sunday, January 4, 2026, at the 10 a.m. Mass. Children ages 4 to 9 may participate in this parallel celebration of the Liturgy of the Word on the Lord's Day.

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,
and + Nabor Sequeira.

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.



HELPING OTHERS

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL: MOVED BY MERCY, SERVING IN HOPE



Doing God's Work *"A Christian is not his own master: his time is God's. This is God's work, and it will be yours as well when you have performed it. I have trust in the grace of God that you are ready to act generously when it comes to God's work."* ~St. Ignatius of Antioch

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul provides material assistance to those in need. We meet people where they are, listening without judgement, being present, respectful and encouraging.

We need more committed members to volunteer: to help with collecting donations after Mass, to expand our outreach within our parish boundaries, especially to young and expectant mothers, to help with the various duties of running a viable charitable organization. Perhaps you have some time, some expertise, some special gift to share? Contact us at [416-447-5571](tel:416-447-5571), ext. 570. Thank you for your continuing prayers, support and generosity. New members warmly welcomed. Vincentians stand with two St. Vincent de Paul boxes after weekend masses. You may also donate through Canada Helps: <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/society-of-st-vincent-de-paul-st-bonaventure-conference/>



ST. BONAVENTURE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE (CWL)



Mark your calendar: Our first general meeting of 2026 will be held virtually on **Thursday, January 22 at 7pm**. We'll recap the Jubilee Year and introduce the new national theme. (No dress code required - PJs are perfectly welcome on zoom!) We know life is busy, and not everyone can attend meetings. But even if you can't be present; your membership still makes a meaningful impact. **Annual membership fee: \$40.**

For more information about the League please contact us - we'd be delighted to hear from you:
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UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Deepest gratitude to all participants of the 2025 programs; we are deepening our sense of awareness of God's presence radiating throughout the community.

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!

Next Session:

Tuesday January 13, 2026, 10 AM to 11:30 AM - Main Hall

Goodbye 2025! Hello 2026! Join us on **January 13** for a special session facilitated by **Alain Côté**.

In small groups, we'll share meaningful memories from 2025 and our hopes and plans for the year ahead. Come and be part of this uplifting conversation!

If you would like more information, e-mail Ministry with Maturing Adults at: mma@st-bonaventure.ca

Save the Dates for the Winter Sessions: January 27, February 10 and 24, March 10 and 24

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REFLECTION

“I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and remain on him.” ~ John 1:32

Emerging reborn from the waters of the font, one is invited by Christ to enter the communion of the church and to follow the path of discipleship mapped out by the Lord, walking consciously in God's presence. Baptismal life is the doorway to ecclesial life, life in Christ's body. It is never sufficient (at least for an adult though infant baptism raises other issues), merely to have “suffered” the ritual action of the sacrament in the sense of having had it “performed objectively” upon oneself. Paul and the other New Testament writers insist that the only adequate response to the revelation of the mystery is living faith which finds expression in the transformation of one's life. The spiritual death so powerfully symbolized by the rite is meant to lead through the renunciation of one's “old self” with its narrow, limited understanding and egoistic habits, to resurrection into a new mode of existence, becoming a new creature in fact as well as name. To correspond to Christ's will for his followers, that new life ought to be rich in faith, hope, love, and works of charity undertaken freely for the good of one's neighbor.

Baptism, although passively received, has to pass over into action through cooperation with grace since one has been adopted by God as his beloved child in Christ. The Christian life remains always radically baptismal since it involves a daily commitment to an ecstatic way of life, a freely-chosen going out from one's old self (*ekstatis*) so as to enter into a living relationship with God. Baptism is an invitation to take the daily path of *kenosis*, the path traced out by Christ.

The Holy Spirit draws us out of the various prisons, psychological or spiritual, in which we are held captive, strips us of our prison garb and leads us into the freedom of faith, into a life lived in openness to God's commanding presence.

Faith, at first flickering and feeble, gradually grows into experience. Through prayer, the gift received and the ability to respond to the Holy Spirit who lives in the heart through baptismal grace, ought to take possession of one's life, making one's whole being an offering of thanks and praise.

~ Gregory Collins, O.S.B., “Meeting Christ in His Mysteries,” quoted at:
<https://thevalueofsparrows.wordpress.com/2017/11/11/spirituality-divine-presents-the-sacramental-mysteries-the-sacramental-mystery-of-baptism-by-gregory-collins/>

May the Lord bless you and keep you!