



*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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*Solemnity of the Anniversary of the Dedication of the Church  
June 14, 2026*

# Bonnie News

*Franciscan Church of St. Bonaventure*



*The parish celebrates the Lucernarium during The Easter Vigil.*

*C. Jubilate Deo by Malcome Guite*

Love bids us welcome with them to the feast  
Let us be joyful therefore, let us sing  
Old Hundredth with our forbears. One high priest

Calls us together in a great thanksgiving  
To come before his presence with a song,  
Enter his courts with praise, be glad and bring

Our very best to him. For we belong  
To him since he has made us, and our hearts  
Will find their peace in him alone. We long

Therefore to come at last beyond the gates  
Of time and space, and with the saints to taste  
That joy for which the whole creation waits.

But whilst we wait there is no time to waste  
In keeping faith with each new generation,  
And showing them his mercy and his grace.

Source: <https://malcolmguite.wordpress.com/2021/05/14/be-joyful-in-the-lord-a-response-to-psalm-100/>

Blessed is the Church,  
God's dwelling-place with the human race,  
a holy temple built of living stones,  
standing upon the foundation of the Apostles  
with Christ Jesus its chief cornerstone.

-From "The Prayer of Dedication," *Dedication of a Church and Altar.*

## LITURGY & SACRAMENTS

### THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, June 15	9 AM	Intention of Vibeth Alon - Birthday
Tuesday, June 16	9 AM	Personal Intentions
Wednesday, June 17	9 AM	† Jan Marcjanik
Thursday, June 18	9 AM	† Patricia Barretto
Friday, June 19	9 AM	The Friars Intention of Gwen Fitzgerald Intention of Irma Lee Swales † Cesar Urrutia † All Souls in Purgatory
Saturday, June 20	5 PM	† Rita Nolan
Sunday, June 21	8:30 AM	† Joe Pereira
	10 AM	† Patrick & Helen Barry
	12 PM	The Parishioners
Sanctuary Lamps	Bl. Sac.	Intention of Gina Floros
	Bl. Sac.	Intention of James & Elfreida Soans - Thanksgiving
	Our Lady	Recovery of Baby Peter Gabriel R. Garcia

### HOLY COMMUNION FOR THE HOMEBOUND



If a parishioner is unable to attend Sunday Mass due to serious illness, recovery from surgery, or frailty in old age, then Extraordinary Ministers of Communion to the Homebound (specifically trained for this ministry) will bring the Eucharist to them. If you or someone you know might benefit from this ministry, please contact us by e-mail at [homebound@st-bonaventure.ca](mailto:homebound@st-bonaventure.ca) or call Mary Catherine directly at 416-303-0269.

### LITURGY OF THE WORD WITH CHILDREN



All children aged 4-9 are invited to participate in this parallel, age-appropriate celebration of the Liturgy of the Word during Sunday Mass. A parent is welcome to accompany a child who is too shy to participate on their own.

### FAITH & 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 Durbano, + Joyce Chong, + Ann O'Leary, + Michael Price, + Theresa Duffy, + Rev. Sal Badali,  
+ Nabor Sequeira, + Diane Marchisello, + Suzanne McCallister, + Jorge Carvalho,  
+ Justyn Klym, + Patrick Doty, + Nealia Somasundaram, + Jennie Mayer, + Tom Lloyd, and + Joseph Cusimano

## PRAYER NETWORK REQUESTS



**The Prayer Network** is a group of parishioners who pray daily for all the prayer requests received by the Network. Nearly 45 parishioners are members of this group which began 1994. All prayer requests are kept in confidence, and no names are included when requests are passed onto the Network. Please contact **Teresa Krijgsman at 416-709-8150** with your prayer intention or if you would like to become a member of the Prayer Network.

## A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

Today, we give special thanks to God. Our parish is 70 years old and today marks 67 years since our church was dedicated. This building - with its altar, cross, ambo, and pews - is deeply familiar to us. Here with gather weekly, and sometimes daily, answering God's call to worship and receiving his nourishment and nearness through Word and Sacrament in the Eucharist. Here we may have known the awe and joy of Baptism, the relief and renewal of forgiveness in Confession, or the strength to witness to the Gospel through the Spirit's gift in Confirmation. Some of you may have exchanged marriage vows at the foot of this altar. Here, many have commended the mortal remains of loved ones to God, waiting in hope for the resurrection of the dead. A place like this has its own look, feel, and even scent. Few roofs crackle like this one. God's grace leaves a trace. Today, with grateful hearts, we retrace our steps back to God in thanks and praise.

## HELPING OTHERS

### ST. BONAVENTURE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE (CWL)



**The Catholic Women's League** incorporates a "theme a month" model to help councils live out the national focus "*Blessed are the Poor*" throughout the year.

**June Focus: Sacred Heart of Jesus & Indigenous Relations**

For the month of June, The Catholic Women's League of Canada invites you to reflect on two deeply connected themes: the **Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus** and our ongoing commitment to **building right relationships with Indigenous Peoples**.

The Sacred Heart reminds us of Christ's boundless compassion - a love that heals wounds, restores dignity, and draws us deeper into communion. In that same spirit, the League continues its journey of **truth, reconciliation, and respectful** encounter with Indigenous communities across Canada.

As we move through June, may the Heart of Jesus guide us in tenderness, justice, and courageous love.

## CASSEROLES FOR THE GOOD SHEPHERD REFUGE



**GOOD SHEPHERD  
MINISTRIES**

As you may know, the casseroles made by our parishioners go directly to The Good Shepherd Refuge. Feeding those less fortunate is a privilege for those who can afford to do so. This Mission of Mercy sent 59 casseroles in the month of May to contribute to a meal served to any person who arrives at the door. No one is turned away.

**The only payback is a sincere word of thanks for your support and in the knowing that you have helped a stranger.** Pans and recipes are available in the cupboards at the back of the church. Please remember to sign for pans taken. Questions??  
Call Ann 647-526-5066

## SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL



*One of the most important works of mercy is that of accompanying another person in their time of need. Accompaniment is not found on the traditional list of the works of mercy, but it is at the heart of how the Church fulfills the Gospel. To accompany someone is to come alongside them and support them with our presence as much as with our material resources. Perhaps the greatest fruit of accompanying someone in need is the gift of hope they receive.*

*~ Bishop Joseph G. Hanefeldt*

Vincentians seek to assist those in need not simply in a material way but by accompanying them with compassion and concern. Your continuing generosity, prayers, and support are invaluable in helping us meet out Lord's challenge to "Love one another as I have loved you." Thank you!

## ST. CLARE INN



Big news at St. Clare Inn! Thanks to a generous \$5,000 grant from **Rotary Toronto Eglinton**, our residents will gain stronger financial literacy skills to support their journey toward independence. We're so grateful for Rotary Toronto Eglinton's continued belief in the women we serve and in the mission that drives us forward. To Learn more about Rotary Toronto or to support their mission - <https://portal.clubrunner.ca/1159>

## SHARELIFE



### **Your gift to ShareLife encourages inclusion and belonging**

For John, life raising two Deaf sons has been filled with love - but also deep fears. He's watched them struggle in a world that often overlooks and isolates them. With your gift to ShareLife, families like his have found hope and belonging through life-changing support in a welcoming American Sign Language environment - something still out of reach for too many others.

Silent Voice Canada, a Catholic Charities agency you support through ShareLife, facilitates connection and provides family-based resources that combat isolation, remove barriers, enhance skills, and encourage inclusion and belonging. Your generous heart helped shape the future for John and his sons - giving them courage, a sense of belonging, and the opportunity to embrace all that life has to offer. You can continue to uplift Deaf children and their parents, providing them with the confidence to see themselves as capable, strong, and full of potential.

**We have raised \$141,666.75 or 113% surpassing our goal of \$125,000!! Thank you for your generosity!**

## DR. SIMONE'S CANADIAN FOOD FOR CHILDREN



St. Bonaventure Parish collects bulk food staples (rice, pasta, soap, sugar, cooking oil, canned fish, etc.) once a month. Also, shoes, clothing, medicines, medical devices and school supplies are contributed and stored in a storage room in the Parish Centre. These items are then driven to Dr. Simone's CFFC warehouse by St. Bonaventure volunteers and pack them for shipping to approved, vetted destinations (schools, missions, etc.) Dr. Simone and his wife were challenged to start this ministry by Mother Teresa, and they have been awarded the Order of Canada for their service to the worlds less fortunate.

### **June items: Soap.**

*Please Drop off your donations at the back of the church behind the toddler area.*

*Thank you for your generosity!*

## 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 (10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.), usually twice monthly, September to June. We look forward to welcoming you and feel free to invite a friend!

#### Private Guided Garden Tour - Toronto Botanical Garden Tuesday, June 23, 10:00 AM-11:30 AM

Join us for a beautiful, guided tour of the Toronto Botanical Garden!

Cost: \$10 per person (guide fee)

All are welcome!

**Meeting Details:** Gather in the courtyard after the 9:00am Mass. We will walk together to the Toronto Botanical Garden. Meet our guides outside the main building: **George and Kathy Dembroski Centre for Horticulture**. Participants will be divided into small groups (approx. 15 per guide)

**What to Expect:** Tours run rain or shine, except in severe weather. Some areas are uneven terrain, steps, slopes. Frequent stops, including shaded areas when possible. A lovely outdoor experience - please come prepared!

**What to Bring:** Comfortable walking shoes. Weather-appropriate clothing. Water. Sun protection (hat, sunscreen)

**Accessibility:** If you have any accessibility needs, please let us know when registering so we can better support you.

**Registration:** To reserve your spot, email: [mma@st-bonaventure.ca](mailto:mma@st-bonaventure.ca)

*We look forward to learning together and enjoying the beauty of the garden next door!*

### HAWTHORN SCHOOL - SUMMER CAMP

Hawthorn School for Girls invites children to its summer camp from **June 29 to July 31**, running daily from **9:00 AM to 4:00 PM**. The camp welcomes girls ages 4 to 12 and boys up to age 5. This year's program features daily ballet and dance instruction, along with crafts, games, and themed activities. Families may sign up for the week(s) that work best for them. Spaces are limited.

For details or to register, please contact [gyu@hawthornschool.com](mailto:gyu@hawthornschool.com)



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FOR A PARISH REGISTRATION FORM TO COMPLETE

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## REFLECTION

### “Today salvation has come to this house...” Luke 19:9

We are gathered together to celebrate the dedication of a house of prayer. This is our house of prayer, but we too are a house of God. If we are a house of God, its construction goes on in time so that it may be dedicated at the end of time. The house, in its construction, involves hard work, while its dedication is an occasion for rejoicing.

What was done when this church was being built is similar to what is done when believers are built up into Christ. When they first come to believe they are like timber and stone taken from woods and mountains. In their instruction, baptism and formation they are, so to speak, shaped, leveled and smoothed by the hands of carpenters and craftsmen.

But Christians do not make a house of God until they are one in charity. The timber and stone must fit together in an orderly plan, must be joined in perfect harmony, must give each other the support as it were of love, or no one would enter the building. When you see the stones and beams of a building holding together securely, you enter the building with an easy mind; you are not afraid of its falling down in ruins.

Christ the Lord wants to come in to us and dwell in us. Like a good builder he says: A new commandment I give you: love one another. He says: I give you a commandment. He means: Before, you were not engaged in building a house for me, but you lay in ruins. Therefore, to be raised up from your former state of ruin you must love one another.

Dear brethren, remember that this house is still in process of being built in the whole world: this is the promise of prophecy. When God's house was being built after the Exile, it was prophesied, in the words of a psalm: Sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the earth. For a new song our Lord speaks of a new commandment. A new song implies a new inspiration of love. To sing is a sign of love. The singer of this new song is full of the warmth of God's love.

The work we see complete in this building is physical; it should find its spiritual counterpart in your hearts. We see here the finished product of stone and wood; so too your lives should reveal the handiwork of God's grace.

Let us then offer our thanksgiving above all to the Lord our God, from whom every best and perfect gift comes. Let us praise his goodness with our whole hearts. He it was who inspired in his faithful people the will to build this house of prayer; he stirred up their desire and gave them his help. He awakened enthusiasm among those who were at first unconvinced, and guided to a successful conclusion the efforts of men of good will. So God, who gives to those of good will both the desire and the accomplishment of the things that belong to him, is the one who began this work, the one who has brought it to completion.

- From a sermon by Saint Augustine, bishop (Sermon 336,1,6: PL 38 [edit. 1861]. 1471-1472, 1475) from the “Common of the Dedication of a Church,” in the “Office of Readings,” *The Liturgy of the Hours*, (New York: Catholic Book Publishing Co., 1975) pp. 1607-1609.

**May the Lord bless you and keep you!**