



*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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*Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 30, 2023*

Bonnie News

Franciscan Church of St. Bonaventure



Finding Hidden Treasure in a Field by Bertram Poole,
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The Treasure

by John Robinson Jeffers

Mountains, a moment's earth-waves rising and hollowing; the earth too's
an ephemerid; the stars—
Short-lived as grass the stars quicken in the nebula and dry in their
summer, they spiral
Blind up space, scattered black seeds of a future; nothing lives long, the
whole sky's
Recurrences tick the seconds of the hours of the ages of the gulf before
birth, and the gulf
After death is like dated: to labor eighty years in a notch of eternity is
nothing too tiresome,
Enormous repose after, enormous repose before, the flash of activity.
Surely you never have dreamed the incredible depths were prologue and
epilogue merely
To the surface play in the sun, the instant of life, what is called life? I
fancy
That silence is the thing, this noise a found word for it; interjection, a
jump of the breath at that silence;
Stars burn, grass grows, men breathe: as a man finding treasure says 'Ah!'
but the treasure's the essence;
Before the man spoke it was there, and after he has spoken he gathers it,
inexhaustible treasure.

LITURGY & SACRAMENTS

THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, July 31	9 AM	Nicholas Power
Tuesday, August 1	9 AM	† Manuel Almeida
Wednesday, August 2	9 AM	† Grazia Maida
Thursday, August 3	9 AM	† Patricia Ortuoste
Friday, August 4	9 AM	† Jose Garcia, Jr. † Rugiero Verri † Crawford Morrison † Elizabeth Elsen Mary D'Oliviera
Saturday, August 5 Sunday, August 6	5 PM	† John Boscarino
	8:30 AM	The Parishioners
	10 AM	† Gloria Odette
	12 PM	† Norbert and Darryl Dawson
Sanctuary Lamps	† Wallace Lamerton	
	† Joan Pape	
	The Sick Members of the Parish	

LITURGY OF THE WORD WITH CHILDREN ~ TIME FOR A SUMMER BREAK

During last Sunday's Liturgy of the Word with Children, we reflected on the parable of the wheat and the weeds. After exploring the symbol of the wheat, our prayer leader shifted focus to explore the weeds. When the children were asked: "What do you think are the weeds?" one child sincerely responded: "Kale."

After this Sunday, the Liturgy of the Word with Children will take a month-and-a-half-long break. A sincere THANK YOU to the volunteer leaders of this ministry who have faithfully and generously provided an invaluable opportunity for the young children of the parish to hear and encounter Christ through His Word.

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.

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, and Sacramental Preparation

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

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, + Emily Cusimano,
and + Wallace Lamerton

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.



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



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.



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!!!*

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

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

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=oddttdcreator>

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

A purple rectangular graphic with the text 'Linda's Walk' in white serif font on the top half and '2023' in white serif font on the bottom half.

Linda's
Walk
2023

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.

THE PARDON OF ASSISI - THE PORTIUNCULA INDULGENCE - AUGUST 2ND



In the time of St. Francis of Assisi, it was possible for Christians to obtain what is called a “plenary indulgence”. These were very rare and often applied to the very rich and powerful people who went on the Crusades or who assisted the Crusades with their material resources.

St. Francis wanted the “average” person to avail themselves of this privilege in a new way and so he went to see the Pope. Honorius III was literally dumbfounded by the request for such a generous indulgence but in the end the Pope granted Francis’ request.

Rather than having to go to the Crusades, all a person had to do was pray and celebrate Confession at the chapel Francis loved so much and which he called my little “portion” or in Italian “Portiuncula”. This chapel is located in Assisi in the larger Basilica of Our Lady of Angels. Today this “Pardon of Assisi” or as is sometimes called the “Portiuncula Indulgence” is available to all people throughout the world.

The conditions for the Pardon of Assisi are:

- Sacramental Confession (within eight days before/after the 2nd of August).
- Participation in the Eucharist.
- Visit to a Franciscan Church and Profession of faith (praying the Apostles’ Creed).
- Praying the Lord’s Prayer and a prayer for the Pope’s intention.

So, what is an indulgence anyway? The church teaches that sin affects us in different ways. There is of course the spiritual distance from God that stems from sin. There are also more “temporal” effects of sin that need time to heal. Purgatory was seen as a process of purification, of letting go of all those aspects of ourselves that we hold on to that really hinder us from embracing God wholeheartedly.

For the purposes of making things concrete images of time and space were used when speaking of purgatory and indulgences. Unfortunately, this sometimes led to magical thinking and serious abuses.

Ultimately the Pardon of Assisi is an opportunity for all of us to draw closer to God by means of prayer and conversion of heart. *A wish that St. Francis had for all of us!*

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

REFLECTION

“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field...” - Matthew 13:44

...how does the situation of the person finding a treasure, and then selling all in order to possess that treasure—how does that situation show how one relates to the reign of God? The author, John Dominic Crossan, once wrote a little book about this parable, along with other treasure trove stories. He called it *Finding is the First Act*. And that is precisely the point. First of all, one encounters the kingdom of God as a given. As the first letter of John puts it, “In this is love: not that we have loved God, but that he loved us ...” (1 John 4:10). Then, in the sheer joy of that discovery, one lets go of everything else to embrace that gift. The point of insisting that finding is the first act is that it reminds us of a truth so much stressed in Paul’s letters, that God’s gift is prior to human response....

Jesus says the same thing in other terms when he says, “Whoever does not accept the kingdom of God like a child will not enter it” (Mark 10:15; Luke 18:17). Receiving comes before entering, just as finding comes before the selling and buying in our parable. This parallels the experience of those who, like CS Lewis, describe their Christian conversion as being “surprised by joy.” That dramatic experience of God’s grace is a special blessing. For others, the discovering of the invitation of God’s reign in their lives comes after a long search. Matthew honors their experience by coupling the story of the buried treasure with the one about the merchant who finds the pearl of great price after a long quest; but, like the one who stumbles into the buried treasure, he too “sells all that he has and buys it.”...

Simply put, these little parables are ways of reflecting on the love life of a disciple.

~ Dennis Hamm, SJ

May the Lord bless you and keep you!