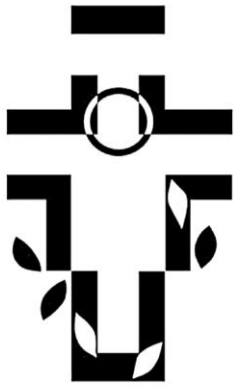


*Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time  
June 16, 2024*



*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***

***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,  
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***Saturday:***

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# Bonnie News

*Franciscan Church of St. Bonaventure*



apud phillip medhurst PARABLE OF THE MUSTARD SEED. MARK 4:30-32. JAN LUYKEN excudit harry kossuth

***“Parable of the Mustard Seed”*** by Jan Luyken (1649-1712).  
Etching from the Bowyer Bible (1791-1795), Bolton Museum, England.  
Harry Kossuth, photo. Electronic image created by Phillip Medhurst 10 August 2009.

This grain is the kingdom of heaven,  
it is the grace of the divine Spirit.  
The garden is the heart,  
that of each man and woman,  
the place where those who receive it  
sow the Spirit and hide it in the innermost depths,  
in the recesses of their guts,  
so that no one can see it;  
and they keep it with utmost care  
so that it may germinate,  
so that it may become a great tree  
and reach up to the sky.  
Therefore, should you say, “It is not here below,  
but after death,  
that all those who will have fervently desired it  
will receive the kingdom,”  
you turn upside down the words  
of the Saviour our God,  
for if you do not take the seed,  
this mustard seed he has spoken of,  
if you do not sow it in your garden,  
you remain completely sterile.  
When, if not now,  
will you receive the seed?

By St. Symeon the New Theologian (949-1022), “Hymne 17,”  
*Prière mystique, Foi vivante* 195(Paris: Cerf, 1979), 88.

## LITURGY & SACRAMENTS

### THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, June 17	9 AM	† Louis Anthony Delfino
Tuesday, June 18	9 AM	† Patricia Baretto
Wednesday, June 19	9 AM	Intention of Matthew and Spencer Chaisson
Thursday, June 20	9 AM	Intention of Rory Delfino
Friday, June 21	9 AM	† Bertha D'Souza Brothers, Sisters and Benefactors of the Order † Luis and Conchita Delfino The Parishioners
Saturday, June 22	5 PM	50 <sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary of Ed and Emma Policarpio
Sunday, June 23	8:30 AM	Intention of Vibeth Delfino Alon
	10 AM	† Marjorie Mitchell
	12 PM	† Jeana Toquero
Sanctuary Lamps	Bl. Sac.	† Celia Lyne
	Bl. Sac.	Intention of Sherwin Chua
	Our Lady	For all the fathers of our parish

### HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

A sincere prayer and blessing on all those who are celebrating Father's Day. May our Heavenly Father smile upon you today. May His generosity be your guide as you love and care for those He has entrusted to you.  
~ Friar Tom Reist, Pastor

### THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Confessions are heard on a weekly basis on Saturdays from 9 to 10 am in the Mary Chapel. Confessions are also heard on the first Monday of the month from 1 to 2 pm during Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. In addition, you can always make an appointment with Fr. Peter or Fr. Tom to celebrate this Sacrament in which we encounter our merciful God.

### PROCLAIMING THE COMING JUBILEE YEAR 2025



*In the papal bull "Hope does not disappoint" announcing the Jubilee Year 2025, Pope Francis continues his guiding reflection under the theme "Signs of hope":*

9. Looking to the future with hope also entails having enthusiasm for life and a readiness to share it. Sadly, in many situations this is lacking. A first effect of this is the loss of the desire to transmit life. A number of countries are experiencing an alarming decline in the birthrate as a result of today's frenetic pace, fears about the future, the lack of job security and adequate social policies, and social models whose agenda is dictated by the quest for profit rather than concern for relationships. In certain quarters, the tendency "to blame population growth, instead of extreme and selective consumerism on the part of some, is one way of refusing to face the [real] issues".

Openness to life and responsible parenthood is the design that the Creator has implanted in the hearts and bodies of men and women, a mission that the Lord has entrusted to spouses and to their love. It is urgent that responsible legislation on the part of states be accompanied by the firm support of communities of believers and the entire civil community in all its components. For the desire of young people to give birth to new sons and daughters as a sign of the fruitfulness of their love ensures a future for every society. This is a matter of hope: it is born of hope and it generates hope.

Consequently, the Christian community should be at the forefront in pointing out the need for a social covenant to support and foster hope, one that is inclusive and not ideological, working for a future filled with the laughter of babies and children, in order to fill the empty cradles in so many parts of our world. All of us, however, need to recover the joy of living, since men and women, created in the image and likeness of God (cf. Gen 1:26), cannot rest content with getting along one day at a time, settling for the here and now and seeking fulfilment in material realities alone. This leads to a narrow individualism and the loss of hope; it gives rise to a sadness that lodges in the heart and brings forth fruits of discontent and intolerance.

10. During the Holy Year, we are called to be tangible signs of hope for those of our brothers and sisters who experience hardships of any kind. I think of prisoners who, deprived of their freedom, daily feel the harshness of detention and its restrictions, lack of affection and, in more than a few cases, lack of respect for their persons. I propose that in this Jubilee Year governments undertake initiatives aimed at restoring hope; forms of amnesty or pardon meant to help individuals regain confidence in themselves and in society; and programmes of reintegration in the community, including a concrete commitment to respect for law.

This is an ancient appeal, one drawn from the word of God, whose wisdom remains ever timely. It calls for acts of clemency and liberation that enable new beginnings: “You shall hallow the fiftieth year and you shall proclaim liberty throughout the land to all its inhabitants” (Lev 25:10). This institution of the Mosaic law was later taken up by the prophet Isaiah: “The Lord has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and release to the prisoners, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favour” (Is 61:1-2). Jesus made those words his own at the beginning of his ministry, presenting himself as the fulfilment of the “year of the Lord’s favour” (cf. Lk 4:18-19). In every part of the world, believers, and their Pastors in particular, should be one in demanding dignified conditions for those in prison, respect for their human rights and above all the abolition of the death penalty, a provision at odds with Christian faith and one that eliminates all hope of forgiveness and rehabilitation. In order to offer prisoners a concrete sign of closeness, I would myself like to open a Holy Door in a prison, as a sign inviting prisoners to look to the future with hope and a renewed sense of confidence.



11. Signs of hope should also be shown to the sick, at home or in hospital. Their sufferings can be allayed by the closeness and affection of those who visit them. Works of mercy are also works of hope that give rise to immense gratitude. Gratitude should likewise be shown to all those healthcare workers who, often in precarious conditions, carry out their mission with constant care and concern for the sick and for those who are most vulnerable.

Inclusive attention should also be given to all those in particularly difficult situations, who experience their own weaknesses and limitations, especially those affected by illnesses or disabilities that severely restrict their personal independence and freedom. Care given to them is a hymn to human dignity, a song of hope that calls for the choral participation of society as a whole.

12. Signs of hope are also needed by those who are the very embodiment of hope, namely, the young. Sadly, they often see their dreams and aspirations frustrated. We must not disappoint them, for the future depends on their enthusiasm. It is gratifying to see the energy they demonstrate, for example, by rolling up their sleeves and volunteering to help when disasters strike and people are in need. Yet it is sad to see young people who are without hope, who face an uncertain and unpromising future, who lack employment or job security, or realistic prospects after finishing school. Without the hope that their dreams can come true, they will inevitably grow discouraged and listless. Escaping into drugs, risk-taking and the pursuit of momentary pleasure does greater harm to them in particular, since it closes them to life’s beauty and richness, and can lead to depression and even self-destructive actions. For this reason, the Jubilee should inspire the Church to make greater efforts to reach out to them. With renewed passion, let us demonstrate care and concern for adolescents, students and young couples, the rising generation. Let us draw close to the young, for they are the joy and hope of the Church and of the world!

*The Jubilee Year will begin with the opening of the Holy Door on the 24<sup>th</sup> of December 2024 at St. Peter’s Basilica. Pope Francis has asked that 2024 be a year of prayer in anticipation of and preparation for the Jubilee Year.*

## 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:

+ Jim Meyer, + Marjorie McGinty, + Gerry Devlin, + Alice Eaglen, + Deanna Andrew, + Norman Bell,  
+ Jean-Gabriel Castel, + Romi Walsh, + Brigid O'Rourke, + Joyce Dias Lamoureux, + Joan Watson,  
+ Matt Gleeson, + Denise Baranecki, + Jhonny Mujica, + Alberto Samonte, + Marilyn Sher, + Mary-Lou Gleeson,  
+ Virginia (Ginny) Doty, + Shirley Hynd, + Maureen Shanahan and + Edith Munro.

## 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

### SHARELIFE 2024 PARISH CAMPAIGN

Living the Gospel: 2024 Parish Campaign  
ShareLife Sunday Collections  
March 17 | April 28 | June 2



Your ShareLife gift changes lives

In a world where empathy matters most, your compassionate heart provided accessible, dignified support to over 2,500 people with special needs and their families. We thank you for your kindness and compassion.

### CASSEROLES FOR THE GOOD SHEPHERD REFUGE

If you would like to join this mission of mercy your help would be appreciated. The pans and recipes are readily available in the cupboard at the back of the church. You have a choice to make any recipe that works for you. Please sign your name and the number of pans you need. Casseroles are returned frozen to the Ministry Centre. May you have an open heart and an open kitchen. Next pick up by the Good Shepherd is June 25.

### SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL



By visiting people in need in their homes and walking alongside to guide them to resources to break the cycle of poverty, we give them hope for the future.

Your generous donations to our poor boxes and through Canada Helps do help us make a difference. Thank you!



Our confidential helpline is: **416-447-5571 Ext. 570**. In addition to donating through our poor boxes located at our three main exits, online donations can be made securely through our QR code or the following link:

<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/society-of-st-vincent-de-paul-st-bonaventure-conference/>



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### MINISTRY WITH MATURING ADULTS

#### Nurturing Our Spirituality in the Second Half of Life With a Focus on Care of the Body, Mind and Spirit.

In Person Meetings



**Tuesday, June 18: 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.**

#### Spending Time with Our Creator in Our Summer Gardens

*As we welcome summer we are invited to spend more time outdoors. You are invited to the Ministry centre after the 9AM mass for coffee and reflection on the Canticle of St. Francis. Then we will spend time outdoors observing and using all our senses with God's creation in the St. Bonaventure Garden.*

**Facilitated by:** Trena Finnegan, Coordinator of Ministry with Maturing Adults

**Tuesday July 9:**

#### Presentation by Year-Round Travel

Join us on July 9th for an informative talk on travel for the "over 55 age group" The owner of Year-Round Travel, Joe Kennedy, will host our talk and give us a general overview of up-and-coming trips and tours. We'll enjoy a multimedia presentation and light refreshments.

**Save the Date: August 13** More information coming soon!

**There is no need to pre-register for these events. Just come and you will be warmly welcomed! And feel free to invite a friend!**

### CWL POTLUCK - SUNDAY, JUNE 23, 2024 FROM 1 - 3 PM



The St. Bonaventure CWL invites all women of the parish to a Potluck Lunch on Sunday, June 23 from 1-3 pm in the parish hall. Kindly email Waveney Duarte ([waveneyduarte@rogers.com](mailto:waveneyduarte@rogers.com)) or Tracy MacInnis ([t.macinnis60@gmail.com](mailto:t.macinnis60@gmail.com)) to let them know what you plan to bring. We're looking for appetizers, mains, and desserts. It will be a fun afternoon filled with good food, laughter and games. We look forward to seeing you then.

### CONSTRUCTION UPDATE



We started Phase B on Friday, June 7, which covers the walkway area between the church & the Parish Centre and the walkway that runs in front of the Main Hall of the Parish Centre. The walkways involved will be unavailable for pedestrian traffic. **The turning circle in front of the church will be closed off as well, which means that there will be no parking, passenger drop off or accessible parking from this area for approximately 6 weeks.** Accessible parking is available in front of the Ministry Centre and in the back lot behind the Ministry Centre. Please exercise caution in the parking lot and on the walkways. **Entry to the church will be through the rear doors near the sacristy hallway, the doorway directly into the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, and the south main doors closest to the Old Friary.** Thank you for your patience and understanding.

ST. CLARE INN UPDATE - SPECIAL COLLECTION - JUNE 22/23 WEEKEND

*A note from the Executive Director of St. Clare Inn:*

Dear Parishioners,

St. Clare Inn is a transitional housing project that offers accommodation to homeless women between the ages of 30-60 who are struggling with a diagnosed mental health issue. We offer temporary residence for a period of up to one year. St. Clare Inn is a non-denominational home-like setting where the focus is on re-building lives and self-esteem.

A spirit of hospitality and community are an integral part of life at St. Clare Inn which is guided by the following principles:

- respect for each individual;
- a simple lifestyle;
- the healing benefits of living in community; and
- an atmosphere of peace.

When a woman is ready to leave St. Clare Inn, we will help her to find permanent affordable housing to ensure that she maintains a stable living environment and there is a smooth transition. We believe that an essential part of recovery is finding a home.

St. Clare Inn is not government funded and we rely on grants, events and individual donors to support this amazing work. Our annual operating costs is over \$355,000.00. We have four major fund-raising opportunities each year: The Spring Gala (April), St. Bonaventure Parish Special Collection, Linda's Walk (September), and the Annual Mail Appeal (December).

For this year's annual gala, we generated over \$40,000 in revenue. Last year our 2023 Linda's Walk raised over \$38,000.00 in revenue. We hope to do the same or better this year! Please mark your calendars for Linda's Walk 2024 which will be held on Saturday, September 28, 2024. Come walk with us!

As you can see, we need to raise more funds so we can continue the amazing work at the St. Clare Inn. Please keep us in mind next weekend, June 22 and 23, 2024. There will be a second collection for St. Clare Inn during each of the masses. If you can, please donate generously. We appreciate all the support the parish has given us over the years!

On behalf of the Board of Directors, the staff and the women of St. Clare Inn, ***thank you!***

With gratitude,  
Laura Pearson  
Executive Director St. Clare Inn

2024

Linda's Walk 2024

Linda's  
Walk

Saturday September 28, 2024 - 10 am. Registration begins soon!

Come Walk with Us!

THE VIRGIN MARY PROJECT - SUMMER CAMP - SPONSORED BY THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



Join us for 'The Virgin Mary Project'! Following the success of our previous programs, we are delighted to offer this enriching opportunity to explore and honor the Virgin Mary's life through Eco-Art. Using cardboard and fabric as our primary mediums, participants will embark on a creative journey to delve into the timeless story and profound significance of the Virgin Mary. Through artistic expression and imagination, we invite you to celebrate her enduring legacy and spiritual significance.

**Location:** St. Bonaventure Parish Centre

**Term:** 2 morning sessions

**When:** July 2 and 3 / July 4 and 5

**Participants:** Max 15



**Materials:** Since this program aims to create environmental awareness, participants are required to bring recyclable materials they find at home for the projects. The content and the list of suggested materials will be provided by email.

Register for [Orfe Summer Camps](#) Early Bird Registration before June 10, 2024!  
Save your child spot!

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## REFLECTION

**“... and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how.” (Mark 4:27)**

Jesus says this parable is about the kingdom of God. But he does not explain how. It recommends modesty, for sure. We Christians must arrange ourselves humbly and trustingly, like the farmers, while the mystery takes place within our souls. And, of course, we need to “detach the husks and straw from the lighter chaff.” This would mean pulling ourselves away from distractions and fascinations that drag us away from who we are meant to be. Distractions such as impressing others, winning all the time, using God’s name in vain, criticizing people ... fill out the list. But the Holy Spirit of God plants seeds in our souls and quietly begins their growth. Followers of Christ must let the seeds grow at their own rate, and then go on to the next step only when they are ready. Our job had been to prepare the land, which is us, and then see the result that happens “of its own accord.”

In a second parable, the quiet status of a seed is apparent. Jesus says that the mustard seed is the smallest and humblest of all the seeds on earth. (In fact it is not, so I am told. Gardeners say that the petunia, the begonia and orchid seeds are smaller still.) The tiny mustard seed, the size of a pinhead, unassumingly grows to be a great big shrub or even a tree that is taller than a man’s head. So are we to be humble in a similar way. The Spirit’s plantings in our souls will seem exceedingly tiny, even unnoticeable. Our humility—like the farmers’ with the seeds—means waiting, or in other words, being patient. We are fallow lands. We must be ready and anticipating for something greater than ourselves, something the Spirit bestows. This means that the “largest of plants” will not be you or me, but God—present in our lives and in our communities. Since God is great and to be loved above all things and within all things, since God is taller than a man or woman’s head, so to speak, then he is large enough to found our greatest plans or hopes. Definitely, let us put our actions into the world! But first ... let us be fallow.

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