The Solemnity of All Saints
November 1, 2026

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Franciscan Church of St. Bonaventure

Growing in Spirit, Community, and Service



Adoration of the Trinity (1511). Albrecht Dürer, (1471-1528). Oil on lime panel. Kunsthistorisches Museum, Vienna. Public domain. Source : wikicommons.

Sonnet for All Saints *by Malcolm Guite*

Though Satan breaks our dark glass into shards
Each shard still shines with Christ's reflected light,
It glances from the eyes, kindles the words
Of all his unknown saints. The dark is bright
With quiet lives and steady lights undimmed,
The witness of the ones we shunned and shamed.
Plain in our sight and far beyond our seeing
He weaves them with us in the web of being
They stand beside us even as we grieve,
The lone and left behind whom no one claimed,
Unnumbered multitudes, he lifts above
The shadow of the gibbet and the grave,
To triumph where all saints are known and named;
The gathered glories of His wounded love.

Source : https://malcolmguite.wordpress.com/2016/10/28/a-sonnet-for-all-saints-day-3/

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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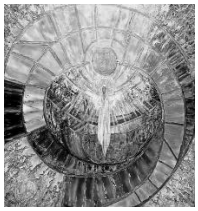
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LITURGY & SACRAMENTS

THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, November 2 Memorial Mass	9 AM 7 PM	† Peter Glowczewski † Remembrance of the Faithful Departed
Tuesday, November 3	9 AM	Personal Intentions
Wednesday, November 4	9 AM	† Intention & Thanksgiving of Fernando Family
Thursday, November 5	9 AM	† Colleen Dorothy Maida
Friday, November 6	9 AM	Vocations Healing Intention of Eileen Mendola Magsino † Rory Delfino † Felicitas Gorospe † Patricia McQueenie
Saturday, November 7 Sunday, November 8	5 PM	† Nimfa Chua
	8:30 AM	Intention & Thanksgiving of Leong Family
	10 AM	† Sylvia Cheryk & Everett Barrett
	12 PM	The Parishioners
Sanctuary Lamps Bl. Sac.	† Teodorico Sicat, Adelino & Pacifico Sicat	
Bl. Sac.	Personal Intention	
Our Lady	Intention of St. Bonaventure Rosary Group	

MEMORIAL MASS – NOVEMBER 2, 2026



All parishioners are warmly invited to join us at St. Bonaventure Parish for our Memorial Mass on **Monday, November 2, 2026**, at **7 p.m.** This Mass, celebrated on All Souls' Day, is a special opportunity to remember in prayer all those who have gone before us, especially those who have died during the past year. Together, we will honour their memory and support those who mourn. Our faithful departed will never be forgotten; they remain forever in our hearts and prayers. Everyone is welcome to join us for this special remembrance.

MASS ATTENDANCE COUNT

For the past two weekends, the ushers have counted the number of people who were present at Mass. Here is the count:

	October 17/18	**October 24/25**
• 5 pm	163	156
• 8:30 am	145	145
• 10 am	343	362
• 12 pm	178	210

PARISH COLLECTIONS – OCTOBER 24/25

Thank you for your continued generosity and support of our parish. The donations received were:

- **Regular Collection:** $5,682.30
- **Tip Tap Terminals:** $100.00

October Electronic Giving

- **Pre-Authorized Giving (PAG):** $13,756.92
- **Donate Now (Credit Card Donations):** $7,150.74

Thank you to all who chose to give electronically. Your faithful stewardship enables us to continue our ministry, maintain our parish, and serve those in need.

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

Last week, I attended a Seminar for priests in the Archdiocese and it took place at the Nottawasaga Inn in Alliston (Friar Reto attended the Seminar the week before). There were close to 200 priests in attendance, and the Seminar was a good opportunity to meet many of them. I was surprised that many of the priests who are ministering in Canada are from other countries. The Cardinal was present for part of the Seminar; he celebrated Mass with us and spoke to the priests about various matters in the Archdiocese. We were also given an update on the Pastoral Plan that will soon be rolled out to all the parishes. In addition, we had three speakers who spoke to us about "Healthy Relationships in the Life & Ministry of Priests." All in all, it was a worthwhile Seminar.

I mentioned last week that on November 17 at 6:00 pm, the annual Cardinal's Dinner will take place at the Pearson Convention Centre. This dinner is an event to raise funds for local charities not funded by traditional sources. Tickets are $225 per person or $2,259 for a table of ten. If anyone is interested in attending this dinner, please see me or contact the parish office by this Wednesday.

We are looking for parishioners who would be willing to launder the purificators that we use at Mass. Depending on how many individuals come forward, this would not entail too much time. If you have questions or would be willing to help, please let me know.

It was brought to my attention that last weekend there were individuals near the front doors of the church asking for money. These individuals did not have permission to be there. While it is important that we help the poor, we should not be giving money to those who show up on church property. If this happens again, please do not hand out any money. Word travels fast! If individuals find out that we are giving out money, I can guarantee that more people will appear and will be asking for money.

At my last parish, a woman started showing up during weekend Masses. As people were getting into their cars, she would ask for money. Some individuals gave her money because they felt sorry for the woman. The following weekend, she showed up again. The weekend after that, a man showed up and started asking parishioners for money. I finally had to ask them to leave our property.

As you are aware, here at St. Bonaventure, we do a great deal to help those who are less fortunate; through our St. Vincent de Paul Society, by collecting food items and by making casseroles for Good Shepherd Ministries. These are very concrete ways that we as a parish help those who are in need.

Peace,
Friar Albert

UPCOMING EVENTS

MINISTRY WITH MATURING ADULTS



Appreciating AI for Daily Life
Tuesday, November 10, 2026 – 10:00 AM, Main Hall
Presenter: Ragnard Raquedan from TechGuides (https://www.techguides.ca)
Technology doesn't have to be complicated! Join us for a welcoming, easy-to-follow guide to Artificial Intelligence (AI). Together, we'll explore how to use simple tools to organize daily tasks, plan activities, and exercise your creativity. No technical background is needed, and all questions are welcome!

Save the Date – Upcoming Sessions: November 24, and December 8 & 22, 2026
More details to follow.

Gentle Fit classes will be held every second Tuesday, which began September 8, from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m., and every second Friday. Everyone is welcome to participate.
The cost is $10 per class. For more information, mma@st-bonaventure.ca

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REFLECTION

"Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven." ~ Matthew 5: 12a

My favorite feasts of the liturgical year are the twin feasts of All Saints and All Souls, which actually seem to be one two-day feast. I think that is explained by the first word of both: "All." Everyone is there—we the living, all who have gone before us and all who will come after, variously described as "a great multitude," "a cloud of witnesses" and "every race, nation, people and tongue."

How comforting this is! All my family, friends, all our sisters. Catherine McAuley certainly looked forward to the celebration when she said, "Will we all meet in Heaven? O what a joy even to think of it!"

Is there a distinction between "saints" and "souls"? There is if we consider only the canonized as the first. But I think of us all as the Communion of Saints, all of us joining together with one voice. As we experience so painfully at this time, the more divided, insulated and exclusive we are, the more our vision and openness narrow. "We" no longer includes "all" and separates us from "them."

I don't believe we have to wait until we get to Heaven to experience what these feasts celebrate. A previous translation in the liturgy proclaimed, "Life is changed, not taken away." People live not only in our memories, but also in our presence. Is not prayer a communication, not only with God, but with the saints and souls?

These feasts invite us to do more than remember. They invite us to see and join that great multitude, that cloud of witnesses here and now. They give us a glimpse of what we might mean by "All."

All you holy saints of God, pray for and with us now.

~ Sr. Susan Severin, RSM. "A Brief Reflection on the "All" of All Saints and All Souls" from https://www.sistersofmercy.org/all-souls-reflection/ posted on Oct. 31, 2020.

May the Lord bless you and keep you!