



*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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*The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ*  
*June 22, 2025*

# Bonnie News

*Franciscan Church of St. Bonaventure*



*The Morning of the Feast of Corpus Christi (Am Fronleichnamsmorgen) 1857, Ferdinand Georg Waldmüller (1793-1865, Austrian). Oil on panel. Österreichischen Galerie Belvedere. Public Domain. Source: Wikicommons.*

### 1. *Love's Choice* by Malcolm Guite

This bread is light, dissolving, almost air,  
A little visitation on my tongue,  
A wafer-thin sensation, hardly there.  
This taste of wine is brief in flavour, flung  
A moment to the palate's roof and fled,  
Even its aftertaste a memory.  
Yet this is how He comes. Through wine and bread  
Love chooses to be emptied into me.  
He does not come in unimagined light  
Too bright to be denied, too absolute  
For consciousness, too strong for sight,  
Leaving the seer blind, the poet mute;  
Chooses instead to seep into each sense,  
To dye himself into experience.

<https://malcolmguite.wordpress.com/2024/05/30/corpus-christi-three-sonnets-on-communion-6/>

## LITURGY & SACRAMENTS

### THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, June 23	9 AM	† Frances Fong
Tuesday, June 24	9 AM	† Leonardo Alon, Sr.
Wednesday, June 25	9 AM	† Patrick Chu
Thursday, June 26	9 AM	† Romualdo F. Alipon
Friday, June 27	9 AM	Intention of the Leong Family for Catholic Healthcare and Education Intention of Michael Argyrides † Josef Sitar † Grazia Maida † Joseph Dos-Remedios † Desmond Anthony Gilling
Saturday, June 28	5 PM	† Susanna Yip
Sunday, June 29	8:30 AM	† Teodomico Sicat
	10 AM	The Parishioners
	12 PM	† Kwok Wai Leung
Sanctuary Lamps	Bl. Sac.	Intention of Christine Votruba and Family
	Bl. Sac.	Intention for the healing of Angela
	Our Lady	† Frances Fong

### HOLY COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND

Our parish has an active Eucharistic Ministry to the Homebound. Our Eucharistic Ministers provide pastoral visits and bring Holy Communion to parishioners who are unable to attend church because of illness, disability or age. If you or someone you know might benefit from this ministry, please contact us at [homebound@st-bonaventure.ca](mailto:homebound@st-bonaventure.ca) or at 416-447-5571 ext. 590 and let us know.

### THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION AT ST. BONAVENTURE PARISH

Confessions are heard on a weekly basis on Saturdays from 9 to 10 a.m. in the Confessional Room. In addition, you can always make an appointment with Fr. Peter or Fr. Tom.

### LITURGY OF THE WORD WITH CHILDREN

Liturgy of the Word with Children is celebrated at the 10 a.m. Mass for children ages 4-9.

### SCRIPTURE SHARING GROUP AT ST. BONAVENTURE'S

The Scripture Sharing group meets every Wednesday from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the Oak Room of the Parish Centre to prepare for the readings for the upcoming Sunday. Reflecting on the spirituality of the scriptures before Mass can have a great impact on hearing the Word proclaimed on Sunday. Participation via ZOOM is available. For more information, please contact Tom: [tom.burns6727@gmail.com](mailto:tom.burns6727@gmail.com)

### SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST ~ JUNE 24

On the date of his nativity, we honor John the Baptist, who was filled with the Holy Spirit while still in his mother's womb. God chose him to herald His Son, and he lived a life of exemplary holiness, ultimately martyred for his faith. The Church commemorates his martyrdom with a memorial on August 29. The Nativity of John the Baptist is one of the oldest celebrations in the Christian Church, observed in both the Eastern (Greek) and Western (Latin) liturgies to honor this saint. It has been publicly celebrated as early as the 4<sup>th</sup> century. It was listed as one of the principal festivals by the Council of Agde in 506, and in that region, it was a day of rest celebrated with three Masses: a vigil, at dawn, and at midday.

What led the day of the celebration to be on June 24th? This date was eventually chosen for the solemnity due to the fact that Scripture tells us John was conceived six months before Jesus. Presumably, John was born about six months prior to Christ, whose nativity is celebrated on December 24. Another significant factor in selecting John's birth date was the pagan tradition of celebrating the summer solstice in late June. Pagan cultures recognized this time as the beginning of shorter days and traditionally lit bonfires to mark the change of seasons.

The Church acknowledged the importance of incorporating this ancient and popular tradition among the its future converts, while ensuring it was not associated with pagan rituals. As the events in the life of Christ did not directly align with the midsummer festival, early Church leaders turned to the life of John the Baptist. Just as the birth of Christ was celebrated during the winter solstice in December, John the Baptist's birth would be celebrated during the summer solstice. This choice was a perfect fit, as the nativity of John foreshadows the birth of Jesus. We are reminded of John's words regarding Jesus and their parallel to the changing of seasons: "He must increase, but I must decrease" (John 3:30).

Today, the age-old tradition of lighting fires on the eve of St. John's day can be observed in various parts of the world, particularly in Europe. These fires symbolize the acknowledgement of John and his proclamation of Jesus, who is referred to as "the light of the world." Although the origins of these fires lie in a pagan ritual, most participants today honor St. John without any pagan connotations. In addition to bonfires, parades and festivals are often held, continuing until daybreak. In some countries, Christians splash water on one another or go swimming at midnight to remember their baptism in honor of St. John.

In Canada, Saint-Jean-Baptiste Day (Fête de la Saint-Jean-Baptiste), also known as St. John the Baptist Day, is a holiday celebrated on June 24 in the province of Quebec. The tradition of celebrating Saint-Jean-Baptiste landed in Canada with the first French colonists. The earliest mention of these celebrations in North America dates back to 1606 when settlers landed on the coast of Newfoundland. It was officially declared a public holiday in Quebec in 1925, accompanied by publicly funded events organized throughout the province.

John the Baptist served as the herald of Christ, "a voice of one crying out in the desert, 'Prepare the way of the Lord'" (Mt 3:3). John's message to the people many years ago emphasized the imminent presence of the Lord and the need for preparedness. On the solemnity of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist, the Church renews this message, inviting all to embrace it wholeheartedly.

- Excerpt from "The Nativity of Saint John The Baptist and its significance," June 23, 2023 entry at <https://basilian.org/en/the-nativity-of-saint-john-the-baptist-and-its-significance/>

## SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS ~ JUNE 27



“1. “HE LOVED US”, Saint Paul says of Christ (cf. *Rom* 8:37), in order to make us realize that nothing can ever “separate us” from that love (*Rom* 8:39). Paul could say this with certainty because Jesus himself had told his disciples, “I have loved you” (*Jn* 15:9, 12). Even now, the Lord says to us, “I have called you friends” (*Jn* 15:15). His open heart has gone before us and waits for us, unconditionally, asking only to offer us his love and friendship. For “he loved us first” (cf. *1 Jn* 4:10). Because of Jesus, “we have come to know and believe in the love that God has for us” (*1 Jn* 4:16).

2. The symbol of the heart has often been used to express the love of Jesus Christ. Some have questioned whether this symbol is still meaningful today. Yet living as we do in an age of superficiality, rushing frenetically from one thing to another without really knowing why, and ending up as insatiable consumers and slaves to the mechanisms of a market unconcerned about the deeper meaning of our lives, all of us need to rediscover the importance of the heart.” - The opening paragraphs of Pope Francis's final encyclical "*Delixit Nos*", which may be read in its entirety here: <https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/encyclicals.index.html#encyclicals>

Catholics worldwide are urged to pray for priests today on the World Day of Prayer for the Sanctification of Priests, which was begun by St. John Paul II in 2002, and coincides with the Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus.

## 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 Long, + Bernard Nottage, + Anna Szatmary, + Christopher Harris, + Blanca Graciela, + Martin Frank,  
+ Thelma Jonathan, + Jeanette Bertheau, + Edward Baker, + Joyce De Gannes, + Rochelle Labrador,  
+ Vinodh Loganadhan, + Barbara Makowicz, + Anne Clune, + Antonino (Tony) Cravero, and + Frances Fong.

## 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

### CWL INITIATIVE FOR 2025: SHARE THE WORDS



### INCLUSIVE

Catholic Women's League members are a mosaic of women inclusive of all ages and cultures. Add your fabric to our quilt. Your place is among us.

## CASSEROLES FOR THE GOOD SHEPHERD REFUGE



We are always grateful for the many casseroles that we, as a parish, contribute to the Good Shepherd. In April we had a tremendous response to the plea for support in this Mission of Mercy. Now, for the month of May we have sent 74, which is very good indeed. Please remember those less fortunate in our society. To provide one meal a month is the goal that we need to try to achieve. A number of our parishioners serve this meal once a month and see firsthand the "Cry of the poor." Thank you again to those who contribute every month and those who contribute when they can. All newcomers to this Ministry are so very welcome. Let's continue to support those in need of a meal, a person you may never know. Next casserole drop-off date is JUNE 23 in the Ministry Centre.

## SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL



***"Lord, help us to recognize that you are always with us and to reach out for help when we're struggling. Send your grace into our hearts, that we might also serve others who are [in] need of your love and healing. Help us all to move toward the holiness and happiness for which you created us." - Bishop James Conley***

Please assist Vincentians to lift the burdens of others, especially those who struggle to afford the basic necessities of life, and to refresh them with humble care and service. Your donations to our three poor boxes and through CanadaHelps do make a difference. Thank you! Online donations can be made securely through the following link:

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

## SHARELIFE

### Thank you for bringing empathy to the table

Covenant House, an agency you support through ShareLife, fosters a profound sense of belonging among at-risk children in the Youth in Transition program. Their community dinners create a welcoming space for shared experiences, made possible by your empathetic heart. "These gatherings are an opportunity for youth to learn more about each other and taste food from different cultures," says Fred Shayo-Mushi, Support Services Manager of Covenant House Toronto. "The dinners make everyone feel like they matter because of your love."

Thus far we have raised **\$50,971** or **47%** toward our goal of **\$109,000**. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at [sharelife.org/donate](http://sharelife.org/donate).



## 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, usually twice monthly, September to June. We look forward to welcoming you and feel free to invite a friend! If you would like more information, e-mail Trena Finnegan Coordinator Ministry With Maturing Adults:

[trena@st-bonaventure.ca](mailto:trena@st-bonaventure.ca)

#### Tuesday July 8<sup>th</sup> - 10:00AM to 11:30AM Francis Room

##### *A Morning Meditative Stroll*

Join us in the beautiful church grounds of St. Bonaventure as we bring awareness to the act of walking and consciously engaging with the sensations, sounds, and sights around you while paying attention to your body's movements. This practice will encourage you to be intentional with each step while appreciating the beauty of your surroundings. We will then enjoy coffee, snacks and a time of reflection on our experience in the Francis room.

*The facilitator is Whitney Hilts, Regional Manager of Living Well Services who is trained in healthy aging including healthy eating, exercise, and mental health.*

#### Tuesday August 5<sup>th</sup> - 10:00AM to 11:30AM Main Hall

##### *A Morning in Bordeaux*

Bienvenue à Bordeaux! Community spaces are not built in a day, but Bordeaux does it right! Enjoy an afternoon exploring the architecture, history, food and culture of this walkable pedestrian city. Visit the Darwin Eco-système, stroll down the Rue Sainte-Catherine, enjoy delicious French treats and more, all from Toronto!

*Presentation by: Jane Teasdale, Joint Owner and Director Business Development and Community Relations, Mosaic Home Care Services & Community Resource Centre & accompanying her is Lauren McNair Senior Community Resource and Social Engagement Coordinator. Website: [www.mosaichomecare.com](http://www.mosaichomecare.com)*

## BLOOD DONOR CLINIC - WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25<sup>TH</sup> FROM 3 - 7 PM - MAIN HALL



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It matters to every patient across Canada because it's something we can do today to help others wake up healthier tomorrow. Please consider being a blood donor.

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While walk-ins are welcome, it is helpful to book your donation appointment in advance. Once you click the "Book Now" button at [blood.ca](http://blood.ca), enter *Don Mills* in the "Location" field. Click search. Then scroll down to find "St. Bonaventure's Parish". Click select and book your time slot. Thank you for helping save the lives of others.

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## REFLECTION

“And all ate and were filled.” ~ Luke 9:17

Many people today, especially young people, say that they do in fact believe in God. They are on a spiritual quest, yes, but they do not need an organized religion to help them. Sunday’s Mass will make the question especially poignant. To put it in the worst light, why would you Catholics go each week to be given a flat wafer called a “host,” and perhaps a small sip of wine? It seems like a lot of trouble, and would appear to have very little to do with the spiritual quest.

As Catholics we answer that the host is no longer “bread” but has undergone a “transubstantiation.” In simple words, even though it has the appearance of a flat piece of bread, its substance has been transformed from that of bread to that of Christ’s body. The same goes for the wine and his blood. The non-church folks might reply, “aren’t God and spirituality something interior, something private? If the point is that we should help each other, why can’t we do it without all the paraphernalia, without all this ‘body and blood’ business?”

Think of it this way. When you are hungry and you want, say, a hamburger, does thinking about a burger do the job? Or picturing it in your mind? Since your hunger is internal, should it just stay there, with no answer in the material world?

We human beings do have an insides and it is very important, but we have an outside too. We are not built to just stay there within ourselves but also to let our spirits walk, play, and suffer in the material world. The Holy Spirit’s presence at the depths of our being makes us desire to find Jesus with our eyes, ears, nose, tongue, hands, and purgations.

So, that is why we go to Church. We want to find a reply to our spiritual quest, now in a fleshly presence—of Christ. At Mass, which is a ritual, we find that presence given to our senses in Communion, and it fulfills our Spiritual and physical yearning. So, that is the answer. Are you hungry for Christ? Come and eat. You are what you eat, you know.

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