

*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,
appointments only.**

Saturday:

3 pm to 7 pm

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*Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 21, 2024*

Bonnie News

Franciscan Church of St. Bonaventure



*Jesus Preaches in a Ship / Jésus prêche dans une barque (1886-1894) by James Tissot (1836-1902),
Opaque watercolour over graphite on gray wove paper. © Brooklyn Museum.*

You were far from the source of life,
wandering, and dispersed.

Now, rejoice:

by his cross the Lamb

gathers the flock,

and all those who follow him proclaim:

*Jesus, our shepherd,
you lead us to the Father!*

All of you who are hungry and thirsty,
come quickly:

God's justice is revealed to you.

The walls are destroyed,
the barriers are down:

God reconciles you

through the blood of the lamb.

Joyous news for those who were far
and for those who were near:

one body unites them.

LITURGY & SACRAMENTS

THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, July 22	9 AM	45 th Wedding Anniversary of John and Carmen Lee
Tuesday, July 23	9 AM	Intention of Frank Marneau
Wednesday, July 24	9 AM	† George De Gannes
Thursday, July 25	9 AM	† Patrick Chu
Friday, July 26	9 AM	Intentions of Anton and Raneer Perera Special Intention of Pat Macdonald Intention of Agnes Ng † Mildred Cope
Saturday, July 27	5 PM	† Ilse Klingemann
Sunday, July 28	8:30 AM	The Parishioners
	10 AM	† Giovanni Abbruzzese
	12 PM	† Chi Cheung
Sanctuary Lamps	Bl. Sac.	† Patrick Chu
	Bl. Sac.	Intention of Agnes Ng
	Our Lady	Intentions of Terezia Geryove

LITURGY OF THE WORD WITH CHILDREN AT THE 10 AM SUNDAY MASS

For children ages 4 to 9. A parent is welcome to accompany a child who is too shy to participate on their own. **The last offering of Liturgy of the Word with Children for the summer will be on July 28.** Thank you to the volunteers who make this special moment of prayer available to the children Sunday after Sunday.

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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

PROCLAIMING THE COMING JUBILEE YEAR 2025



In the papal bull “Hope does not disappoint” announcing the Jubilee Year 2025, Pope Francis continues his guiding reflection under the theme “Anchored in hope”, in particular about the indulgence that is attached to this Year of Grace through the Sacrament of Reconciliation and the Blessed Virgin Mary as Model of Hope:

23. Indeed, the *indulgence* is a way of discovering the unlimited nature of God’s mercy. Not by chance, for the ancients, the terms “mercy” and “indulgence” were interchangeable, as expressions of the fullness of God’s forgiveness, which knows no bounds.

The *sacrament of Penance* assures us that God wipes away our sins. We experience those powerful and comforting words of the Psalm: “It is he who forgives all your guilt, who heals every one of your ills, who redeems your life from the grave, who crowns you with love and compassion... The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy... He does not treat us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our faults. For as the heavens are high above the earth, so strong is his love for those who fear him. As far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our sins” (Ps 103:3-4.8.10-12). The sacrament of Reconciliation is not only a magnificent spiritual gift, but also a decisive, essential and fundamental step on our journey of faith. There, we allow the Lord to erase our sins, to heal our hearts, to raise us up, to embrace us and to reveal to us his tender and compassionate countenance. There is no better way to know God than to let

him reconcile us to himself (cf. 2 Cor 5:20) and savour his forgiveness. Let us not neglect Confession, but rediscover the beauty of this sacrament of healing and joy, the beauty of God's forgiveness of our sins!

Still, as we know from personal experience, every sin "leaves its mark". Sin has consequences, not only outwardly in the effects of the wrong we do, but also inwardly, inasmuch as "every sin, even venial, entails an unhealthy attachment to creatures, which must be purified either here on earth, or after death, in the state called Purgatory". In our humanity, weak and attracted by evil, certain residual effects of sin remain. These are removed by the indulgence, always by the grace of Christ, who, as Saint Paul VI wrote, "is himself our 'indulgence'". The Apostolic Penitentiary will issue norms for obtaining and rendering spiritually fruitful the practice of the Jubilee indulgence.

This experience of full forgiveness cannot fail to open our hearts and minds to the need to *forgive others* in turn. Forgiveness does not change the past; it cannot change what happened in the past, yet it can allow us to change the future and to live different lives, free of anger, animosity and vindictiveness. Forgiveness makes possible a brighter future, which enables us to look at the past with different eyes, now more serene, albeit still bearing the trace of past tears.

For the last Extraordinary Jubilee, I commissioned *Missionaries of Mercy*, and these continue to carry out an important mission. During the coming Jubilee, may they exercise their ministry by reviving hope and offering forgiveness whenever a sinner comes to them with an open heart and a penitent spirit. May they remain a source of reconciliation and an encouragement to look to the future with heartfelt hope inspired by the Father's mercy. I encourage bishops to take advantage of their precious ministry, especially by sending them wherever hope is sorely tested: to prisons, hospitals, and places where people's dignity is violated, poverty abounds and social decay is prevalent. In this Jubilee Year, may no one be deprived of the opportunity to receive God's forgiveness and consolation.

24. Hope finds its supreme witness in *the Mother of God*. In the Blessed Virgin, we see that hope is not naive optimism but a gift of grace amid the realities of life. Like every mother, whenever Mary looked at her Son, she thought of his future. Surely she kept pondering in her heart the words spoken to her in the Temple by the elderly Simeon: "This child is destined for the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed, so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed - and a sword will pierce your own soul too" (Lk 2:34-35). At the foot of the cross, she witnessed the passion and death of Jesus, her innocent son. Overwhelmed with grief, she nonetheless renewed her "fiat", never abandoning her hope and trust in God. In this way, Mary cooperated for our sake in the fulfilment of all that her Son had foretold in announcing that he would have to "undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again" (Mk 8:31). In the travail of that sorrow, offered in love, Mary became our Mother, the Mother of Hope. It is not by chance that popular piety continues to invoke the Blessed Virgin as *Stella Maris*, a title that bespeaks the sure hope that, amid the tempests of this life, the Mother of God comes to our aid, sustains us and encourages us to persevere in hope and trust.

In this regard, I would note that the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico City is preparing to celebrate, in 2031, the fifth centenary of Our Lady's first apparition. Through Juan Diego, the Mother of God brought a revolutionary message of hope that she continues to bring to every pilgrim and all the faithful: "Am I not here, who am your Mother?" That message continues to touch hearts in the many Marian shrines throughout the world, where countless pilgrims commend to the holy Mother of God their cares, their sorrows and their hopes. During the Jubilee Year, may these shrines be sacred places of welcome and privileged spaces for the rebirth of hope. I encourage all pilgrims to Rome to spend time in prayer in the Marian shrines of the City, in order to venerate the Blessed Mother and to implore her protection. I am confident that everyone, especially the suffering and those most in need, will come to know the closeness of Mary, the most affectionate of mothers, who never abandons her children and who, for the holy people of God, is "a sign of certain hope and comfort".

The Jubilee Year will begin with the opening of the Holy Door on the 24th of December 2024 at St. Peter's Basilica. Pope Francis has asked that 2024 be a year of prayer in anticipation of and preparation for the Jubilee Year.

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:

+ Jim Meyer, + Marjorie McGinty, + Gerry Devlin, + Alice Eaglen, + Deanna Andrew, + Norman Bell,
+ Jean-Gabriel Castel, + Romi Walsh, + Brigid O'Rourke, + Joyce Dias Lamoureux, + Joan Watson,
+ Matt Gleeson, + Denise Baranecki, + Jhonny Mujica, + Alberto Samonte, + Marilyn Sher, + Mary-Lou Gleeson,
+ Virginia (Ginny) Doty, + Shirley Hynd, + Maureen Shanahan, + Edith Munro, + Celia Lyne, and + Chi Cheung.

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

CASSEROLES FOR THE GOOD SHEPHERD REFUGE

The Bonnie's Casserole Cooks provided [43 casseroles](#) for The Good Shepherd Refuge in the month of June. Please keep your hearts and kitchens open during the summer months as the need never goes away to help provide a meal for a hungry person. Your support to this service is very much appreciated. Pans and recipes are available in the cupboard at the back of the church. Please remember to sign for the pans you need.

Next due date is July 29.

SHARELIFE 2024 PARISH CAMPAIGN

Through ShareLife, you bring light to those in darkness

Through your unwavering commitment to ShareLife, people struggling with addiction are able to find new beginnings. Good Shepherd Ministries, an agency you support through ShareLife, provides them with specialized assistance.

We hope you will remain steadfast in helping those in dire need, and we thank you for your guiding light.

We have raised \$62,100 of our goal of \$109,000 or 57% of our goal.



SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL



By visiting people in need in their homes and walking alongside to guide them to resources to break the cycle of poverty, we give them hope for the future. Your generous donations to our poor boxes and through Canada Helps do help us make a difference. Thank you!



Our confidential helpline is: **416-447-5571 Ext. 570**. In addition to donating through our poor boxes located at our three main exits, online donations can be made securely through our QR code or the following link:

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

MINISTRY WITH MATURING ADULTS

Nurturing Our Spirituality in the Second Half of Life With a Focus on Care of the Body, Mind and Spirit.

These are in Person Meetings. There is no need to pre-register for these events. Just come and you will be warmly welcomed! And feel free to invite a friend!
trena@st-bonaventure.ca



Tuesday, August 13, 10-11:30 AM

Rejoicing in God's Goodness and Love

Sr. Francis, cps, will share her life journey with us and how her call into the religious life unfolded while showing us the importance and medicinal benefit of experiencing humour and laughter in our life. "Rejoice in the Lord always, again I say Rejoice." Philippians 4:4
Sr Francis was born and raised in Scotland. She entered the Missionary Sisters of the Precious Blood in 1976 and is currently serving the residents and her religious community at the St. Bernard's Retirement Residence in Toronto as the Spiritual Coordinator.

Tuesday, Sept. 3, 10-11:30 AM

Maturing Adults - Messengers of Hope in a Confusing Time

Deacon Mike Walsh will present on the 4 Non-Negotiables of Faith which speaks to some of the challenges the younger generation are facing and show how Maturing Adults could be a source of hope in a world that many see as hopeless.

Deacon Mike Walsh is a husband, father and ordained deacon of the Archdiocese of Toronto. He serves as the permanent deacon St. Patrick's Parish in Markham and has been very active in many parish and archdiocesan ministries. He is the executive director at the National Catholic Broadcasting Council who provides us with the Daily TV Mass.

Tuesday, September 17, 10-11:30 AM

Brain Fitness Presented by Jill Hewlett

[See poster on next page for more details.](#)

Tuesday, October 8 10-11:30 AM

10 Ways to Improve Mental Health as we age

In this workshop, participants will learn to identify depression and effective ways to care for themselves and others.

Dr. Sandra Sagrati is a clinical psychologist, who works with children, teens and adults. She obtained her doctoral degree at the University of Toronto, worked at the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health, and now works in her own private practice, Toronto West Psychology. She has published research in the areas of depression and anxiety, and has recently published a book, Pivot Self-Talk: Stop Asking All the Wrong Questions.

Save the Dates: October 22, November 5, and November 19. More information coming soon!

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER EXPERIENCE ~ SEPTEMBER 20-22, 2024



Fall in Love Again! Are you ready for more growth and happiness in your marriage or priesthood? Join us on September 20-22 at Queen of Apostles for a weekend that could change your life. **Discover the Secrets to a Lasting, Supportive, and Transformational Marriage!** This weekend is for couples, whether you are newlyweds or have been married for decades. It's also perfect for priests looking to deepen their relationship with their communities.

Call us NOW: Christian & Elizabeth Arroba, 416-554-4439 OR 416-554-7062
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Ministry with Maturing Adults Presents...

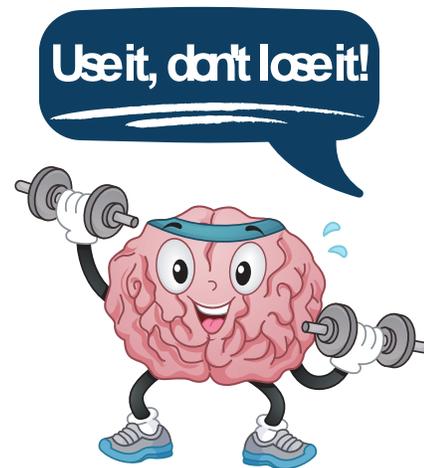
BRAIN FITNESS!

Tuesday Sept 17th, 2024 @ 10am - 11:30am

Learn fun, empowering and user-friendly neuroscience, along with easy and effective strategies that you can use to support current and long term brain health & functions!

You will:

- Increase energy levels
- Reduce stress & tension
- Access calm & relaxation
- Improve memory & recall
- Increase focus & mental clarity
- Problem solve more effectively
- Support health & wellbeing
- Reverse cognitive decline



Jill Hewlett is a nationally recognized speaker, author, Brain Fitness Expert & Wellness Authority. Combining user-friendly neuroscience and inspired common sense strategies, Jill draws out the natural leadership, resources and resilience in individuals & organizations to support them in reducing stress and achieving greater levels of productivity, wellness, and success. www.jillhewlett.com



40TH ANNUAL ROSARY SUNDAY ~ A LIVING PILGRIMAGE

Cardinal McGuigan Assembly #0865 of the Knights of Columbus is arranging a subsidized coach trip to Martyr's Shrine on September 8th. Outdoor Mass at 12 noon. 2:30 p.m. Procession of a Living Cross with Blessed Virgin Mary to Papal Altar for Living Rosary and Benediction. Celebrant and homilist: Bishop John Boissonneau. If you are interested in this event, please register as soon as possible as seating is limited. assembly865@gmail.com

2024 LINDA'S WALK - SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2024



The 15th Annual Linda's Walk will be taking place on Saturday September 28, 2024 at St. Bonaventure Church.

Registration for the walk is now open! You can find the link to the online registration page below. A free t-shirt will be included with every registration. There will also be a lunch following the walk in the St. Bonaventure Church hall. Thank you for your kind and continued support! If you have any questions please reach out to us at info@stclareinn.org.

Saturday September 28, 2024:

- Registration: 10:00am
- Walk Starts: 10:00-10:30am
- Lunch: 12:00pm

Registration Fees:

Adult: \$25.00

Youth (Ages 12 to 15): \$15.00

Children (Under 12): Free!

You can also find the walker registration and pledge form for download on our website: <http://www.stclareinn.com/events/>. Please register online using the following link: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/lindas-walk-2024-tickets-929170763767?aff=oddtcreator>

UPDATE ON THE MAINTENANCE COLLECTION FOR THE CONSTRUCTION PROJECT

The Second Collection July 6/7 for the Construction Project raised: **\$41,828**. We have now raised a total of \$79,984 towards our \$130,000 or 61.5% of our funding raising goal for this project. We have completed three of the six (6) Maintenance Fund Collections in 2024. **The fourth collection will take place on Sept 6/7. Thank you for your generosity!**

A SPECIAL NOTE ABOUT THE CONSTRUCTION PROJECT - WHAT'S NEXT?

What's Next? Several years ago, when the decision was made to remove the tower and cross from the courtyard, it was decided not to replace the cross immediately. The thought was to see what the space in the front of the church would look like without them, and then to plan to move forward.

It is not too soon to convoke a committee of individuals who would like to join such a project. Some of you were part of the first group who began to address this question; you are most welcome to step forward now. Some of you are new to the parish and might enjoy such an endeavor; you, too, are most welcome to step forward now. Still others among you might be those who love what is beautiful and whose faith is pointing you in this direction; you are most welcome to step forward now.

If you would like to help plan the replacement for the cross that was taken down and the beautification of the courtyard and surroundings, please contact connie.durante@st-bonaventure.ca and join the committee. Many thanks to all for your prayers and financial support of this project! *Fr. Thomas*

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH 2024-2025

Roman Catholic children may begin to prepare for celebrating the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist at the age of 7 (Grade 2). Roman Catholic youth may begin to prepare for Confirmation at the age of 12 (Grade 7). Helpful signs of readiness are the family's participation in Sunday Mass and interest expressed by the child. More information about preparing the children and youth of St. Bonaventure Church for these sacraments will be made available in early September via the bulletin.

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FOR A PARISH REGISTRATION FORM TO COMPLETE

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REFLECTION

"...and he had compassion for them...and he began to teach them many things." (Mark 6:34)

The word kindness has a gentle sound that seems to echo the presence of compassionate goodness. When someone is kind to you, you feel understood and seen. There is no judgment or harsh perception directed toward you. Kindness has gracious eyes; it is not small-minded or competitive; it wants nothing back for itself. Kindness strikes a resonance with the depths of your own heart; it also suggests that your vulnerability, though somehow exposed, is not taken advantage of; rather, it has become an occasion for dignity and empathy. Kindness casts a different light, an evening light that has the depth of color and patience to illuminate what is complex and rich in difference.

Despite all the darkness, human hope is based on the instinct that at the deepest level of reality some intimate kindness holds sway. This is the heart of blessing. To believe in blessing is to believe that our being here, our very presence in the world, is itself the first gift, the primal blessing. As Rilke says: *Hier zu sein ist so viel* – to be here is immense. Nowhere does the silence of the infinite lean so intensely as around the form of a newly born infant. Once we arrive, we enter into the inheritance of everything that has preceded us; we become heirs to the world. To be born is to be chosen. To be created and come to birth is to be blessed. Some primal kindness chose us and brought us through the forest of dreaming until we could emerge into the clearance of individuality, with a path of life opening before us through the world.

The beginning often holds the clue to everything that follows. Given the nature of our beginning, it is no wonder that our hearts are imbued with longing for beauty, meaning, order, creativity, compassion, and love. We approach the world with this roster of longings and expect that in some way the world will respond and confirm our desire. Our longing knows it cannot force the fulfillment of its desire; yet it does instinctively expect that primal benevolence to respond to it. This is the threshold where blessing comes alive.

-John O'Donohue quoted at: <https://www.dailygood.org/story/899/kindness-the-first-gift-john-o-donohue/>

May the Lord bless you and keep you!