



*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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*Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 23, 2023*

Bonnie News

Franciscan Church of St. Bonaventure



Wheat Stacks with Reaper (1888), by Vincent Van Gogh (1853-1890),
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Prairie Spring

By Willa Cather

Evening and the flat land,
Rich and sombre and always silent;
The miles of fresh-plowed soil,
Heavy and black, full of strength and harshness;
The growing wheat, the growing weeds,
The toiling horses, the tired men;
The long empty roads,
Sullen fires of sunset, fading,
The eternal, unresponsive sky.
Against all this, Youth,
Flaming like the wild roses,
Singing like the larks over the plowed fields,
Flashing like a star out of the twilight;
Youth with its insupportable sweetness,
Its fierce necessity,
Its sharp desire,
Singing and singing,
Out of the lips of silence,
Out of the earthy dusk.

LITURGY & SACRAMENTS

THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, July 24	9 AM	† Ann Dittmeier
Tuesday, July 25	9 AM	Brian Leong
Wednesday, July 26	9 AM	Redolfo Chan
Thursday, July 27	9 AM	† George Twine
Friday, July 28	9 AM	† Josef Sitar Thomas Arthur Warren Ricardo Gabat Guillerma Elzisa
Saturday, July 29	5 PM	† Andy Tomcik
Sunday, July 30	8:30 AM	The Parishioners
	10 AM	† Manoel Da Silva
	12 PM	† Romulo and Richmond Tenebro
Sanctuary Lamps	Sherwin Chua	
	The Loganadhan Family	
	Grandparents of our Parish	

3RD WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY ~ JULY 23, 2023

Pope Francis instituted a World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly in 2021. It is celebrated for the third time this year on Sunday 23 July - the Sunday closest to the Feast of Saints Anne and Joachim, Grandparents of Jesus. The theme chosen by Pope Francis for this year's celebration is:

“His mercy is from age to age” (Lk 1:50)

Dear brothers and sisters!

“His mercy is from age to age” (Lk 1:50). This is the theme of the Third World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, and it takes us back to the joyful meeting between the young Mary and her elderly relative Elizabeth (cf. Lk 1:39-56). Filled with the Holy Spirit, Elizabeth addressed the Mother of God with words that, millennia later, continue to echo in our daily prayer: “Blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb” (v. 42). The Holy Spirit, who had earlier descended upon Mary, prompted her to respond with the *Magnificat*, in which she proclaimed that the Lord’s mercy is from generation to generation. That same Spirit blesses and accompanies every fruitful encounter between different generations: between grandparents and grandchildren, between young and old. God wants young people to bring joy to the hearts of the elderly, as Mary did to Elizabeth, and gain wisdom from their experiences. Yet, above all, the Lord wants us not to abandon the elderly or to push them to the margins of life, as tragically happens all too often in our time.

This year, the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly takes place close to World Youth Day. Both celebrations remind us of the “haste” (cf. v. 39) with which Mary set out to visit Elizabeth. In this way, they invite us to reflect on the bond that unites young and old. The Lord trusts that young people, through their relationships with the elderly, will realize that they are called to cultivate memory and recognize the beauty of being part of a much larger history. Friendship with an older person can help the young to see life not only in terms of the present and realize that not everything depends on them and their abilities. For the elderly, the presence of a young person in their lives can give them hope that their experience will not be lost and that their dreams can find fulfilment. Mary’s visit to Elizabeth and their shared awareness that the Lord’s mercy is

from generation to generation remind us that, alone, we cannot move forward, much less save ourselves, and that God's presence and activity are always part of something greater, the history of a people. Mary herself said this in the *Magnificat*, as she rejoiced in God, who, in fidelity to the promise he had made to Abraham, had worked new and unexpected wonders (cf. vv. 51-55).

To better appreciate God's way of acting, let us remember that our life is meant to be lived to the full, and that our greatest hopes and dreams are not achieved instantly but through a process of growth and maturation, in dialogue and in relationship with others. Those who focus only on the here and now, on money and possessions, on "having it all now", are blind to the way God works. His loving plan spans past, present and future; it embraces and connects the generations. It is greater than we are, yet includes each of us and calls us at every moment to *keep pressing forward*. For the young, this means being ready to break free from the fleeting present in which virtual reality can entrap us, preventing us from doing something productive. For the elderly, it means not dwelling on the loss of physical strength and thinking with regret about missed opportunities. Let us all look ahead! And allow ourselves to be shaped by God's grace, which from generation to generation frees us from inertia and from dwelling on the past!

In the meeting between Mary and Elizabeth, between young and old, God points us towards the future that he is opening up before us. Indeed, Mary's visit and Elizabeth's greeting open our eyes to the dawn of salvation: in their embrace, God's mercy quietly breaks into human history amid abundant joy. I encourage everyone to reflect on that meeting, to picture, like a snapshot, that embrace between the young Mother of God and the elderly mother of Saint John the Baptist, and to frame it in their minds and hearts as a radiant icon.

Next, I would invite you to make a concrete gesture that would include grandparents and the elderly. Let us not abandon them. Their presence in families and communities is a precious one, for it reminds us that we share the same heritage and are part of a people committed to preserving its roots. From the elderly we received the gift of belonging to God's holy people. The Church, as well as society, needs them, for they entrust to the present the past that is needed to build the future. Let us honour them, neither depriving ourselves of their company nor depriving them of ours. May we never allow the elderly to be cast aside!

The World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly is meant to be a small but precious sign of hope for them and for the whole Church. I renew my invitation to everyone - dioceses, parishes, associations and communities - to celebrate this Day and to make it the occasion of a joyful and renewed encounter between young and old. To you, the young who are preparing to meet in Lisbon or to celebrate World Youth Day in your own countries, I would ask: before you set out on your journey, visit your grandparents or an elderly person who lives alone! Their prayers will protect you and you will carry in your heart the blessing of that encounter. I ask you, the elderly among us, to accompany by your prayers the young people about to celebrate World Youth Day. Those young people are God's answer to your prayers, the fruits of all that you have sown, the sign that God does not abandon his people, but always rejuvenates them with the creativity of the Holy Spirit.

Dear grandparents, dear elderly brothers and sisters, may the blessing of the embrace between Mary and Elizabeth come upon you and fill your hearts with peace. With great affection, I give you my blessing. And I ask you, please, to pray for me.

Rome, Saint John Lateran, 31 May 2023,
Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
FRANCIS

FEAST OF ST. ANNE AND ST. JOACHIM, PARENTS OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY ~ JULY 26

Even if we know very little about the life of Saints Anne and Joachim, the simple facts of being the parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the grandparents of Jesus, are sufficient for the Church to recognize and venerate them. Fostering our relationship with God is modelled by our parents and grandparents. St. Anne is one of the principal patron saints of our country. A contemporary image of St. Anne and the Blessed Virgin Mary as a young girl hangs in our Mary Chapel.

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,
+ Raneé 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 FOR THE WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY 2023

Virgin Mary, Mother of faith and hope, an example for this humanity bent by indifference, make me as willing as You to accept the will of God, to magnify and praise His Mercy. Mary, Mother of fortitude, you who knows my heart, do not allow me to become discouraged. I confidently surrender my life into your hands. Heal my wounds. May your tenderness accompany me on the way. Your presence, Mother of love, brings us to experience the joy of seeing our families united. Help me to transmit the tenderness and Love of God to the grandchildren and youth so that, in addition to praying for them, we can pray with them. Mary, may the gift of the Holy Spirit intercede for me: sustain my weakness; breathe into my heart the consolation that I may leave traces of faith among the young, bearing witness to the beauty of life, knowing that life has a limit and that beyond it lies before us our Father’s embrace. Amen.

- Dicastery for Laity, Family and Life

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.

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**. you haven't already done so, please consider donating. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.

Living the
Gospel

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



**The 14th Annual Linda's Walk
Saturday September 23, 2023
New Walking Route!
50/50 Draw, Raffle**

Sign in starts at 9:30am.
The walk starts at 10:00am.
BBQ Lunch will follow at 12:00pm at the church hall.

Registration
Adults - \$25.00
Youth - \$15.00
Children - Free

Registration includes a free t-shirt and a BBQ lunch with beverage.
Download this year's registration form and pledge form below. And bring the filled out forms the day of the walk or drop them by the office.

To sign-up for the walk, register using the Eventbrite link below. If you can't walk in-person, we are also offering a virtual walk option. All walk options are available at Eventbrite.

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/lindas-walk-2023-tickets-675620548247?aff=oddtcreator>

If you have any questions, please call us at (416) 690-0330, or email us at info@stclareinn.org.

We hope to see you there! Thank you for your support.

[Register Today!](#)

ST. BONAVENTURE MIXED PICKUP SOFTBALL



You are invited to participate in a friendly MIXED PICKUP SOFTBALL GAME every other Sunday afternoon starting at 2:00 pm on the baseball diamond at the back of the church.

There are five games scheduled: August 6th, 12th, September 3rd, 17th and October 1st.

Participants of any gender, ages 16 and up are welcome to sign up. Kindly bring your own baseball glove. Please sign-up with your name and phone number on the sign-up sheet located at the back of the Church or email softball@st-bonaventure.ca

Organized by the Knights of Columbus - St. Francis Council 5080

SAVE THE DATE - CWL FLEA MARKET - SATURDAY OCTOBER 21, 2023



The CWL Flea market returns this fall!

Remember to keep your gently used items to donate to the Flea Market!

We will need volunteers to help with set-up and clean up. High school students are welcome. What a great way to complete your required volunteer hours for school.

More information to come.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



We need your help!

Please consider joining a Ministry to support our community.

We are looking for volunteers in the following areas:

Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Altar Servers, Ministers of Hospitality, Sunday Coffee Teams, and Sacramental Preparation

Please contact the office if you are interested by calling 416-447-5571.

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<https://www.tcdsb.org/SCHOOLS/STBONAVENTURE/>

Society of St. Vincent de Paul
416-447-5571 ext 570

Casseroles for the Good Shepherd Centre, contact
casseroles@st-bonaventure.ca

REFLECTION

“Let both of them grow together until the harvest.” ~ Matthew 13:30

The servants' intention is to eliminate evil immediately, that is, evil people. But the master is wiser, he sees farther. They must learn to wait because enduring persecution and hostility is part of the Christian vocation. Certainly, evil must be rejected, but those who do evil are people with whom it is necessary to be patient. This does not mean that type of hypocritical tolerance that hides ambiguity; but rather, justice tempered by mercy. If Jesus came to seek sinners more than the righteous, to cure the sick first before the healthy (cf. Mt 9:12-13), then our actions too as his disciples should be focused not on suppressing the wicked, but on saving them. Patience lies here.

Today's Gospel presents two ways of acting and of experiencing history: on the one hand, the vision of the master who sees far; on the other, the perspective of the servants who see the problem. The servants care about a field without weeds; the master cares about good wheat. The Lord invites us to adopt his vision, one that is focused on good wheat, that knows how to protect it even amid the weeds. It is not those who are always searching for others' limitations and flaws who cooperate well with God but, rather, those who know how to recognize the good that silently grows in the field of the Church and history, cultivating it until it becomes mature. And then, God, and he alone, will reward the good and punish the wicked. May the Virgin Mary help us to understand and imitate the patience of God, who does not want the loss of any of his children, whom he loves with a Father's love.

~ Pope Francis, *Angelus*, July 19, 2020.

May the Lord bless you and keep you!