



*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

9 am: Monday to Friday

**Sacrament of
Reconciliation**

Saturday: 9 to 10 am

Ministry Centre

Hours

10 AM– 4 PM

**Monday, Wednesday,
Friday**

**and by appointment on
Tuesday & Thursday**

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*Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 16, 2023*

Bonnie News

Franciscan Church of St. Bonaventure



*The Birds Eating the Seeds of the Sower, by Hans Leonhard Schäufelein (1480-1540)
from Himmelmwagen auff dem, wer wol lebt..., 1517.
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Good Soil

by Malcom Guite

I love your simple story of the sower,
With all its close attention to the soil,
Its movement from the knowledge to the knower,
Its take on the tenacity of toil.

I feel the fall of seed a sower scatters,
So equally available to all,
Your story takes me straight to all that matters,
Yet understands the reasons why I fall.

Oh deepen me where I am thin and shallow,
Uproot in me the thistle and the thorn,
Keep far from me that swiftly snatching shadow,
That seizes on your seed to mock and scorn.

O break me open, Jesus, set me free,
Then find and keep your own good ground in me.

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LITURGY & SACRAMENTS

THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, July 17	9 AM	† Hugh Canning, father and son
Tuesday, July 18	9 AM	† Josef Sitar
Wednesday, July 19	9 AM	† George and Arlene D’Cruze
Thursday, July 20	9 AM	† David Sullivan
Friday, July 21	9 AM	† John Albert Soans † Grazia Maida † Pepito Sicat † Pacifico Sicat The Parishioners
Saturday, July 22	5 PM	Sonya Urbanc
Sunday, July 23	8:30 AM	† Eamonn Nolan
	10 AM	† Mary DiGregorio
	12 PM	† Rusela Jeanalie Toquero and Erlinda Castellano
Sanctuary Lamps	Maria Magdalena Koschel Stoehr	
	† Ines Maria Sanabria	
	The Loganadhan Family	

FEAST OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE, DISCIPLE OF THE LORD ~ JULY 22



In 2016, Pope Francis raised the July 22 memorial of St. Mary Magdalene to the rank of a feast on the sanctoral calendar in recognition of the saint’s role as first to witness Christ’s resurrection and her authentic proclamation of the Gospel.

Mary Magdalene appears in the Gospels in the most dramatic moments of Jesus’ life, when she accompanies Him to Calvary and, along with other women, witnesses his crucifixion and death. She is still there when Joseph of Arimathea places the body of Jesus in the sepulcher, which is closed with a stone. On the morning of the first day of the week, she returns to the tomb, finds the stone rolled away, and runs to warn Peter and John. They in turn hurry to the empty tomb and discover that the body of the Lord is missing.

The two disciples return home, but Mary Magdalene remains at the tomb in tears. Her initial disbelief gradually turns to faith when she sees two angels and asks them if they know where Jesus’ body has been taken. Then she sees Jesus Himself but fails to recognize Him. From his morning meditation on April 2, 2013, Pope Francis said that Mary Magdalene’s tears at Christ’s empty tomb—the moment when she

had to face the failure of her hopes—are a reminder that there “are tears themselves which prepare us to see Jesus.” She thinks He is the gardener, and when He asks why she is crying and who she is looking for, she replies: “Sir, if you have taken Him away, tell me where you have put Him and I will go and remove Him.” But Jesus says her name, “Mary” - and she recognizes Him at once: “Rabbouni!”, she says, which in Hebrew means “Teacher!”. Jesus then tells her: “Do not hold on to me because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God’.” So Mary Magdalene goes to the disciples and tells them she has seen the Lord and that He said these things to her. (cf. John 20).

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Mary Magdalene is the first among the women following Jesus to proclaim Him as having overcome death. She is the first to announce the joyful message of Easter. But she also proved she was among those who loved Him most when she stood at the foot of the Cross on Mount Calvary together with Mary, His Mother, and the disciple, St. John. She did not deny him or run away in fear as the other disciples did, but remained close to Him every moment, up to and including the tomb.

- From Vatican News, *Saints*.

Image: *The Penitent Magdalene*, by Mary Beale (-1699), c. 1672, oil on canvas.

LITURGY OF THE WORD WITH CHILDREN AT THE 10 A.M. SUNDAY MASS

For children ages 4 to 9 (older children who “missed out” the past two years due to pandemic restrictions may participate.) A parent is welcome to accompany a child who is too shy to participate on their own. **Through the generosity of our volunteers, we are able to provide this ministry to the children throughout the month of July.**

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Confessions are heard on a weekly basis on Saturdays from 9 to 10 am in the Mary Chapel. In addition, confessions are heard on the first Monday of the month from 1 to 2 pm. Finally, you can always make an appointment with Fr. Peter or Fr. Tom to celebrate this Sacrament in which we encounter our merciful God.

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:

+ Gerald Desjardins, + David Hui, + Teresa Brown, + Patricia Docherty, + Nina Jagaric, + FlordeLiz Noriel,
+ Donna McGuinness, + Claudine Fox, + Anita Baker, + Cecily Foss, + Madeline Fotyi, + Anthony Narayan,
+ Dennis Szechy, + Martha Fogh, + Kevin O’Sullivan, + Oliver Figueiredo, + Marcelina Manankil, + Mildred Cope,
+ Raneer Nadarajah, + Douglas Woollings, + George De Gannes, + June Burns, + Neil Pinto, + Geraldine Holen,
+ Dorothy Ying, + Vincent Chaisson, + Neil Buchanan, + Clement Leung, + Andrew Tomcik, + Ross Abbott,
+ Lois Theriault, + Marion Shaw, + Ignatius McHugh, + Giovanni Boscarino, and † Emily Cusimano.

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 416-444-4719 with your prayer intentions or if you would like to join the prayer network.

SUMMER PRAYER

Let us pray that God will bless us and our families during the refreshing months of summer. May we make our homes and cottages places of relaxation, good cheer, hospitality, and peace. May we notice the thumbprint of God in the beauty of creation and give praise. May we be generous and considerate, helping others enjoy the blessings of summertime. Lord God, Creator of all things, grant safety to vacationers. Give us refreshment of mind, body and spirit. Help us enter a slower pace to draw closer to you in prayer and to enjoy the company of family and friends through whom you bless us. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

-adapted from CatholicDoors.com

HELPING OTHERS

CASSEROLES FOR GOOD SHEPHERD REFUGE

CHRISTMAS IN JULY

As always, a heartfelt thank you to the Bonnie Casserole Cooks for sending along 38 casseroles to the Good Shepherd. As you can see, we dropped from our all time high of 73 in the previous month.

Let's make it CHRISTMAS IN JULY for those who come to the Good Shepherd door for a meal.

If you would like to be a part of this ministry, you are welcome to join. The cost is to provide a casserole when you are able: once a month, alternate months, or any time you can. Pans and recipes are available at the back of the church. The gift you give to the needy is the gift you give to yourself.



FOOD DRIVE IN SUPPORT OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD CENTRE

We continue to collect food weekly and will accept all food donations, especially:

Tomato Sauce, Canned Tomatoes, Soup and Stews, Mayonnaise and Mustard, Jam, Granola Bars, Beans, Chickpeas, Canned corn and peas, Breakfast Cereals, Peanut Butter, Canned Tuna, and Salmon.

Please place non-perishable food items into the baskets at the back of the church. ***Thank You!!!***

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Do not grieve or complain that you were born in a time when you can no longer see God in the flesh. He did not in fact take this privilege from you. As he says, "Whatever you have done to the least of my brothers, you did to me." ~St. Augustine



Is there a family or person you know who needs assistance?

Please call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that together we can help those who are hungry: 416-447-5571 Ext. 570. Your generous donations to our poor boxes and through

CanadaHelps enable us to continue helping those in need. ***Thank you!*** You may donate securely online at: <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/society-of-st-vincent-de-paul-st-bonaventure-conference/>

SHARELIFE 2023 PARISH CAMPAIGN - LIVING THE GOSPEL

ShareLife

Living the Gospel: 2023 Parish Campaign

Thus far our parish has raised \$76,062.70 toward our goal of \$94,000.

We are at 81% of our goal! We're getting closer to meeting our goal! If you haven't already done so, please consider donating. Your donation will help those in need. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.

Living the
Gospel

Thank You!!!

UPCOMING EVENTS

ANNUAL MASS FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED - WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16, 2023, AT 7 PM

Cemetery locations and Celebrants for this year's Mass are:

- [Assumption Cemetery](#), Mississauga, Most Reverend Frank Leo, Archbishop of Toronto
- [Christ the King Cemetery](#), Markham, Most Reverend Vincent Nguyen
- [Holy Cross Cemetery](#), Thornhill, Most Reverend John A. Boissonneau
- [Mount Hope Cemetery](#), Toronto, Most Reverend Robert Kasun
- [Queen of Heaven Cemetery](#), Woodbridge, Most Reverend Ivan Camilleri
- [Resurrection Cemetery](#), Whitby, Rev. Fr. Dominic Barber

SAVE THE DATE - 14TH ANNUAL LINDA'S WALK - SEPTEMBER 23, 2023

Linda's
Walk
2023

Join us on:

Saturday, September 23, 2023

for the 14th Annual Linda's Walk in support of St. Clare Inn.

Choose to walk in-person or virtually.

Registration information to follow.

Contact info@stclareinn.org if you are interested in becoming an event sponsor.

WORLD DAY OF GRANDPARENTS & THE ELDERLY, JULY 23, 2023

The Church is preparing to celebrate the 3rd World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, on Sunday, 23 July 2023, near the Feast of Saints Joachim and Anne, with the motto 'His mercy is from age to age' (Lk 1:50).

The Church observes the World Day each year on the fourth Sunday in July, close to the feast of Jesus' grandparents, Saints Joachim and Anne.

**We are grateful for Grandparents and Elders
and their many contributions!**



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REFLECTION

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

...Jesus proceeds to spell out an allegorical interpretation that names what blocks full growth of the word—failing to understand what was sown in the heart, being shallow in one's response and therefore wilting in the face of persecution, and being distracted by worldly anxiety and desire for riches.

That is all clear enough, but what sometimes confuses careful readers is the apparent confusion about what the seed represents. Matthew 13:19 seems to say that the seed is both “the word of the kingdom” and the person who responds (poorly or well). As the explanation continues, the emphasis is on the seed as person: e.g., “the seed sown on the rocky ground is the one who hears the word and receives it at once with joy” (Mt 13:20).

We might like a clear equation, either seed = the word, or seed = person. But the biblical tradition gives precedent for seed symbolizing both of those meanings. Isaiah 55 associates seed with the word of God, but Hosea 2:23 and Jeremiah 31:27 use the sowing image for a renewed people. So there is reason to make seed serve as a double-duty symbol.

Indeed, Matthew, in the scene immediately preceding this parable's discourse, has provided an episode illustrating how a community of people is created by their response to the word of God. When Jesus is told that his mother and brothers are standing outside asking to speak with him, Jesus stretches out his hand toward his disciples, and says, “Here are my mother and my brothers. For whoever does the will of my heavenly Father is my brother, and sister, and mother” (Mt 12:49-50).”

~ Dennis Hamm, SJ

May the Lord bless you and keep you!