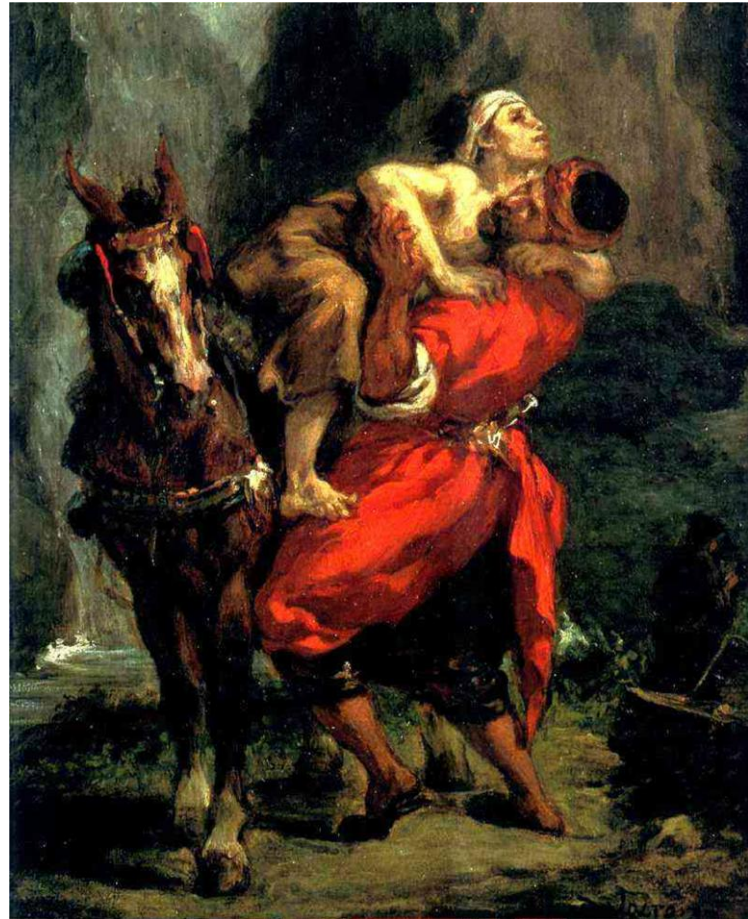


*Growing  
in Spirit,  
Community,  
and Service*

*Fifteenth & Sixteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time  
July 13 and 20, 2025*

# Bonnie News

*Franciscan Church of St. Bonaventure*



"The Good Samaritan" (1849), Eugène Delacroix (French, 1798-1863). Private Collection. Public domain. Source: Wikimedia Commons.

## **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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## **Thou has loved us first by Søren Kierkegaard**

Father in Heaven! Thou has loved us first, help us never to forget that Thou art love so that this sure conviction might triumph in our hearts over the seduction of the world, over the inquietude of the soul, over the anxiety for the future, over the fright of the past, over the distress of the moment. But grant also that this conviction might discipline our soul so that our heart might remain faithful and sincere in the love which we bear to all those whom Thou hast commanded us to love as we love ourselves.

From *The Prayers of Kierkegaard*. Perry D. LeFevre, ed. (University of Chicago Press, 1956) as quoted by Michael Fitzpatrick on: <https://www.journeywithjesus.net/poemsandprayers/3412-thou-hast-loved-us-first>

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

## LITURGY & SACRAMENTS

### THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, July 14	9 AM	† Ivy Cheung
Tuesday, July 15	9 AM	† George Della Rocca
Wednesday, July 16	9 AM	† Julia Smith
Thursday, July 17	9 AM	Intentions of Lorrain & Antonio Florentino Jr.
Friday, July 18	9 AM	Brothers, Sisters and Benefactors of the Order † Giovanni Lanci † Lena Daly † Grazia Maida † Margaret Creedon O'Shea † Marie Louise Smith
Saturday, July 19	5 PM	Intentions of Sherwin Chua
Sunday, July 20	8:30 AM	The Parishioners
	10 AM	† Konstantinos Floros
	12 PM	† Milton Anthony
Sanctuary Lamps	Bl. Sac.	† Teresa Hui
	Bl. Sac.	Personal Intention
	Our Lady	† Hutton Shillingford

### NEXT WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, July 21	9 AM	† John Soans
Tuesday, July 22	9 AM	† Vinodh Loganadhan
Wednesday, July 23	9 AM	† Miguel Abreu
Thursday, July 24	9 AM	† Rita Sabourin
Friday, July 25	9 AM	† Enrico Amerigo Ricci † Jose Torres † Hormuz Parbhoo † Sigmund Soudack † Teresa Hui † Manuel Balignasay
Saturday, July 26	5 PM	Sebastian Cameron, on his birthday
Sunday, July 27	8:30 AM	The Parishioners
	10 AM	† Carol Budden
	12 PM	† Manoel DaSilva
Sanctuary Lamps	Bl. Sac.	† Mary Lou Gray
	Bl. Sac.	† Peter D'Brass
	Our Lady	† Teresa Hui

### HOLY COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND

Our parish has an active Eucharistic Ministry to the Homebound. Our Eucharistic Ministers provide pastoral visits and bring Holy Communion to parishioners who are unable to attend church because of illness, disability or age. If you or someone you know might benefit from this ministry, please contact us at [homebound@st-bonaventure.ca](mailto:homebound@st-bonaventure.ca) or at 416-447-5571 ext. 590 and let us know.

### THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION AT ST. BONAVENTURE PARISH

Confessions are heard on a weekly basis on Saturdays from 9 to 10 a.m. in the Confessional Room. In addition, you can always make an appointment with Fr. Peter or Fr. Tom.

### LITURGY OF THE WORD WITH CHILDREN

Liturgy of the Word with Children is celebrated at the 10 a.m. Mass for children ages 4-9. The final Liturgy of the Word for Children for the season will be celebrated on July 27. The volunteers will take a well-deserved rest during the month of August.

### SCRIPTURE SHARING GROUP AT ST. BONAVENTURE'S

The Scripture Sharing group meets every Wednesday from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the Oak Room of the Parish Centre to prepare for the readings for the upcoming Sunday. Reflecting on the spirituality of the scriptures before Mass can have a great impact on hearing the Word proclaimed on Sunday. Participation via ZOOM is available. For more information, please contact Tom: [tom.burns6727@gmail.com](mailto:tom.burns6727@gmail.com)

### 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, + Bernard Nottage, + Anna Szatmary, + Christopher Harris, + Blanca Graciela, + Martin Frank,  
+ Thelma Jonathan, + Jeanette Bertheau, + Edward Baker, + Joyce De Gannes, + Rochelle Labrador,  
+ Vinodh Loganadhan, + Barbara Makowicz, + Anne Clune, + Antonino (Tony) Cravero, + Frances Fong,  
+ Mary Lou Gray, + Teresa Hui and + Peter D'Brass.

### PRAYER NETWORK REQUESTS

Network members pray daily for your prayer intentions which are held in confidence. New members are welcome! Please call Teresa Krijgsman at **416-709-8150** with your prayer intentions or if you would like to join the prayer network.

### HELPING OTHERS

### CWL INITIATIVE FOR 2025: SHARE THE WORDS



#### Inspire

Catholic Women's League members' passion is to inspire women, to grow in faith, and to witness to the love of God through ministry and service. Need inspiration or have inspiration to share?

We are excited to have you join us!

#### Integrity

A hallmark of the Catholic Women's League is integrity. Members stand together in faithfulness, reliability, honesty and helping others. We are Catholic and Living It! Come stand with us.

### CASSEROLES FOR THE GOOD SHEPHERD REFUGE

Our target for July is 65+ casseroles. This would help supply a meal to those with the most need, the very hungry. The need is so very great and only visible to the eyes of those present at the Refuge. Please accept this challenge to help feed the poor and see Christ in the faces of those who desperately need a meal. **The next casserole drop-off is by July 28.** Thank you for your effort!

## SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL



***“Lord, help us to recognize that you are always with us and to reach out for help when we’re struggling. Send your grace into our hearts, that we might also serve others who are [in] need of your love and healing. Help us all to move toward the holiness and happiness for which you created us.” ~ Bishop James Conley***

Please assist Vincentians to lift the burdens of others, especially those who struggle to afford the basic necessities of life, and to refresh them with humble care and service. Your donations to our three poor boxes and through CanadaHelps do make a difference. Thank you! Online donations can be made securely through the following link:

<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/society-of-st-vincent-de-paul-st-bonaventure-conference/>

## SHARELIFE

**You help young parents raise their children with love and care**

Rose of Sharon is one of the agencies you support through ShareLife. Your kindness ensures that young parents are equipped with the tools they need before and after childbirth to raise their children with love.

*“Your generosity enables us to provide crucial resources; practical supports including food, baby formula, and clothing; guidance through our counsellors; and a supportive environment for these individuals during a pivotal and challenging phase of their lives.” -*

Deanne Kukulewich, Executive Director, Rose of Sharon

Thus far we have raised **\$67,590 or 62%** toward our goal of **\$109,000**. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at [sharelife.org/donate](https://sharelife.org/donate).



## UPCOMING EVENTS

**ST. BONAVENTURE FEAST DAY - TUESDAY, JULY 15 ~ 9 AM MASS FOLLOWED BY CAKE AND COFFEE**

**Help us to celebrate our patron saint’s feast day.**

**Please join us in the hall for cake & coffee after the 9 a.m. Mass. All are welcome!**

*“No one can attain beatitude unless he rises above himself, not in body but in heart. Yet we cannot rise above ourselves unless a superior power lifts us up. No matter how well we plan our spiritual progress, nothing comes of it unless divine assistance intervenes. And divine assistance is there for those who seek it humbly and devoutly, who sigh for it in this vale of tears by fervent prayer.” ~ St. Bonaventure*

## 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 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, usually twice monthly, September to June. We look forward to welcoming you and feel free to invite a friend! If you would like more information, e-mail Trena Finnegan Coordinator Ministry With Maturing Adults: [trena@st-bonaventure.ca](mailto:trena@st-bonaventure.ca) **Wishing you a wonderful summer full of rest and relaxation!**

**Tuesday August 5<sup>th</sup> - 10:00AM to 11:30AM Main Hall**

***A Morning in Bordeaux***

Bienvenue à Bordeaux! Community spaces are not built in a day, but Bordeaux does it right! Enjoy an afternoon exploring the architecture, history, food and culture of this walkable pedestrian city. Visit the Darwin Eco-système, stroll down the Rue Sainte-Catherine, enjoy delicious French treats and more, all from Toronto!

*Presentation by: Jane Teasdale, Joint Owner and Director Business Development and Community Relations, Mosaic Home Care Services & Community Resource Centre & accompanying her is Lauren McNair Senior Community Resource and Social Engagement Coordinator. Website: [www.mosaichomecare.com](http://www.mosaichomecare.com)*

**Tuesday September 9<sup>th</sup> - 10:00AM to 11:30AM Main Hall**

***Our Need for Spiritual Integration in the Second Half of Life***

Of our many needs in life - purpose, love, growth, gratitude, forgiveness, service... - spirituality is not simply one more on the list; rather, it permeates and gives meaning to all we do. For our pilgrimage of life is, in its essence, a journey of spirituality, a path that enables us, have we but eyes to see, to encounter God within and without, everywhere we turn. By looking for the gift, the blessing, the presence of God in everything, we discover that our lives themselves are a sacred, holy way. We only need to appreciate the precious time we have to notice. Join us in this MMA session to ponder, wonder, snack(!), and converse about signposts that God has put in our lives, and to practise seeing how our current life journey can open up a fresh and deepened understanding of God's love and presence. Because we are called to do something, to be someone - right now; this is the time.

*Presented by Sandra Nelson, parishioner, and inspired by Let This Be the Time, Janet Schaeffler, OP*

**Tuesday September 23<sup>rd</sup> 10:00AM to 11:30AM Main Hall**

***(Rescheduled from June) Ways to get Stronger and Healthier at Home***

Getting stronger, building muscle and having more energy is possible for everybody. You don't need to go to a fitness centre or invest in expensive equipment. You can exercise when you want in the comfort of your own home. A chair, broomstick and some simple fitness equipment can help you kickstart your day or give you the mid-day break you need. In this talk, Deacon Michael Carrera, a professional fitness trainer and wellness coach will walk you through some practical home-based exercises and answer questions you may have.

*Michael Carrera has a masters degree in exercise science and has authored and co-authored four books: Periodization Strength Training for Sports (2nd ed.), The Catholic Workout book and DVD, Conditioning Young Athletes and Soul Winner. Soul Loser. A Remarkable Story of Finding Meaning in the Wisdom of the Day. Two of his books have been translated into multiple languages. Michael was recently ordained a Permanent Deacon for the Archdiocese of Toronto. He lives in Toronto, Canada, with his wife and four children.*

**Save the Dates: October 7<sup>th</sup> and October 21<sup>st</sup>**

**PILGRIMAGE TO MARTYR'S SHRINE, MIDLAND - SUNDAY AUGUST 24, 2025**

The **Knights of Columbus** warmly invite all parishioners to participate in a special pilgrimage to the **Martyrs' Shrine** in Midland, Ontario, on **Sunday, August 24, 2025**, in celebration of the Archdiocese of Toronto's Jubilee Year. This meaningful journey honors the Canadian Martyrs and offers an opportunity for spiritual renewal, including the chance to receive a plenary indulgence, attend Mass celebrated by **Cardinal Frank Leo**, and spend time in prayer and reflection.

To help make the pilgrimage accessible, the Knights are organizing a **chartered bus** from the parish to the shrine. Seating is limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis. Additional details will be provided in upcoming parish bulletins and are available from the parish office. For inquiries or to reserve your seat, please contact [KofCCouncil5080@outlook.com](mailto:KofCCouncil5080@outlook.com).

**SAVE THE DATE - 16<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL LINDA'S WALK ~ SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2025**



**16<sup>TH</sup> Annual Linda's Walk**  
**Saturday, September 27, 2025**  
**Registration Opens at 9:30 am**

Linda's Walk is a family-friendly 5K walk to help homeless women with mental health challenges rebuild their lives.

For more information and for Registration, please check the website at: [stclareinn.com](http://stclareinn.com)



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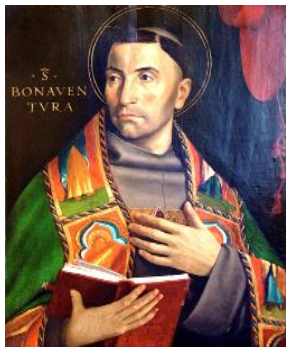
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## WHO WAS ST. BONAVENTURE?



Born to a wealthy family in Bagnoregio (in central Italy), Bonaventure joined the Franciscans around 1238 in the midst of his studies at the University of Paris. St. Francis had died only some dozen years before, but already his order was rapidly changing the face of the Church in Europe. Franciscan simplicity might not have seemed an attractive fit for a learned scholar. In fact, Francis had held learning in great esteem so long as it was subordinated to the pursuit of holiness. In this spirit, Bonaventure received support from the order to continue his studies. In 1257, along with his Dominican counterpart St. Thomas Aquinas, he received his doctorate in theology.

Bonaventure was immediately elected to serve as minister-general of the Friars Minor, a role in which he left a lasting mark. Among other things, he tried to steer a middle course between contending factions within the order—those who insisted on strict adherence to Francis's spirit of poverty and those who took a more relaxed attitude. For his success in establishing the direction of the Franciscans, Bonaventure was later known as a Second Founder.

Aside from writing an influential life of St. Francis, Bonaventure wrote a number of other works. In 1265 he respectfully declined an appointment as archbishop of York. In 1273, however, Pope Gregory X ordered him to accept the title of cardinal-bishop of Albano. He died the following year. Canonized in 1482, Bonaventure was declared a Doctor of the Church in 1588. In recognition of his angelic virtue, he is known as the Seraphic Doctor. *"Spiritual joy is the greatest sign of the divine grace dwelling in a soul."*—St. Bonaventure

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