

*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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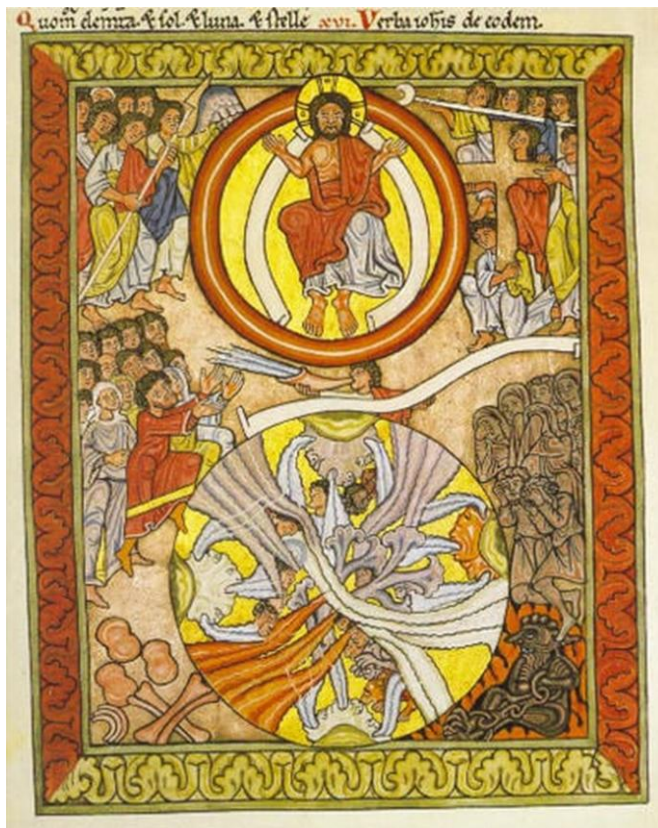
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*Seventeenth & Eighteenth Sundays of Ordinary Time
July 27 and August 3, 2025*

Bonnie News

Franciscan Church of St. Bonaventure



The Day of the Great Revelation, illustration from Hildegard of Bingen, Scivias, Plate 33, Rupertsberg Codex, Source: <https://www.healthyhildegard.com/scivias-illustrations/>

Antiphon for God the Father by St. Hildegard of Bingen

O Father great,
in great necessity we are.
Thus we now beg, we beg of you
according to your Word,
through whom you once established us
full of all that we now lack.
Now may it please you, Father,
as it behooves you—look upon us
with your kindly aid,
lest we should fail again
and, lost, forget your name.
By that your name we pray—
please kindly help and bring us aid!

Translation of *O Magne Pater* by Nathaniel M. Campbell,
www.hildegard-society.org

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

LITURGY & SACRAMENTS

THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, July 28	9 AM	† Anna and Sebastian Mendes
Tuesday, July 29	9 AM	In thanksgiving from the Leong Family
Wednesday, July 30	9 AM	† Cesar Urrutia
Thursday, July 31	9 AM	† Joyce De Gannes
Friday, August 1	9 AM	Vocations Intentions of Teresa Jaskowska Juanita Waithe † Jose Garcia, Jr. † Lourdes Cruz † Cedric Tauro
Saturday, August 2	5 PM	† Grazia Maida
Sunday, August 3	8:30 AM	† Marie Louise Smith
	10 AM	† Stanley Lee
	12 PM	The Parishioners
Sanctuary Lamps	Bl. Sac.	† Romeo Raquedan
	Bl. Sac.	† Julia Leacock Smith
	Our Lady	Pat and Taras Kozyra, 60 th Wedding Anniversary

NEXT WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, August 4	9 AM	Mr. and Mrs. Chow Man
Tuesday, August 5	9 AM	Yolanda Hernandez
Wednesday, August 6	9 AM	† Raymond Fung
Thursday, August 7	9 AM	† Frances Macdonald
Friday, August 8	9 AM	The Friars Dave and Christine Alon, in thanksgiving † Sylvia Alon † Paddy Calan † Bruna Berto † Enza Flaim
Saturday, August 9	5 PM	The Parishioners
Sunday, August 10	8:30 AM	† Marian DeSouza
	10 AM	† Juan Sosa
	12 PM	† Jude Weerasinghe
Sanctuary Lamps	Bl. Sac.	† Karl Kremer
	Bl. Sac.	† Edmond & Gloria Odette
	Our Lady	† Romeo Raquedan

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 or at 416-447-5571 ext. 590 and let us know.

LITURGY OF THE WORD WITH CHILDREN

The final Liturgy of the Word for Children for the season will be celebrated Sunday, July 27 at 10 a.m.. 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

WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY ~ JULY 27

Pope Francis instituted the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly in 2021 to highlight the importance providing adequate pastoral and spiritual attention to the elderly and to call upon communities to manifest the closeness of the Church to them. It is celebrated annually on the fourth Sunday of July, close to the memorial of Saints Joachim and Anne, the grandparents of Jesus. "Very often it is grandparents who ensure that the most important values are passed down to their grandchildren....many people can testify that they owe their initiation into the Christian life to their grandparents....Listening to the elderly tell their stories is good for children and young people; it makes them feel connected to the living history of their families, their neighborhoods and their country." (Pope Francis, *Amoris Laetitia*)

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

Leaders



The Catholic Women's League has many programs and workshops that empower women in becoming confident leaders who journey together to build God's kingdom in the areas of faith, service and social justice! Come walk with us.

Love

Love is more than a feeling, it's a decision. It requires practice, focus, patience and faith. Come join the Catholic Women's League and share the love.

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.** The following drop-off will be August 25th. 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 ensure that our Grandparents and the Elderly feel valued

Through your loving support, ShareLife agencies like Society of Sharing ensure that seniors are embraced by social connection and continue to feel

valued in our community. "Through your compassion and generosity, you have rekindled the hope of some of the most vulnerable seniors in the city. On behalf of all of the staff, volunteers and clients of Society of Sharing, thank you for continuing to give to ShareLife."-Mariza Garcia, Executive Director, Society of Sharing. 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.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

The Community Share Food Bank is looking for volunteers. The Food Bank is located in the hall of the Church of the Ascension, 33 Overland Drive, North York M3C 2C3.

Volunteers are needed to serve our sisters and brothers with the distribution of food between 10:45 AM and 3:30 PM on Wednesdays. If it would be possible to do even one Wednesday a month, or more, that would be wonderful. The contact person at the Food Bank is Jiang Chen, the Operations Manager. He may be contacted at operations@communitysharefoodbank.ca or via the website www.communitysharefoodbank.ca Teresa Krijgsman would also be happy to answer any questions (tckrijgsman@gmail.com; 416 709 8150)

UPCOMING EVENTS

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 **Wishing you a wonderful summer full of rest and relaxation!**

Tuesday August 5th - 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

Tuesday September 9th - 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

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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 23rd 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 7th and October 21st

ANNUAL MASS FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED AT OUR CATHOLIC CEMETERIES

Catholic Cemeteries & Funeral Services - Archdiocese of Toronto invites all families within the Archdiocese of Toronto to participate in the Annual Mass for the Faithful Departed on **Wednesday August 13, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.** at the Catholic Cemeteries throughout the Archdiocese. In the event of rain, Masses will be held in various locations. Please consult: <https://www.catholic-cemeteries.ca/news/annual-mass-for-the-faithful-departed-wednesday-august-13-2025/>

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.

SAVE THE DATE - 16TH ANNUAL LINDA'S WALK ~ SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2025



16th 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



CIVIC HOLIDAY - MONDAY AUGUST 4, 2025

The office will be closed for the Civic Holiday

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FOR A PARISH REGISTRATION FORM TO COMPLETE

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REFLECTION

“...search, and you will find.” ~ Luke 11:9

How do we seek God’s face? In Chapter 49 [of *The Revelations of Love*], after Julian [of Norwich] had worked out her understanding that our estrangement from God must be due, not to God’s non-existent anger but to our own self-wrath, Julian wrote, “When the soul is truly at peace with itself, suddenly, the soul is one-ed to God.” When the soul is truly at peace with itself, at home with itself, when its self-fragmentation is healed, suddenly, the soul is one-ed to God. Julian would have us seek God’s face in coming home to ourselves, truly recollected and at peace with ourselves. While she certainly agrees with those who identify our attachment to creatures as what prevents us from seeing God’s face, perhaps Julian takes us a step deeper when she realizes that the root cause of our inability to see God’s face, and the reason we are so attached to creatures or emotional states in the first place, is that we are estranged from ourselves. When we are at peace with ourselves, the need for the “everything else” that comprises the things we cling to is gone and suddenly we are one-ed to God.

So for Julian, in order to seek God’s face, we have to seek reconciliation with ourselves. Perhaps the meaning of Julian’s Revelations as a whole is to show us, her even-Christians, that the way to come home to ourselves, to allow our self-wrath to be slaked in the river of God’s mercy and love is by, through and in Christ Jesus. The one single note which rings clear and constantly throughout all her “shewings” is God’s merciful and graceful, homely, self-sacrificing love, revealed through and enfolding us in Jesus Christ. Insofar as we are in Christ, abiding in the mystery of the Incarnation, we come to experience and know the healing mercy and grace of God, which—through toil and tribulation and much daily penance and through the merciful shattering of our false-selves—finally does bring us to be at peace with ourselves.

Julian’s whole wish for us is that we would live deeper in the context of God’s merciful and compassionate love for us in Christ Jesus. In the depths of the mystery of Christ we shall discover the living streams of divine mercy and grace, which heal us, slake our self-wrath and allow us, in Christ Jesus, to be carried into the loving, unifying vision of God’s face for which we so eagerly seek.

~ from <https://orderofjulian.org/seeking/>

May the Lord bless you and keep you!