



*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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*Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
June 21, 2026*

# Bonnie News

*Franciscan Church of St. Bonaventure*



*Gethsemane* (1873), by Carl Heinrich Bloch (1834-1890). Oil on copper. The Museum of National History at Frederiksborg Castle. Public domain. Source: wikicommons.

LXIX *Salvum me fac*

*A Sonnet based on Psalm 69 by Malcolm Guite*

His day is coming, it will not be long!  
But first he came to suffer with us here.  
That sorrow might yet tremble into song,

The psalmist here foresees and counts each tear  
Our saviour weeps, sees how he was accused  
So falsely, sees the spite, the shame, the fear

Surrounding him, the way he was abused  
By those he came to save, the way his zeal  
Was mocked and taunted, mercy was refused.

And all this was for me, that he might seal  
Me in the book of life, not raze me out.  
They cried for vengeance, but he came to heal.

Christ takes this psalm and turns it inside out  
He does not pour out indignation, but  
Instead pours out the life-blood of his heart.

<https://malcolmguite.wordpress.com/2021/01/05/sorrow-trembles-into-song-a-response-to-psalm-69/>

## LITURGY & SACRAMENTS

### THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, June 22	9 AM	† Miss Bertha D'Souza
Tuesday, June 23	9 AM	Intention & Thanksgiving of Ma-Adelle Abano
Wednesday, June 24	9 AM	† Patrick Chu
Thursday, June 25	9 AM	† Leonardo Alon Sr.
Friday, June 26	9 AM	† Joan Dineen † Gilbert Diokh † Maria Lopez † Michael Oliver † Michael Thek
Saturday, June 27	5 PM	† James Durbano
Sunday, June 28	8:30 AM	The Parishioners
	10 AM	† Pa Peter Nkemka
	12 PM	† Ricky Cherry
Sanctuary Lamps	Bl. Sac.	Maria Cianfarani
	Bl. Sac.	† Patricia & Glenn McQueenie
	Our Lady	† Romy Raquedan

### 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, + Joseph Cusimano,  
+ Kathleen Fitzgibbons, and + Patricia McQueenie

## 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,

Earlier this calendar year, in accordance with archdiocese policy, I submitted my letter of resignation as pastor to Cardinal Leo, and he accepted it. Personnel changes among the friars typically take place in August, so I will remain your pastor until around mid-August, when my successor arrives. Please do not inquire about who he is, as the archdiocese will make and announce the appointment.

It has been a privilege to serve as pastor of St. Bonaventure's these past four years. Over time, you became accustomed to my way of doing things - and to my sense of humour, delivered in a Buffalonian accent - and I, in turn, came to appreciate many of your customs and ways. But those things are only on the surface. What I cherish most is having come to know you, especially in moments when we encountered Christ together. You have nourished and deepened my faith, and for that I am grateful. Sharing God's Word with you on Sundays will remain especially memorable for me.

Once I know my next assignment, I will share the news with you. Until then, we can continue to endure the lack of air conditioning together.

May God bless you with his peace.

## ST. BONAVENTURE PARISH'S 70<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY PARTY - THANK YOU

What a joyful celebration of our Parish's 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary! Thank you to everyone who came out to share in such a special day. Although the rain joined us, it could not dampen the spirit of the occasion - the warmth, joy, and generosity of all who gathered truly made the day shine. We are especially grateful to everyone who helped plan, prepare, volunteer, and take part in the festivities. What a blessing to be a part of the wonderful St. Bonaventure community! By the grace of God, may our parish continue to grow in faith, fellowship, and service for another 70 years and beyond.



## FATHER'S DAY BLESSINGS

Today we give thanks to God for the fathers, grandfathers, stepfathers, and father figures in St. Bonaventure's parish. Your love, patience, guidance, and quiet sacrifices reflect the tender care of our Heavenly Father and faithful example of St. Joseph. May the Lord bless you with strength, wisdom, joy, and peace as you continue to nurture, protect, encourage, and lead with love. We hold in prayer all fathers living and deceased, and all those for whom this day carries tenderness or longing. Happy Father's Day, and may God bless you abundantly.

## CONGRATULATIONS GRADE 8 GRADUATES



Congratulations to the Grade 8 Graduates of St. Bonaventure School! We extend our heartfelt congratulations to all the Grade 8 students as they celebrate this important milestone. May God bless each of you as you move on to new schools, new opportunities, and the next exciting chapter of your journey. We are proud of your hard work and wish you every success, joy, and peace in the years ahead.

## 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



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



St. Clare Inn is excited to announce the official launch of **Linda's Walk 2026!**  
Scan the QR Code to get your tickets and reserve your spot.  
We can't wait to see you there!



### 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)

## 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

**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)

### HANDICRAFT HOLY LAND CHRISTIANS - JUNE 27-28



On the weekend of June 27-28, we will welcome our special guest from Sebastien Cardinal's team, representing "Handicraft Holy Land Christians", who after all the masses will briefly address the issues and concerns regarding the Christian presence in the Holy Land.

Christians in the Holy Land graciously ask your support through conscience prayers and will have many unique hand carved olive wood religious art pieces made by these families in Bethlehem available for purchase after every mass.

Proceeds of the sales generate much needed employment for our Christian brothers and sisters in Bethlehem.

May God Bless you for your generosity, for your help and for your prayers.

Cash, debit, credit cards and cheque will be accepted.

You can visit and support us at [www.holylandchristians.ca](http://www.holylandchristians.ca)



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## REFLECTION

**“Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted.” ~Matthew 10:29-30**

God pays attention to each of us. God knows us each in the tiniest detail! A conclusion follows. See what you think of it: Each of us is created to be a place where God’s love can dwell. It follows that we will never be truly human unless the greatest value in each of our lives is to receive the love of God and to carry it to the people around us.

Our culture would never buy such a proposition. On television we see people seeking ease, beauty, convenience, pleasure and so on. Quite often on broadcast channels, cable channels, and now on subscription programs, one could conclude that the human person is made for one purpose only: sex. Without realizing it, commercials are built to encourage the seven Capital Sins (pride, gluttony, avarice, lust, sloth, envy and anger). Jot that list down, put it by your television and put a check behind each one when it is promoted.

Alright, we human beings do get attached to many things or fascinated by them. But if each of us is created to be a place where God’s love can dwell, then any of these fascinations might be left aside if it begins to take over God’s place. If I am attached to wealth, or my stamp collection, or my good looks, or drugs, or even my mate—in a way that makes God’s love take second (or third or fiftieth) place, then my life is disordered and I am headed for a fall.

How do you react to this proposal? Personally, I used to react to it with confusion and resistance. “You mean I am to love God only and not care about my friends, my family, music, sports, food, health, etc.? Not care about anything except God?” No. Healthy love of all these things has its roots in love of God. Everything gets its own individual value from the indwelling of God within it. Each person, each blade of grass receives its full value of love because it proceeds from God’s gentle hand. Whoever takes this proposition seriously will live a full human life. But I can hear the reader saying immediately that this is too difficult. So many things get in the way. Have a look through your life and see how often you forget God the source. “Leave me, I am a sinful man,” Peter once said to Jesus in the boat, remembering that he had actually deserted Jesus at least three times. How many times have you and I done likewise?

So, does the above proposition really apply just to those who never sin? Not at all. “If you sin, I will not leave you, I will love you,” God has said throughout the ages. The cross of Jesus is the ultimate statement of that truth. God’s love remains constant and dear, in spite of the rampant sin in all of us and each of us. His love will help us get closer to the goal. Let us rejoice, then. No matter how many hairs we have on our head, God’s love remains to be let in.

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