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in Spirit,  
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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:**

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*The Epiphany of the Lord  
January 4, 2026*

# Bonnie News

*Franciscan Church of St. Bonaventure*



*The Three Wise Kings, Catalan Atlas, 1375, fol. V, Cresques Abraham (1325-1387).  
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### **Epiphany Poem by George Mackay Brown**

The red king

Came to a great water. He said,  
Here the journey ends.  
No keel or skipper on this shore.

The yellow king

Halted under a hill. He said,  
Turn the camels round.  
Beyond, ice summits only.

The black king

Knocked on a city gate. He said,  
All roads stop here.  
These are gravestones, no inn.

The three kings

Met under a dry star.  
There, at midnight,  
The star began its singing.

The three kings

Suffered salt, snow, skulls.  
They suffered the silence  
Before the first word.

Source: <https://thevalueofsparrows.wordpress.com/2019/01/16/poetry-epiphany-poem-by-george-mackay-brown/>

## A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

Although the New Year has already begun, it is not too late to extend all of your wishes for a blessed and happy New Year! First and foremost, may the Lord bless you this year with good health. The viruses that are currently circulating are persistent and have been known to return for a second bout. Please stay warm and be vigilant!

The masses on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day were well attended. It was encouraging to see so many of you over the holidays and to exchange seasonal greetings. Thank you for your generous Christmas Offerings to the Parish and the many gifts to the Friars and Staff of St. Bonaventure's.

Sincerely, Fr. Tom.

## LITURGY & SACRAMENTS

### THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, January 5	9 AM	† Waiyin Kwok
Tuesday, January 6	9 AM	† Intention of Christine Votruba and Family
Wednesday, January 7	9 AM	Intention of David Alon
Thursday, January 8	9 AM	† Leonardo and Mercedes Alon
Friday, January 9	9 AM	Intention of Marla Zupan † Teresa Mary Baladin † Joyce de Gannes † Leke Marku † Llesh Marku
Saturday, January 10	5 PM	† Jude Weerasinghe
Sunday, January 11	8:30 AM	† Elaine Cuyugan Cabaysa
	10 AM	The Parishioners
	12 PM	† David Tomcik
Sanctuary Lamps	Bl. Sac.	Intention of Leong Family
	Bl. Sac.	Intention of Alfonsus Sudeikis
	Our Lady	† Grace Sudeikis

### 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](mailto: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, and + Rev. Sal Badali.

## 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.



## THE SECULAR FRANCISCAN ORDER



The **Secular Franciscan Order** was established by **St. Francis of Assisi** more than 800 years ago. Our purpose is to bring the Gospel to life where we live and where we work. We look for ways to embrace the Gospel in our lives and try to help others to do likewise. Perhaps your heart has been moved by stories of St. Francis of Assisi, or the Peace Prayer attributed to him, and you are seeking that same holy simplicity, true peace and perfect joy. If so, Christ may be calling you to explore the Secular Franciscan life. We would be happy to meet with you to share about the

Franciscan journey. We invite you to come to one of our meetings, which are on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month at 7pm in the Francis Room of the Parish Centre. For more information on becoming a Secular Franciscan please contact **Friar Peter** at **416-447-5571 Ext. 233**.

## 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)



**Calling all women 16 years and older!** Whether you're joining for the first time or renewing your membership, we'd love to welcome you into the Catholic Women's League of Canada - a national sisterhood that encourages women to live their faith, serve their communities, and add their voices to issues that matter. Your membership strengthens our collective voice, helping us promote awareness and respond to social and political concerns that affect all Canadians. And yes, one voice really does make a difference - especially when it's joined by thousands more!

### Our core Values:

- **Faith** - rooted in Catholic teaching.
- **Service** - local, national, and international.
- **Social justice** - actively engaged in society.

As CWL members, we strive to be vital participants in the Church, valued partners in social justice, respected at all levels of government, and a strong global voice for change.

**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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## CWL INITIATIVE FOR 2025: SHARE THE WORDS

Acceptance	Action	Advocacy	<b>Belonging</b>
Change	Charity	<b>Compassion</b>	Confidence
Connection	<b>Courage</b>	Diversity	Faith
<b>Family</b>	Friendship	Fulfillment	Future
Good Works	Growth	<b>Healing</b>	Help
Hope	<b>Humanity</b>	Hundreds of Resolutions	Identity
<b>Inclusive</b>	Innovation	Inspire	<b>Integrity</b>
Leaders	Love	Meaning	Mentorship
Outreach	<b>Peace</b>	Power	Pride
<b>Purpose</b>	Resilience	Respect	<b>Service</b>
Sisterhood	Sisters	<b>Social Justice</b>	Solidarity
Spirituality	Strength	Truth	Unity
<b>Values</b>	Vision	Voice	<b>Welcome</b>

### CWL's 2025 Share the Word Project

Throughout 2025, the Catholic Women's League shared 52 inspiring words—one for each week of the year—each paired with a reflection on how the CWL lives out that value in its mission and work.

From *Belonging* and *Courage* to *Service* and *Peace*, these words highlighted the heart of our organization and the impact we strive to make in our communities. Thank you to everyone who helped spread these messages and bring the words to life!

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ST FRANCIS COUNCIL 5080 - SERVING OUR PARISH SINCE 1961



For more than six decades, the Knights of Columbus at St. Bonaventure Parish have united Catholic men in a mission of faith, charity, and fraternity. Founded in 1961, St. Francis Council 5080 continues to be a steady and joyful presence in our parish and across North York - donating over 5,000 volunteer hours each year and supporting numerous charitable and outreach initiatives that bring hope to those in need.

Guided by the worldwide *Faith in Action* program - rooted in Faith, Family, Community, and Life - our work strengthens parish life, supports vulnerable neighbours, and upholds the dignity of every person. As we look ahead to 2026, our council will continue offering many beloved programs - BBQs, pancake breakfasts, Coffee Sundays, evening fellowship gatherings, the Christmas Market, food drives, disasters and winter outreach, support for Saint Clare Inn, Good Shepherd, and St. Vincent de Paul Ministries. We will also carry forward youth programs in local schools, charitable efforts such as the Ontario Knights Lottery, Sisters of Life Initiatives, Needlework Guild of Canada, Special Olympics support, and several new initiatives and projects designed to deepen our service and strengthen our parish family.

We warmly invite Catholic men to consider joining the Knights of Columbus and becoming part of a brotherhood dedicated to serving others with faith and purpose. Your time, your talents, and your goodwill help make our work possible - and truly make a difference. If you would like to learn more, volunteer, or explore becoming a Knight, please reach out. Email: [GK5080@ontariokofc.ca](mailto:GK5080@ontariokofc.ca). We would be delighted to welcome you.

## ST. BONNIE'S JOYFUL KNITTERS



Part of the Needlework Guild of Canada, our knitting group at St. Bonaventure's shares our handiwork with those in need, helping to support 22 agencies. Our work is entirely accomplished by volunteers.

**Mission Statement:** *To donate annually new articles to selected agencies for distribution to their clients. These items may be handmade or purchased but may not be sold.*

We meet once each month on the second Wednesday in the Francis Room of the Parish Centre. We provide items for infants, toddlers, children, teens, and adults. Knitted items may include hats, mitts, scarves, shawls, etc. Please come and see what we are all about. A friendly group will welcome you. For more information, please call 416-447-5571.

## SHARELIFE 2025 CAMPAIGN - THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS



**Thank you to everyone who donated to the ShareLife Campaign in support of the many agencies that rely on the supported from ShareLife. We will have a final total for our parish next week. Thank you for your generosity and for your continued support!**

## CASSEROLES FOR THE GOOD SHEPHERD REFUGE

As the colder days of the year approach those who come to the Good Shepherd can enjoy a hot meal. Some live on the street and depend on the kindness of others to survive. Casseroles provided by several churches supplement the meal program. St. Bonaventure is a faithful contributor sending casseroles and parishioners to assist in serving these hot meals. We really need more volunteers to make casseroles for this "MISSION OF MERCY". Please, if you can, join in this service. Making a casserole one a month or once every two months would make a big difference to the amount that St. Bonaventure sends to the refuge. In November we sent 58. We need 65 to contribute to one meal a month. This true community outreach program provides an opportunity to make a casserole in your home. Once frozen, simply bring it to the Ministry Centre. No one receiving this meal will know you, but what a blessing it is for you to have helped feed the poor.

*Many, many thanks to all those who contribute to this mission of mercy.*

Pans and recipes are available in the cupboards at the back of the church.

## 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

This ministry seeks to support all dimensions of life's journey with a focus on the challenges, blessings and call to service in the second half of life. This ministry reaches out to those transitioning into their retirement years, and those living in the middle and later years of life. We seek to deepen our faith, to live with profound hope and share our compassion through relationships that connect us with one another in our community, and with the natural world that sustains all of creation. We seek to nurture inter-generational relationships to grow in our call to be wise elders for the world. There is a summons in the later years to recognize one's spiritual strengths and inner resources; to appreciate one's own life story, and to embrace the need to address the tasks of the later phases of life's journey. This invitation includes letting go, forgiveness, gratitude, creativity, celebration, renewal of awe and wonder, 'development of a mentoring attitude rather than negative criticism' and confronting mortality. After another delightful and stimulating year of programs and service we look forward to 2026 with a new Winter program of topics and events; flyers are available to take home and please share with friends and neighbours.

Our Hope - That we gather to deepen our spiritual life, that we reach out with loving kindness to one another, and celebrate the goodness of all creation. 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](mailto:mmma@st-bonaventure.ca)

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

### CHRISTMAS SEASON MASS SCHEDULE

#### Solemnity of The Epiphany of the Lord

Saturday, January 3<sup>rd</sup> - 5 pm

Sunday, January 4<sup>th</sup> - 8:30 am, 10 am and 12 noon

#### Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

Saturday, January 10<sup>th</sup> - 5pm

Sunday, January 11<sup>th</sup> - 8:30 am, 10 am and 12 noon



## TIP TAP - A NEW WAY TO MAKE A DONATION TO THE PARISH

The Archdiocese of Toronto has partnered with Tip Tap Pay so that you can help support our parish with a simple tap.

Simply tap and hold your payment card to the 'tiptap' device to give to our parish. That's it! We have four available amounts: \$10, \$20, \$50 amounts at the display at the entrance of the church and \$5 amount at the south entrance of the church.

Your card will be charged the amount indicated on the device each time you tap with your card. You can also tap the device multiple times to donate more to our parish. Your data is completely secure. The 'tiptap' device does not store any information and will shut down if the device is tampered with.

Touchless giving will support the essential work of our parish, and we are grateful for your kindness! We are happy to provide parishioners who no longer carry cash or prefer to use digital giving to further support our parish.

Thank you for your kind heart and for supporting our church!



## DR. SIMONE'S CANADIAN FOOD FOR CHILDREN

St. Bonaventure Parish collects bulk food staples (rice, pasta, soap, sugar, cooking oil, canned fish, etc.) once a month. Also, shoes, clothing, medicines, medical devices and school supplies are contributed and stored in a storage room in the Parish Centre. These items are then driven to Dr. Simone's CFFC warehouse by St. Bonaventure volunteers and pack them for shipping to approved, vetted destinations (schools, missions, etc.) Dr. Simone and his wife were challenged to start this ministry by Mother Teresa, and they have been awarded the Order of Canada for their service to the worlds less fortunate.



**January items: Dried Beans.**

*Please Drop off your donations at the back of the church behind the toddler area.*

*Thank you for your generosity!*

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## REFLECTION

**“Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.” ~ Matthew 2:2**

The story of the Magi shows the new life which has appeared within the rich texture of our normal experience, casting its purifying radiance upon the whole existence of man, the Light of the world, not the sanctuary lamp of a well-appointed church. Cozy religious exclusiveness is condemned in this mystery. It is easy for the pious to join the shepherds, and feel in place at the crib, and look out into the surrounding darkness saying, *Look at those extraordinary intellectuals wandering about after a star; they seem to have no religious sense. Look what curious gifts and odd types of self-consecration they are bringing; not at all the sort of people one sees in church.* Yet the child who began by receiving those unexpected pilgrims had a woman of the streets for his most faithful friend, and two thieves for his comrades at the last. Looking at these extremes, so deeply significant of the depth and breadth of that divine generosity into which our narrow and fragmentary loves must be absorbed. The Epiphany means the free pouring out of a limitless light - the Light of the World - not its careful communication to those whom we hold worthy to receive it. The Magi, after all, took more trouble than the shepherds. They came a longer journey, by more perilous paths. The intellectual virtues and longings of men are all blessed in Christ, “the intellectual radiance full of love.”

We turn to another point which every mystery in its turn will show us; for they are there to light up the cycle of our own interior growth. And here again, God’s mysterious and life-giving action in the soul is for a purpose that points beyond ourselves. It happens not merely for our sakes; but because his manifestation to the world must be through us. Every real Christian is part of the dust-laden air which shall radiate the glowing charity of God; catch and reflect his golden light. Ye are the light of the world, because you are irradiated by the one Light of the World, the holy generosity of God. The great New Testament saints - in fact, all saints - look right through and past the outward appearance of men’s lives, and seek only for the seed of the divine life within them, the hidden child of God. *Ye are of God, little children*, exclaims Saint John, *greater is he that is in you than he that is in the world.* That is the awful truth which rules the inner life of man.

~ Evelyn Underhill, “The School of Charity: Meditations on the Christian Creed,” quoted at:  
<https://thevalueofsparrows.wordpress.com/2017/01/06/christmas-with-evelyn-underhill-the-magi-and-new-birth/>

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