

*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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*Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
June 30, 2024*

Bonnie News

Franciscan Church of St. Bonaventure



"Woman with an issue of blood" (1886-1894) by James Tissot (1836-1902), gouache over graphite on gray wove paper. © Brooklyn Museum.

Garments of God

God sits on a chair of darkness in my soul.
He is God alone, supreme in His majesty.
I sit at His feet, a child in the dark beside Him;
my joy is aware of His glance and my sorrow is tempted
to nest on the thought that His face is turned from me.
He is clothed in the robes of His mercy, voluminous garments—
not velvet or silk and affable to the touch,
but fabric strong for a frantic hand to clutch,
and I hold to it fast with the fingers of my will.
Here is my cry of faith, my deep avowal
to the Divinity that I am dust.
Here is the loud profession of my trust.
I need not go abroad
to the hills of speech or the hinterlands of music
for a crier to walk in my soul where all is still.
I have this potent prayer through good or ill
here in the dark I clutch the garments of God.

~ Jessica Powers (Sr. Miriam of the Holy Spirit, O.C.D., in *Selected Poetry of Jessica Powers*, edited by Regina Siegfried and Robert Morneau.

LITURGY & SACRAMENTS

THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, July 1	9 AM	† Peter Glowczewski
Tuesday, July 2	9 AM	† Joey Rosario
Wednesday, July 3	9 AM	John Ung
Thursday, July 4	9 AM	† Randolph Fung
Friday, July 5	9 AM	Vocations Mary Fitzpatrick, in thanksgiving for her birthday † Hugh Kelly † Zenaída Dimaguila † Rita Sabourin
Saturday, July 6 Sunday, July 7	5 PM	† Emily Cusimano
	8:30 AM	The Parishioners
	10 AM	† Giovanni Boscarino
	12 PM	† Arlene Robinson
Sanctuary Lamps	Bl. Sac.	† Celia Lyne
	Bl. Sac.	† Rita Sabourin
	Our Lady	Personal Intentions

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

There is no separate celebration *this 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. 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 a new theme “Appeals of hope”:

16. Echoing the age-old message of the prophets, the Jubilee reminds us that *the goods of the earth* are not destined for a privileged few, but for everyone. The rich must be generous and not avert their eyes from the faces of their brothers and sisters in need. Here I think especially of those who lack water and food: hunger is a scandal, an open wound on the body of our humanity, and it summons all of us to a serious examination of conscience. I renew my appeal that “with the money spent on weapons and other military

expenditures, let us establish a global fund that can finally put an end to hunger and favour development in the most impoverished countries, so that their citizens will not resort to violent or illusory situations, or have to leave their countries in order to seek a more dignified life”.

Another heartfelt appeal that I would make in light of the coming Jubilee is directed to the more affluent nations. I ask that they acknowledge the gravity of so many of their past decisions and determine to *forgive the debts* of countries that will never be able to repay them. More than a question of generosity, this is a matter of justice. It is made all the more serious today by a new form of injustice which we increasingly recognize, namely, that “a true ‘ecological debt’ exists, particularly between the global North and South, connected to commercial imbalances with effects on the environment and the disproportionate use of natural resources by certain countries over long periods of time”. As sacred Scripture teaches, the earth is the Lord’s and all of us dwell in it as “aliens and tenants” (Lev 25:23). If we really wish to prepare a path to peace in our

world, let us commit ourselves to remedying the remote causes of injustice, settling unjust and unpayable debts, and feeding the hungry.

17. The coming Jubilee Year will also coincide with a significant date for all Christians, namely, *the 1700th anniversary of the celebration of the first great Ecumenical Council, that of Nicaea*. It is worth noting that, from apostolic times, bishops have gathered on various occasions in order to discuss doctrinal questions and disciplinary matters. In the first centuries of Christianity, synods frequently took place in both East and West, showing the importance of ensuring the unity of God's People and the faithful proclamation of the Gospel. The Jubilee can serve as an important occasion for giving concrete expression to this form of synodality, which the Christian community today considers increasingly necessary for responding to the urgent need for evangelization. All the baptized, with their respective charisms and ministries, are co-responsible for ensuring that manifold signs of hope bear witness to God's presence in the world.

The Council of Nicaea sought to preserve the Church's unity, which was seriously threatened by the denial of the full divinity of Jesus Christ and hence his consubstantiality with the Father. Some three hundred bishops took part, convoked at the behest of the Emperor Constantine; their first meeting took place in the Imperial Palace on 20 May 325. After various debates, by the grace of the Spirit they unanimously approved the Creed that we still recite each Sunday at the celebration of the Eucharist. The Council Fathers chose to begin that Creed by using for the first time the expression "We believe", as a sign that all the Churches were in communion and that all Christians professed the same faith.

The Council of Nicaea was a milestone in the Church's history. The celebration of its anniversary invites Christians to join in a hymn of praise and thanksgiving to the Blessed Trinity and in particular to Jesus Christ, the Son of God, "consubstantial with the Father", who revealed to us that mystery of love. At the same time, Nicaea represents a summons to all Churches and Ecclesial Communities to persevere on the path to visible unity and in the quest of finding ways to respond fully to the prayer of Jesus "that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me" (Jn 17:21).

The Council of Nicaea also discussed the date of Easter. To this day, different approaches to this question prevent celebrating the fundamental event of our faith on the same day. Providentially, a common celebration will take place in the year 2025. May this serve as an appeal to all Christians, East and West, to take a decisive step forward towards unity around a common date for Easter. We do well to remind ourselves that many people, unaware of the controversies of the past, fail to understand how divisions in this regard can continue to exist.

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 Lyne.

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

MISSION COOPERATIVE PROGRAM APPEAL 2024

This weekend, we welcome Most Rev. Selvister Ponnuthan, Bishop of the Diocese of Punalur, Kerala, India. Please be generous in your support of the good works of his diocese.

CASSEROLES FOR THE GOOD SHEPHERD REFUGE

The Bonnie's Casserole Cooks provided [43 casseroles](#) for The Good Shepherd Refuge in the month of June. Please keep your hearts and kitchens open during the summer months as the need never goes away to help provide a meal for a hungry person. Your support to this service is very much appreciated. Pans and recipes are available in the cupboard at the back of the church. Please remember to sign for the pans you need.

Next due date is July 29.

SHARELIFE 2024 PARISH CAMPAIGN

Living the Gospel: 2024 Parish Campaign



Your love paves the way for second chances in life

Through your support, ShareLife agencies are able to provide people struggling with homelessness, mental illness and substance use challenges with specialized care. Your generosity brings them hope for a second chance in life. Thank you for living the Gospel!

We have raised \$62,100 of our goal of \$109,000 or 57% of our goal.

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/>

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!

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



Wishing you all a Blessed and Happy Canada Day!

The 9 a.m. Mass on July 9th will be offered for the repose of the soul of Ginny Doty, who was a longtime member and contributor to this ministry. May She Rest in Peace.

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 13th, September 3rd and September 24th. 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! trena@st-bonaventure.ca

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE



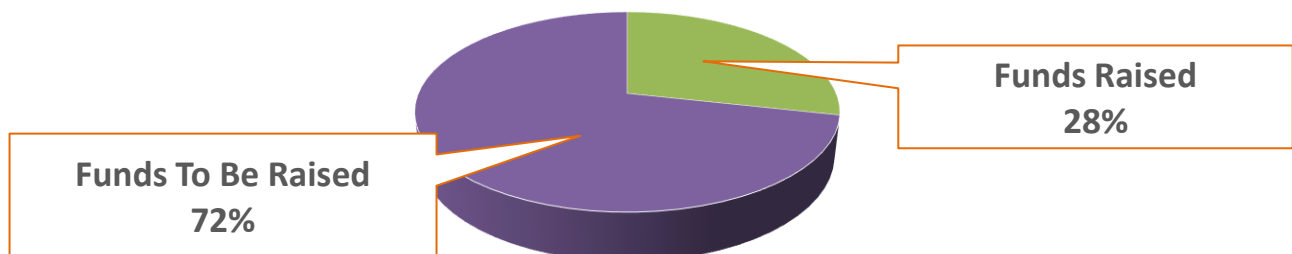
Dear Parishioners,

Our demolition and repaving project are 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 have 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





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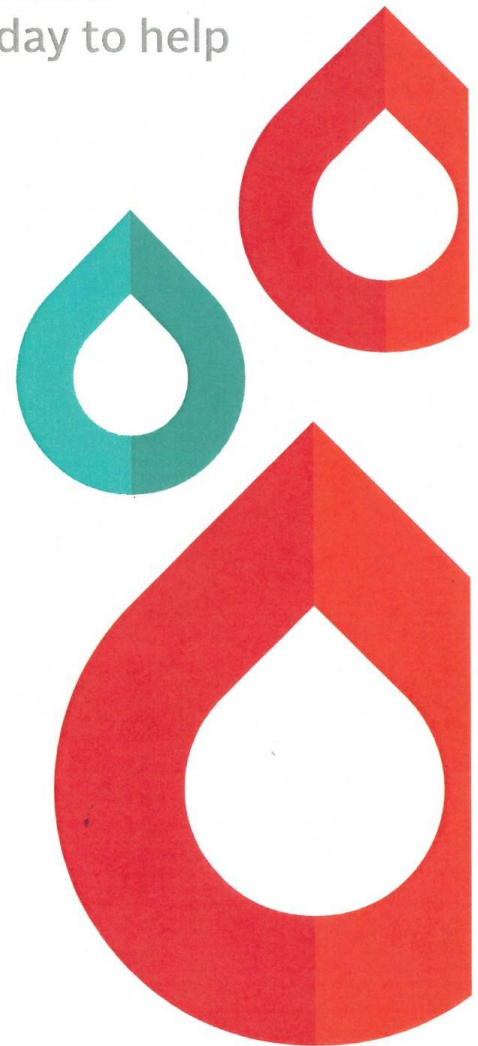
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THANK YOU TO THE SUNDAY COFFEE TEAMS



“Speech and even thought cannot always do justice to the gratitude the heart feels.”
St. Thérèse de Lisieux

Thanks to all who helped make this year’s Sunday Coffee a success. Also, thank you to the CWL, the Knights of Columbus, and the Ministry Centre for your continuous support. See you in September! ~ Maria and Larry Small

HAVE A WONDERFUL SUMMER!



We wish all students, teachers, and school administrators a safe, relaxing and restorative summer vacation.

RECOGNIZING DIGNITY IN OTHERS

Greetings! I used to coordinate our parish giving tree. Our youth group provided the labor. The requests were often practical—bus passes, wool socks, gloves, a winter coat. One request was different from the usual. As the teens and I wrapped, we found a CD and a note. A person who lived in our local Catholic Worker community had requested a recording of a particular piece of classical music. The woman who purchased the CD also loved this piece of music: the note was about the joy she experienced from the music, and how she hoped this person, whom she might never meet, would experience that same joy.

The note got a big reaction among the teenagers. They had gotten into a rhythm, one that mostly involved seeing the recipients of the gifts in terms of their need. This moment—a person experiencing homelessness needing beauty, a person in our parish overjoyed to give it—was something else.

One of the treasures of our Catholic faith is the Church’s social teaching. The first principle of Catholic social teaching is the dignity of the human person. Each human being has a dignity that nothing can take away.

It can be easy to forget that our most fundamental identity is that of God’s beloved child, and that we share this with people like us and people whose lives are very different. When we disagree with someone or cannot understand their circumstances, we can be dismissive or even dehumanize that person, especially if we believe a person has done something wrong. Yet the first principle of Catholic social teaching tells us: no one is defined by his or her worst actions.

Parents might wonder how to make this lesson take hold in their children. Wrapping gifts that day, I had no idea that there would be a teachable moment. Places like the Catholic Worker House are great opportunities for this type of encounter because effort is made to facilitate this type of community.

There is also the truth that children learn what they live daily. When we talk about people, is our language divisive? Do we imply that some are worthy of our care while others are a nuisance? My children can be an uncomfortable mirror. If we want to teach our children to believe that all human beings have inestimable value, they must see us live this day by day.

Many months later, someone brought a large donation of coffee, creamer, and sugar to the parish, intended for the Catholic Worker. As my children bounded out of the car carrying packages, a gentleman came down to help me with the boxes. He introduced himself. I looked into his eyes and saw a classical music lover and a beloved child of God.

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HAPPY CANADA DAY! THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY, JULY 1, 2024



HAPPY CANADA DAY!

Wishing you a relaxing weekend and a wonderful summer!



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REFLECTION

“But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. He said to her, ‘Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease.’” (Mark 5:33-34)

There are experiences that seem to come as interruptions, stories that shoulder their way into the story we think we are living. Intent upon my individual tale, face turned toward the destination I am bent upon, I can resent the intrusions, the ways that other stories sometimes press upon, break through, waylay my own.

A woman is bleeding. Exhausted. Spent. For years her life has been draining from her. Twelve years, if we'll be precise: the exact span of time that the child—the girl, the daughter of Jairus—has been alive. The daughter who now hovers near death, her father pleading with Jesus to come and make her well.

Jesus goes to the girl and is halted midway by the woman. With one gesture, one desperate reaching out of her hand toward the hem of Jesus' robe, the bleeding woman breaks into the narrative. She interrupts the tale of healing that the gospel is seeking to tell. With her aching gesture, the woman compels us to see that our stories do not come to us unbroken and discrete, spinning out in tidy and autonomous arcs. The story of the healing of the woman becomes bound with the story of the healing of the girl, their individual stories becoming one story. An interruption becomes an intertwining: a story made more whole by the joining of its parts. A story that is still being pieced together in the living of our own tales, and in the telling of them.

What stories will we allow to break through, to interrupt, to intertwine with our own? What stories are bound with ours, their fragments joining to create a tale more complete than the one we could tell alone? What story do you need to receive or to tell in order to become more whole: to be made well?

- Jan Richardson, “I will be made well” from <https://paintedprayerbook.com/2012/06/24/i-will-be-made-well/>

May the Lord bless you and keep you!