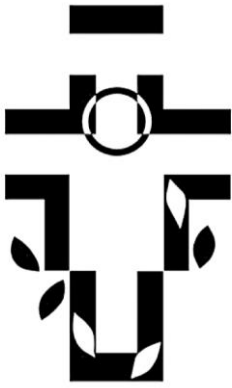


*Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 9, 2023*



Bonnie News

Franciscan Church of St. Bonaventure

*Growing
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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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A Child's Thought of God

by Elizabeth Barrett Browning

They say that God lives very high;
But if you look above the pines
You cannot see our God; and why?
And if you dig down in the mines,
You never see Him in the gold,
Though from Him all that's glory shines.
God is so good, He wears a fold
Of heaven and earth across His face,
Like secrets kept, for love, untold.
But still I feel that His embrace
Slides down by thrills, through all things made,
Through sight and sound of every place;
As if my tender mother laid
On my shut lids her kisses' pressure,
Half waking me at night, and said,
"Who kissed you through the dark, dear guesser?"

LITURGY & SACRAMENTS

THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, July 10	9 AM	† Lino Ammaturo
Tuesday, July 11	9 AM	† John Ung
Wednesday, July 12	9 AM	Felicitas Cana, <i>in thanksgiving</i>
Thursday, July 13	9 AM	† Phyllis Wong
Friday, July 14	9 AM	† Grazia Maida † Susan Lumsden Intentions of Tracy MacInnis The Friars
Saturday, July 15	5 PM	† George Della Rocca, Sr.
Sunday, July 16	8:30 AM	† Nimfa Chua
	10 AM	† Konstantinos Floros
	12 PM	The Parishioners
Sanctuary Lamps	† Emily Cusimano	
	Mary D'Oliveira	
	Maria Magdalena Koschel Stoehr	

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.

ST. BENEDICT, JULY 11

Born in the central Italian mountain town of Norcia (Nursia) around AD 480, St. Benedict became one of the most important catalysts for the creation of a new European culture after the fall of the Roman Empire in the West (traditionally dated to AD 476). The system of monastic life he developed and nourished spread centers of prayer and hospitality throughout the continent. Benedictine monasteries were not only spiritual and cultural centers, but also a source of sustenance and relief for pilgrims and the poor.

St. Gregory the Great - who wrote the only ancient biography of St. Benedict that we have - called St. Benedict “a bright light” in an age marked by the most serious crisis. From his youth, Benedict’s life was marked by prayer. His wealthy parents send him to Rome to provide him with adequate training. There, however, Benedict found young people shaken, ruined by the ways of vice. So, he left Rome for a place called Enfide (modern-day Affile in central Italy), and then lived as a hermit for three years in a cave at Subiaco, which would become the heart of the Benedictine monastery Sacro Speco. This period of solitude preceded another crucial milestone on Benedict’s journey: his arrival at Monte Cassino.



There, among the ruins of an ancient pagan acropolis, St. Benedict and some of his disciples built their first abbey.

Benedict composed his Rule around AD 530. It is essentially a manual, a code for monastic life. Written in a familiar style, Benedict throughout the prologue and 73 chapters of the Rule exhorts his monks to reach out with “the ear of the heart” to “never despair of the mercy of God”: “Listen carefully, my child, to your master’s precepts, and incline the ear of your heart (Prov. 4:20). Receive willingly and carry out effectively your loving father’s advice, that by the labor of obedience you may return to Him from whom you had departed by the sloth of disobedience.”

“Idleness,” writes St. Benedict in the Rule, “is an enemy of the soul; That is why the brothers have to devote themselves to manual work, in some hours, in others, to reading books containing the word of God.” Prayer and work are not in opposition, but establish a symbiotic relationship. Without prayer, it is not possible to encounter God. The monastic life, however, defined by Benedict as “a school of the service of the Lord,” cannot be without concrete commitment. Work is an extension of prayer. “The Lord,” St. Benedict reminds us, “expects us daily to respond with facts to the doctrines of his holy teachings.”

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ST. BONAVENTURE, JULY 15



St. Bonaventure: A Franciscan Heart by Fr. Don Miller, OFM

St. Bonaventure may not be as well-known as Sts. Francis and Anthony, but he is an important figure in both Franciscan history and the history of the medieval Church. A Minister General of the Franciscan Order and a Cardinal and Doctor of the Church, Bonaventure left his mark as a scholastic philosopher and theologian, as well as a mystic writer adding significantly to the spirituality of the Franciscan movement.

Known as the Seraphic Doctor because of his devotion to St. Francis and the Franciscan way of life, St. Bonaventure brought the warmth and affection of Francis’ love of Jesus to bear on the scholastic thought of his day. Thus, his writings show both his highly developed ability to reason and his down-to-earth devotion to the persons of the Trinity and to the Church.

Born in Bagnorea, Italy, to Giovanni di Fidanza and Maria Ritell in 1221, just five years before the death of St. Francis, St. Bonaventure was baptized John. He received the name Bonaventure when he entered the Order of Friars Minor. Bonaventure entered the Franciscans around 1243 as a member of the Roman Province. He attended the University of Paris studying under the founder of the Franciscan school there, Alexander of Hales, receiving his licentiate in 1248. This degree afforded him the right to teach, which he did until his election as Minister General of the Order of Friars Minor in 1257, an office he held until May 1274.

Those were difficult times as the Order was split over the issue of the observance of poverty, and Bonaventure wasted no time addressing it. He called several General Chapters at which he proposed corrective legislation. It was at one of these Chapters that the friars asked him to write about the life of St. Francis. This was adopted as the official biography of the Order in 1263. On June 23, 1273, he was made a cardinal and named the bishop of Albano by Pope Gregory X, whom he both advised and helped prepare for the Second Council of Lyon. While attending that council, he died suddenly on Sunday, July 15, 1274. According to some, he was poisoned.

In many ways, Bonaventure remained a simple man of faith and holiness; his life and administration governed by prayer and reflection. Legends have it that when the papal legates came to give him his cardinal’s hat, they

found him washing dishes. He is said to have asked them to hang the hat on a tree until he finished and could dry his hands. Legend also states that he drew attention to a woman hanging her laundry and commented to his fellow clergymen that, in all probability, the woman exceeded all of them in holiness due to her simple faith. Unlike them, he reasoned, she was not burdened by sophisticated learning and the trappings of office.

As a theologian, Bonaventure was able to reflect on the practical aspects of life and see how they interacted with the insights of faith—truly an incarnational approach, which is so typically Franciscan. He was a well-seasoned philosopher and theologian capable of thinking things through carefully in the light of reason drawing truly academic yet pastoral conclusions. But always a true follower of St. Francis and faithful disciple of Jesus, Bonaventure remained centered in the teachings of the Church.

Like St. Paul, who organized the institutional Church and formulated a Christian spirituality, he gave structure to the Franciscan way of life and the spirituality of St. Francis. Many have described Francis as a dreamer. I don't know what his Myers-Briggs score would have been, but I do know that he tended to avoid structure and legislation. He wrote his Rule because he had to. It was required by the Church, especially considering the sudden growth in the number of his followers. St. Francis had wanted to simply live the life of the Gospel and let the Spirit be the guide of the friars. But the very human friars needed more structure and organization in their lives. St. Bonaventure offered that to them without losing the idealism of the Franciscan vision.

St. Bonaventure saw the spires of the great cathedrals reaching up to heaven as a reflection of the human soul's reaching up to God in his *The Soul's Journey into God*. Likewise, the streams of light coming into the church through the stained-glass windows reflect God expressing himself in the wide variety of creatures upon whom he showers his gifts of grace. And the images go on and on as the saint reaches into human experience of creation and cultural artifacts and finds *vestigium* (the footprints) of God since everything in creation reflects in some way the grandeur of God. Human beings, of course, are the actual image of God.

It was this ability to take the spirituality of St. Francis—as reflected in St. Francis' *Canticle of the Sun*, for instance—and place it at the heart of his writings, keeping the simplicity of the Franciscan insights and creating a sublime theology that truly deserves the name “Seraphic.” When Bonaventure was declared a Doctor of the Universal Church in 1588 by Pope Sixtus V, he was given the title “Seraphic Doctor.” Merriam-Webster defines a seraph as one of the highest-ranking angels as well as “one of the six-winged angels standing in the presence of God.” It was as a seraph that Christ appeared to St. Francis when he received the stigmata on Mount La Verna. Therefore, it is fitting to use the term to describe the soaring mysticism of St. Bonaventure.

As is true of all saints, St. Bonaventure had—and has—his detractors. While considered the second founder of the Franciscan Order, there are those who feel that he took the community in the wrong direction. But the Order needed organization, and Bonaventure was the man for the job. We'll let history continue to discern whether he did a good job.

But beyond his organizational and administrative skills, the saint expresses a heart of love after the model of St. Francis. One cannot read *The Soul's Journey into God* or the *Tree of Life*, for example, without feeling the devotion of the saint as he, like St. Francis, almost gushes over the poverty shown in the Incarnation and the love expressed in the Passion of Jesus. In all he did he seems to have been a true Franciscan at heart.

In his bull of canonization, Pope Sixtus IV wrote: *Bonaventure was great in learning, but no less great in humility and holiness. His innocence and dove-like simplicity were such that Alexander of Hales, the renowned doctor whose disciple St. Bonaventure became, used to say of him that it seemed as though Adam had never sinned in him.*

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!!!

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 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.

A SUMMER PRAYER

Long warm days...
The pace of life slows...
A time for picnics and rest in the shade...
Lord, help me to rest awhile
in the cooling shade of your presence.
Slow down my restless heart and
fill me with gentle compassion for all your people.
Amen.

- Author Unknown



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

FRIAR EMMANUEL'S MASS OF ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD



You are invited to attend the
Mass of Ordination
to the
Priesthood
of
Friar Emmanuel Wenke, OFM Conv.
on
Tuesday August 15th, 2023
At Two O'clock in the Afternoon
at
Our Lady of Victory Basilica
767 Ridge Road, Lackawanna, New York

We are investigating transportation by bus for this great occasion. If you are interested in attending the Mass of Ordination, please email us at admin@st-bonaventure.ca or call the Ministry Centre at 416-447-5571.

If you haven't already done so, please RSVP by July 15th.

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.

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REFLECTION

“Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart...” ~ Matthew 11:29

Reflect upon [God’s] indescribable kindness. Who could fail to love a master who never strikes his servants? Who would not marvel at a judge who beseeches a condemned criminal? Surely the self-abasement of these words must astound you.

I am the Creator and I love my work. I am the sculptor and I care for what I have made.

If I thought of my dignity, I should not rescue fallen humankind. If I failed to treat its incurable sickness with fitting remedies, it would never recover its strength. If I did not console it, it would die. If I did nothing but threaten it, it would perish. This is why I apply the salve of kindness to it where it lies.

Compassionately I bend down very low in order to raise it up. No one standing erect can lift a fallen man without putting a hand down to him.

“Come, learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart.” I do not make a show of words; I have left you the proof of my deeds. You can see that I am gentle and humble in heart from what I have become. Consider my nature, reflect upon my dignity, and marvel at the condescension I have shown you. Think of where I came from, and of where I am as I speak to you.

Heaven is my throne, yet I talk to you standing on the earth! I am glorified on high, but because I am long-suffering. I am not angry with you, “for I am gentle and humble in heart.”

~ St. John Chrysostom, *Homily on Saint Bassus*: Bareille, t. 4, 509-510

May the Lord bless you and keep you!