

*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

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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*Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 12 to week of July 19, 2026*

Bonnie News

Franciscan Church of St. Bonaventure



*The Sower (1888) detail, Vincent van Gogh (1853-1890). Oil on canvas.
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The Sower by William Cowper

Ye sons of Earth prepare the plough,
break up your fallow ground!

The Sower is gone forth to sow,
and scatter blessings round.

The seed that finds a stony soil,
shoots forth a hasty blade;
But ill repays the sower's toil,
soon withered, scorched, and dead.

The thorny ground is sure to balk
all hopes of harvest there;
We find a tall and sickly stalk,
but not the fruitful ear.

The beaten path and high-way side
receive the trust in vain;
The watchful birds the spoil divide,
and pick up all the grain.

But where the Lord of grace and power
has blessed the happy field;
How plenteous is the golden store
the deep-wrought furrows yield!

Father of mercies we have need
of thy preparing grace;
Let the same hand that gives the seed,
provide a fruitful place.

Source: <https://thevalueofsparrows.wordpress.com/2016/02/03/poetry-the-sower-by-william-cowper/>

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

LITURGY & SACRAMENTS

THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, July 13	9 AM	† Eugenie Obeyesekere & Jude Weerasinghe
Tuesday, July 14	9 AM	Intention of Merianthe Zuraek, for healing
Wednesday, July 15	9 AM 7 PM	The Parishioners † All Deceased Former Parishioners
Thursday, July 16	9 AM	In Thanksgiving from Bernadette Limasa
Friday, July 17	9 AM	The Friars Intention of Angelica, for healing † Grazia & Domenic Maida † Madelina Mora † All Souls in Purgatory
Saturday, July 18	5 PM	Intention of Sherwin Chua
Sunday, July 19	8:30 AM	† Cesar Urrutia
	10 AM	† Konstantinos Floros
	12 PM	The Parishioners
Sanctuary Lamps	Bl. Sac.	Personal Intentions
	Bl. Sac.	Intention of Paulus Lau, for healing
	Our Lady	Personal Intentions

NEXT WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, July 20	9 AM	Intention of Adrienne Mays
Tuesday, July 21	9 AM	† Mr. John Soans
Wednesday, July 22	9 AM	Intention of Gwen Fitzgerald
Thursday, July 23	9 AM	Intention of Elizabeth Wong
Friday, July 24	9 AM	Intention of Geoffrey Prabhu † Rose Gonzalez † John Healy † Rita Sabourin † Pablo & Rose Sare
Saturday, July 25	5 PM	† Reynoldo Lopez
Sunday, July 26	8:30 AM	The Parishioners
	10 AM	† Manav Raj Malhotra
	12 PM	Mandel Da Silva
Sanctuary Lamps	Bl. Sac.	† Louis Emilien
	Bl. Sac.	Intention for the Sick
	Our Lady	Intention of Paulus Lau, for healing

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



All children aged 4-9 are invited to participate in this parallel, age-appropriate celebration of the Liturgy of the Word during 10 a.m. Sunday Mass. A parent is welcome to accompany a child who is too shy to participate on their own. Please note: the final Liturgy of the Word for the season will be celebrated on July 26.

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, and + Colleen Maida

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

ST. BONAVENTURE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE (CWL)



The Catholic Women's League incorporates a "theme a month" model to help councils live out the national focus "***Blessed are the Poor***" throughout the year.

July Focus: Grandparents, the Elderly & Friends

Guided by the theme "Blessed Are the Poor," members are reminded that poverty includes loneliness, isolation, illness, grief, and loss of independence. We are called to respond with compassion, presence, and friendship. Ways to Serve:

- Visit seniors and shut-ins
- Make check-in calls or create parish outreach lists
- Offer transportation to Mass or parish events
- Foster intergenerational gatherings

Members are encouraged to listen with presence, offer friendship, welcome newcomers, and pray for those who are lonely or grieving.

VENEZUELA EARTHQUAKE RELIEF DONATIONS ~ ARCHDIOCESE OF TORONTO

The Archdiocese of Toronto will accept donations and channel funds through our Catholic partners in South America to support relief efforts underway. You can donate online by going to:

<https://www.archtoronto.org/en/contact-us/donations/donate-pages/donate-to-venezuela-relief/>

You may also donate through your local parish or through the Archdiocese of Toronto's Donations Processing Centre at: 437-529-1287



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - VENEZUELA DISASTER RELIEF ITEM DONATIONS



Disaster Relief for Venezuela: Together, we can bring hope and help save lives. Please support the donation drop-off on **Saturday, July 11, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**

at **1300 Leslie Street, Don Mills, ON M3C 2K9**. Items most needed include health and hygiene supplies, maternal-infant nutrition and

milk formulas, long-duration non-perishable food, disaster logistics supplies, new undergarments, bedding, and light blankets. For more information on specific items to donate, please see the flyers at the back of the church and at the Ministry Centre.

MISSION APPEAL FOR THE SALEM DIOCESE, TAMIL NADU, INDIA

Mission Cooperative Program of the Archdiocese of Toronto

This Weekend (July 11/12) we welcome Fr. Petter Thomas who is speaking at all the masses. Fr. Petter represents the Diocese of Salem, India, that is participating in the Mission Cooperative Program of the Archdiocese of Toronto. Fr. Petter has prepared a summary of the services that the proceeds of this Mission Appeal will support. The collection for this Mission Appeal will be taken up the weekend of July 18/19.

The Diocese of Salem in Tamil Nadu, India, serves more than 86,000 Catholics within a wider population of over 6.1 million people, many of whom live in serious economic hardship. Because local parishioners have limited financial means, outside support is essential to help sustain the diocese's mission. Your prayers and generosity will directly support education for poor and orphaned children in village schools and children's homes, leadership and legal-awareness programs for rural Dalit (segregated) women, mobile medical camps offering care to remote families, vocational training in practical trades for unemployed youth, and homes that provide shelter, food, medical care, and dignity for abandoned elderly people. Please consider supporting this life-giving mission through prayer and a monetary donation.

Donations may be made by cheque payable to the parish, with "Salem Diocese" written in the memo line.

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!

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 world's less fortunate.

July items: Rice.

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

Thank you for your generosity!

UPCOMING EVENTS

JUBILEE 800 ~ YEAR OF ST. FRANCIS ~ JULY AT THE PARISH

Theme: St. Bonaventure: Solidifying Francis' Vision.

Wednesday, July 15th ~ Feast of St. Bonaventure

9:00 a.m. Mass followed by coffee & donuts.

7:00 p.m. Mass followed by an ice cream social in the Courtyard.

(Please note revised time.)

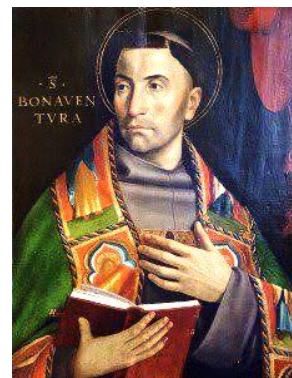
Sunday, July 19th ~ 7:00 p.m. Film night

~ "Waking Ned Devine" (Comedy ~ 1hr 30 mins, PG) ~ Main Hall, Parish Centre

~ Film for young children, T.B.A. ~ Francis Room, Parish Centre

We will provide the movie and popcorn.

Please feel free to bring any other snacks you would like to enjoy.



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

We strive to provide meaningful and relevant content through our own presentations and collaborations with community partners. Alongside this, we value the opportunity to gather, connect, and grow together during our Tuesday morning sessions, typically held twice a month from September through June.

Our regular programs have now concluded for the season, and we will resume in September. There will be no scheduled MMA events during the summer months. However, Gentle Fitness will continue to be offered on Tuesday mornings. Details will be shared directly with MMA members via email. We also encourage you to stay engaged with parish life by checking the bulletin for upcoming activities celebrating the Year of St. Francis.

If you have ideas or suggestions for future programs, we would love to hear from you. Please feel free to reach out at mma@st-bonaventure.ca Wishing you a safe, restful, and joyful summer. We look forward to welcoming you back in September!

CWL COFFEE CLUB - SAVE THE DATES

Coffee Club goes summer mode. Sunshine, good company, and a reliable caffeine supply. **Meet us at Barretto's Café at 10:00am.** Mark your calendars: August 6 - We're fully thawed. September 3 - We pretend summer isn't ending. *Drop in, sip, chat, repeat.*

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/>

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REFLECTION

“Listen! A sower went out to sow.” Mt 13: 3

The sun is extraordinarily generous, giving huge parts of itself away every second. Scientists tell us that every second, inside the sun, the equivalent of 4 million elephants are being transformed into light, an irretrievable, one-time gift. The sun is giving itself away. If this generosity should halt, all energy would eventually lose its source and everything would die and become inert. We, and everything on our planet, live because of the generosity of the sun.

In this bounteousness, the sun reflects the abundance of God, a largesse that invites us to also be generous, to have big-hearts, to risk more in giving ourselves away in self-sacrifice, to witness to God's abundance. But this isn't easy. Instinctually we move more naturally to self-preservation and security. By nature we fear and we hoard. Because of this, whether we are poor or not, we tend to work out of a sense of scarcity, fearing always that we don't have enough, that there isn't enough, and that we need to be careful in what we give away, that we can't afford to be too generous. But God belies this, as does nature. God is prodigal, abundant, generous, and wasteful beyond our small fears and imaginations. Nature too is stunningly overwhelming and prodigal. The scope of our universe, even just in so far as we know it, is almost unimaginable. So too is the abundance and prodigal character of God.

We see this, for instance, in the biblical parable of the Sower: the Sower, God, whom Jesus describes, is not a calculating person who sows his grain carefully and discriminately only into worthy soil. This Sower scatters seeds indiscriminately everywhere: on the road, in the bushes, in the rocks, into barren soil, as well as into good soil. He has, it seems, unlimited seeds and so he works from a generous sense of abundance rather than from a guarded sense of scarcity. We see that same abundance in the parable of the vineyard owner, where the owner, God, gives a full day's wage to everybody, whether they worked the full day or not. God...has limitless wealth and is not stingy in giving it out.

God is equally prodigal and generous in forgiveness, in the gospel, as we see. In the parable of the Father who forgives the prodigal son we see a person who can forgive out of a richness that dwarfs dignity and calculated cost to self. And we see this same largesse in Jesus himself as he forgives both those who executed him and those who abandoned him during his execution. God, from everything we can see, is so rich in love and mercy that he can afford to be wasteful, over-generous, non-calculating, non-discriminating, incredibly risk-taking, and big-hearted beyond our imaginations. And that's the invitation: to have a sense of God's abundance so as to risk always a bigger heart and generosity beyond the instinctual fear that has us believe that we need to be more calculating because things seem scarce.

Excerpt from Ron Rolheiser, OMI, “In Exile: an Invitation to Generosity.” To read the whole reflection go to:
<https://www.slu.edu/mission-identity/initiatives/slu-liturgy.php#july12>

May the Lord bless you and keep you!