

*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,
appointments only.**

Saturday:

3 pm to 7 pm

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*Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time
June 23, 2024*

Bonnie News

Franciscan Church of St. Bonaventure



"Christ in the Storm on the Sea of Galilee" (1596) by Jan Brueghel the Elder (1568-1625), Oil on copper. © Museo Nacional Thyssen-Bornemisza, Madrid.

"Maybe" by Mary Oliver

Sweet Jesus, talking
his melancholy madness,
stood up in the boat
and the sea lay down,

silky and sorry,
So everybody was saved
that night.
But you know how it is

when something
different crosses
the threshold – the uncles
mutter together,

the women walk away,
the young brother begins
to sharpen his knife.
Nobody knows what the soul is.

It comes and goes
like the wind over the water –
sometimes, for days,
you don't think of it.

Maybe, after the sermon,
after the multitude was fed,
one or two of them felt
the soul slip forth

like a tremor of pure sunlight
before exhaustion,
that wants to swallow everything,
gripped their bones and left them

miserable and sleepy,
as they are now, forgetting
how the wind tore at the sails
before he rose and talked to it –

tender and luminous and demanding
as he always was –
a thousand times more frightening
than the killer sea.

LITURGY & SACRAMENTS

THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, June 24	9 AM	† Karl Kremer
Tuesday, June 25	9 AM	† Leonardo Alon Sr.
Wednesday, June 26	9 AM	† Conchita and Luis Delfino
Thursday, June 27	9 AM	† Dennyson Pereira
Friday, June 28	9 AM	Friars All Souls in Purgatory † David Backus Simon † Julie Mary Heinz
Saturday, June 29 Sunday, June 30	5 PM	† S.V. Somasundaram
	8:30 AM	The Parishioners
	10 AM	† Wai Leung and Yin Kwok
	12 PM	† Ricky Cherry
Sanctuary Lamps	Bl. Sac.	† Celia Lynn
	Bl. Sac.	† Edith Munro
	Our Lady	For all the graduates of St. Bonaventure School

LITURGY OF THE WORD WITH CHILDREN AT THE 10 AM SUNDAY MASS

For children ages 4 to 9. A parent is welcome to accompany a child who is too shy to participate on their own. Through the generosity of those who serve in this ministry, we are able to provide the Liturgy of the Word with Children throughout the month of July, with one exception: there will be no separate celebration on Sunday, June 30th due to the Canada Day “long weekend”. We’ll be back on July 7.

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*”:

13. Signs of hope should also be present for *migrants* who leave their homelands behind in search of a better life for themselves and for their families. Their expectations must not be frustrated by prejudice and rejection. A spirit of welcome, which embraces everyone with respect for his or her dignity, should be accompanied by a sense of responsibility, lest anyone be denied the right to a dignified existence. *Exiles, displaced persons and refugees*, whom international tensions force to emigrate in order to avoid war, violence and discrimination, ought to be guaranteed security and access to employment and education, the means they need to find their place in a new social context.

May the Christian community always be prepared to defend the rights of those who are most vulnerable, opening wide its doors to welcome them, lest anyone ever be robbed of the hope of a better future. May the Lord’s words in the great parable of the Last Judgement always find an echo in our hearts: “I was a stranger and you welcomed me” for “just as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you did it to me” (Mt 25:35.40).

14. The *elderly*, who frequently feel lonely and abandoned, also deserve signs of hope. Esteem for the treasure that they are, their life experiences, their accumulated wisdom and the contribution that they can still make, is incumbent on the Christian community and civil society, which are called to cooperate in strengthening the covenant between generations.

Here I would also mention *grandparents*, who represent the passing on of faith and wisdom to the younger generation. May they find support in the gratitude of their children and the love of their grandchildren, who discover in them their roots and a source of understanding and encouragement.

15. I ask with all my heart that hope be granted to the billions of the *poor*, who often lack the essentials of life. Before the constant tide of new forms of impoverishment, we can easily grow inured and resigned. Yet we must not close our eyes to the dramatic situations that we now encounter all around us, not only in certain parts of the world. Each day we meet people who are poor or impoverished; they may even be our next-door neighbours. Often, they are homeless or lack sufficient food for the day. They suffer from exclusion and indifference on the part of many. It is scandalous that in a world possessed of immense resources, destined largely to producing weapons, the poor continue to be “the majority of the planet’s population, billions of people. These days they are mentioned in international political and economic discussions, but one often has the impression that their problems are brought up as an afterthought, a question which gets added almost out of duty or in a tangential way, if not treated merely as collateral damage. Indeed, when all is said and done, they frequently remain at the bottom of the pile”. Let us not forget: the poor are almost always the victims, not the ones to blame.

The Jubilee Year will begin with the opening of the Holy Door on the 24th 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, + Edith Munro and +Celia Lynn

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

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.**

SHARELIFE 2024 PARISH CAMPAIGN

Living the Gospel: 2024 Parish Campaign

ShareLife Sunday Collections

March 17 | April 28 | June 2



Your generous heart provides for hungry children

Through your support for ShareLife, Canadian Food for Children, a ShareLife-funded agency, provides hungry children in vulnerable communities clothing, shoes, and nutritious food. Thank you for joining the fight against hunger by sharing your blessings.

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 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!

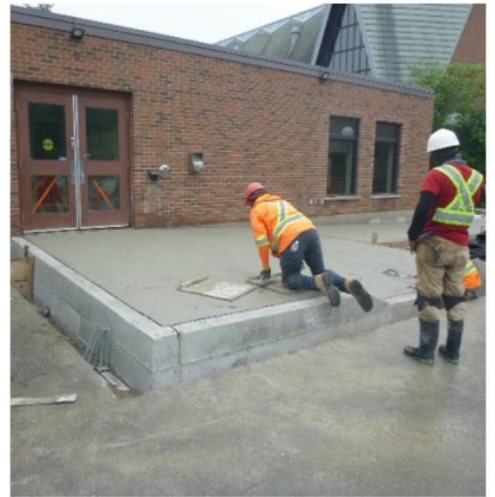
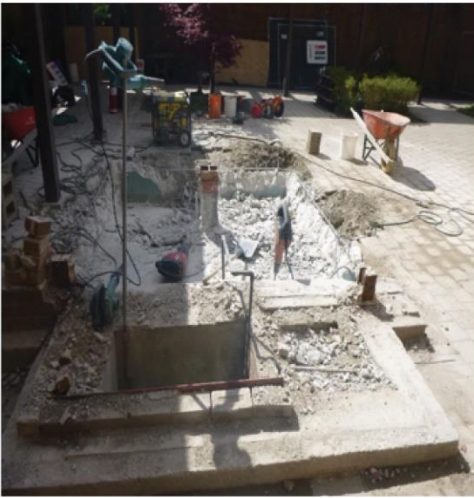
There is no need to pre-register for these events. Just come and you will be warmly welcomed! And feel free to invite a friend!

BRIGHT SMILES - HOMELESS YOUTH INITIATIVE



The church is helping a high school student’s school initiative to help change the lives of homeless youth by collecting dental products as a healthy smile is a vital component to one’s self-esteem and confidence. It is important to help those less fortunate in our communities, give them help, provide hope and guide them from a place of darkness to light. We hope you will support this student by donating dental products such as toothbrushes, toothpaste and floss. A container bin will be placed in the foyer, and you can drop off supplies in the bin. If you wish to donate money, please place cash in an envelope and leave it in the parish office. Any donation would be greatly appreciated and exemplifies the Good Samaritan in you. Let’s help combat poor oral health in homeless youth and bring back their Smiles!

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE



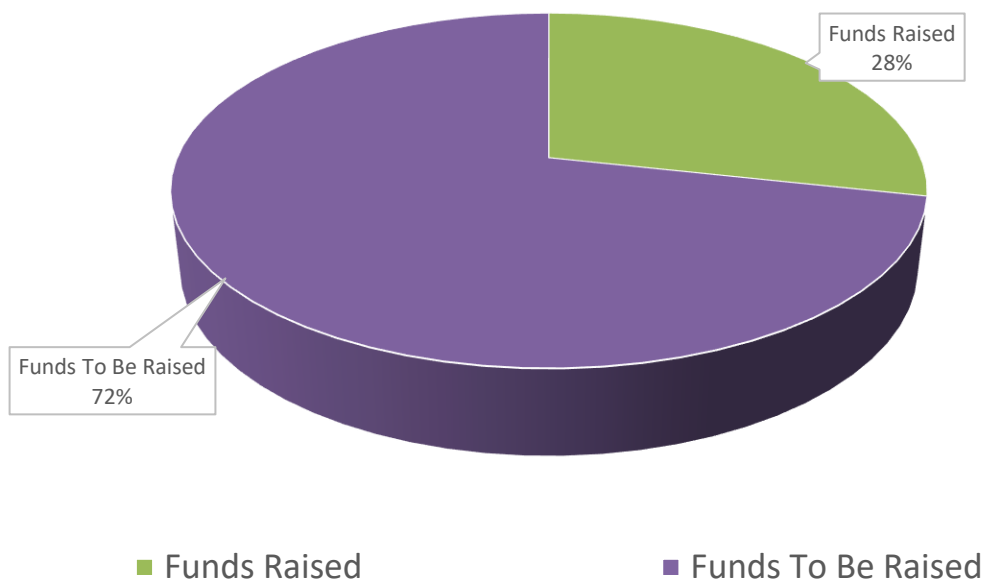
Dear Parishioners,

You can see from these pictures that our demolition and repaving project is well on its way. The cross and tower in the Church's courtyard have been removed. The courtyard bordered by the rear of the Church, the front entrance to the Ministry Centre, the Bonaventure Room and the Parish Centre and the rear parking area has been paved. Some landscaping remains for us to address. With favourable weather and no more underground surprises, the Pathway along the north side of the Church and the pathway leading to the front entrance of the Parish Centre will be completed in the coming month.

All of this is primarily in response to the safety concerns: a tower and cross with structural damage as well as chipped and uneven walkways. From the looks of what is already completed, we should be happy with the finished product.

\$130,000 of the funding for this project will come from the six (6) Maintenance Fund Collections in 2024. The third collection will take place on July 6/7. To date, we have collected \$36,990. (The first two collections were in January and March when work on the project had not yet begun.) Now is the time to show your support of this effort. In advance, thank you for your generosity!

Special Fundraising Needed For Courtyard and Walkway Project



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 a spot!

Orfe EcoArt Program | orfe@orfeart.com | www.orfeart.com | [f/orfecart](https://www.facebook.com/orfecart) | [Instagram.com/orfecart](https://www.instagram.com/orfecart)

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FOR A PARISH REGISTRATION FORM TO COMPLETE

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REFLECTION

“Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?” (Mark 4:40)

Lord, you are calling to us, calling us to faith. Which is not so much believing that you exist, but coming to you and trusting in you.... You are calling on us to seize this time of trial as a *time of choosing*. It is not the time of your judgement, but of our judgement: a time to choose what matters and what passes away, a time to separate what is necessary from what is not. It is a time to get our lives back on track with regard to you, Lord, and to others. We can look to so many exemplary companions for the journey, who, even though fearful, have reacted by giving their lives. This is the force of the Spirit poured out and fashioned in courageous and generous self-denial. It is the life in the Spirit that can redeem, value and demonstrate how our lives are woven together and sustained by ordinary people - often forgotten people - who do not appear in newspaper and magazine headlines nor on the grand catwalks of the latest show, but who without any doubt are in these very days writing the decisive events of our time: doctors, nurses, supermarket employees, cleaners, caregivers, providers of transport, law and order forces, volunteers, priests, religious men and women and so very many others who have understood that no one reaches salvation by themselves. In the face of so much suffering, where the authentic development of our peoples is assessed, we experience the priestly prayer of Jesus: “That they may all be one” (Jn 17:21). How many people every day are exercising patience and offering hope, taking care to sow not panic but a shared responsibility. How many fathers, mothers, grandparents and teachers are showing our children, in small everyday gestures, how to face up to and navigate a crisis by adjusting their routines, lifting their gaze and fostering prayer. How many are praying, offering and interceding for the good of all. Prayer and quiet service: these are our victorious weapons.... Let us invite Jesus into the boats of our lives. Let us hand over our fears to him so that he can conquer them. Like the disciples, we will experience that with him on board there will be no shipwreck. Because this is God’s strength: turning to the good everything that happens to us, even the bad things. He brings serenity into our storms, because with God life never dies.

- Pope Francis, “*Urbi et Orbi*” Blessing, Extraordinary Moment of Prayer, Sagrato of St Peter’s Basilica, Friday, 27 March 2020.

May the Lord bless you and keep you!