

*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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Thirtieth-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 10, 2024

Bonnie News

Franciscan Church of St. Bonaventure



The Widow's Mite -Le denier de la veuve (c.1886 - 1894) by James Tissot (1836-1902), gouache over graphite on gray wove paper © Brooklyn Museum, New York.

The Widow's Mites

Two mites, two drops, yet all her house and land,
Fall from a steady heart, though trembling hand:
The other's wanton wealth foams high, and brave;
The other cast away, she only gave.

by Richard Crashaw (c. 1613 -1649), *Divine Epigrams*

Will you join us?

Our Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to the Homebound bring the Holy Eucharist to parishioners who are confined to their homes due to illness, disability or the aging process. We are looking for new members to be part of this wonderful ministry. Your compassionate presence and prayers will provide the sick and homebound with a sense of community, spiritual support and belonging. If you are interested in learning more about this ministry, please email homebound@st-bonaventure.ca or call 416-447-5571 ext. 590.

LITURGY & SACRAMENTS

NEXT WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, November 11	9 AM	† Mildred Cope
Tuesday, November 12	9 AM	† Carolyn and David McKeown
Wednesday, November 13	9 AM	† Gerard Duarte
Thursday, November 14	9 AM	† Grazia Maida
Friday, November 15	9 AM	† Frances Macdonald † Myrna and Kevin Haverty † Bernadette Badali † Nicola Ricciuto † Roberto Galicia
Saturday, November 16	5 PM	† Evangeline Beltran
Sunday, November 17	8:30 AM	The Parishioners
	10 AM	† Nimfa Chua
	12 PM	† Edmond Odette
Sanctuary Lamps	Bl. Sac.	† Jean Edghill
	Bl. Sac.	† Bernard D'Oliviera
	Our Lady	† Robert D'Oliviera

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 of God's mercy.

PREPARING FOR THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Couples who want to marry at St. Bonaventure's Parish or are planning a marriage outside of the Archdiocese of Toronto (for example, in another diocese either in Canada or in another country) are required to meet with either Friar Tom or Friar Peter and complete their preparations in the Archdiocese of Toronto. One of either the bride or the groom (i.e., the Catholic party) ought to live within the parish boundaries, or, if living outside the parish boundaries, should be a registered parishioner and participate in Eucharist on a regular basis. It is a policy of the Archdiocese of Toronto that one year's advance notice is required for marriages. It is important that couples do not book reception venues, etc., before contacting either Friar Tom or Friar Peter.

PRAYER



In our charity we remember those who are ill and all who have requested a remembrance in our prayers.

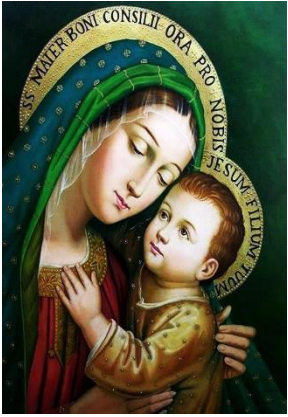
We commend to the Lord the members of our parish who died recently:

+ 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, + Celia Lyne, + Chi Cheung,
+ Albert Mihaly, + Stanley Kee, + Irene Devlin, + Austin Lehman, + Jude Weerasinghe, and + Louise Mackenzie.

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.

CWL ADVENT RETREAT - SATURDAY NOVEMBER 23, 2024, FROM 9 AM TO 12 NOON



The Catholic Women's League of Canada St. Bonaventure Parish Council Presents:
The Movements of Mary in Scripture An Advent Retreat
Guest Speaker: Sr. Francis Bisland
Saturday, November 23, 2024
St. Bonaventure Parish Hall 9:00 am to 12:00 pm
Open to all Parishioners and friends. Light refreshments will be served.

Sr. Francis Bisland will be our facilitator. She will begin the retreat with a heartfelt prayer and guide us through the Movements of Mary in scripture. Don't miss this wonderful opportunity for reflection, spiritual growth, and community bonding as we journey together into the Advent season.

We can't wait to see you there. All are welcome!

HELPING OTHERS

HAWTHORNE SCHOOL - FREE LEAF CLEANING FOR SENIORS



If you are a senior who would like your leaves raked and put to the curb for the next collection date, Hawthorn School for Girls students would be happy to volunteer!

Please contact Queenie Yu at 416-444-3054 or qyu@hawthornschool.com or visit www.hawthornschool.com

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL



You have now been given life's great treasure; when he comes the Lord will ask for what he has entrusted to you. ~St. Cyril of Jerusalem

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/>

CASSEROLES FOR THE GOOD SHEPHERD REFUGE

The Bonnie Casserole Cooks sent **58 casseroles** to the Good Shepherd in the month of October. Thank you to those who prepared these meals to help feed the vulnerable in our society. These casseroles are vital to the meal program offered to anyone who is looking for a hot supper. Please continue to open your hearts and your kitchen to keep up this much needed support to the Good Shepherd Refuge.

Next due date is Monday, November 25, 2024.

SHARELIFE CAMPAIGN UPDATE: MAKE A SHARELIFE GIFT , YOUR YES WILL GO TWICE AS FAR!

NEW: Your gift will double in value! From November 1 until year end, your contribution to our parish's ShareLife campaign will be matched by an anonymous donor up to a total of \$500,000.

Every day, individuals and families silently face depression, anxiety, grief, and trauma. Through ShareLife-supported Catholic Family Services, your YES extends God's love to those struggling with mental health challenges, offering the lifeline they need to find hope.

Our goal this year is \$119,000. To date we have achieved \$74,497.64. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at 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 hope 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! There is no need to pre-register for these events below. Just come and you will be warmly welcomed! And feel free to invite a friend! If you would like more information, email Trena Finnegan, Coordinator Ministry with Maturing Adults: trena@st-bonaventure.ca

Tuesday November 19th 10:00AM to 11:30AM Main Hall

Parish Vitality & Stewardship: What Gifts has God Given You?

During this morning session we will look with fresh eyes on what it means to be a good and faithful steward with the gifts of Time, Talent and Treasure that God has given us and in particular we will examine one method of discerning how we are gifted to serve God and others. We look forward to a joy filled and fun filled morning together!

"We are gifted in certain ways and sometimes we don't even realize it. Perhaps this is an occasion, an opportunity, to ask, 'How am I gifted?'" - Archbishop Francis Leo

Tuesday December 3rd 10:00AM to 11:30AM Main Hall

Advent Reflection

Join us for a morning of reflection at this very special time in the Church Liturgical Year and learn more about the significance of Advent and how it helps us mature on our spiritual journey.

Tuesday December 17th 10:00AM to 11:30AM Francis Room

Coping with the Loss of a Loved One during Christmas and other Holiday Celebrations

We warmly welcome you to come and join us in a small group setting to remember those you will be missing this Christmas and explore possible new ways that might help you be more present to yourself, other family members and friends as you experience this time of loss.

We will look at a short video from an experienced Grief Counsellor to learn new coping skills, recall a good moment in the life of our dearly departed one, have some time of prayer and enjoy coffee with others in our supportive community here at St. Bonaventure Parish.

RSVP or if you would like more information email Trena at trena@st-bonaventure.ca

Save the Dates: January 7th and January 21st, 2025.

SERAPHIM AND CHERUBIM CHORUS ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT



ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT

STOCKINGS BY THE TREE

**SERAPHIM
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Dec. 6 : 7:30 pm
St. Bonaventure Parish,
1300 Leslie St, Don Mills

Dec. 7 : 7:30 pm
St. Gabriel's Parish,
670 Sheppard Ave E, North York

Dec. 15 : 4:30 pm
St. Clare of Assisi Parish,
150 St Francis Ave, Woodbridge

www.seraphimandcherubim.ca

Join us for our 14th annual "Stockings by the Tree" Christmas concert, filled with festive cheer, beloved carols, and a few unexpected surprises.

Join us on Friday, December 6 at 7:30 pm at St. Bonaventure Parish, Don Mills.

Advanced tickets available at seraphimandcherubim.ca

SAVE THE DATE - ANNUAL ST. BONAVENTURE CHRISTMAS MARKET - DECEMBER 7 AND 8

Saturday, December 7, from 4 pm to 6:30 pm
(before and after 5 pm Mass)

Sunday, December 8, from 9:30 am to 2 pm.

More Information and list of Vendors will be available soon.



THE PROMISE - ADVENT CONCERT IN SUPPORT OF ST. CLARE INN



a benefit concert for
St. Clare Inn

the Promise

celebrates the true meaning of Christmas

Save the Date! The Promise

St. Bonaventure Church, Main Hall
Friday, December 20th at 7:30 pm
and

Saturday, December 21st at 2 pm and 7:30 pm
Tickets: \$30 and Free for children 12 & under

Purchase tickets online at stclareinn.org

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FOR A PARISH REGISTRATION FORM TO COMPLETE

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Casseroles for the Good Shepherd Centre

416-447-5571 ext 580

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

416-447-5571 ext. 570

St. Anthony of Padua Mission Aid

1320 Leslie Street, Suite 100
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REFLECTION

“...but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.” (Mark 12:34)

In the Gospel Reading, Jesus puts the scribes down. He says they wear odd clothes and make long prayers in order to get noticed; and they want to be noticed because they love being honoured. They also prey on widows. Widows tend to have little money and less power. A person who preys on widows is really dishonourable. But the scribes are dishonourable even just in striving for honour, aren't they? If you saw your mother trying hard to get to be honoured by others, you'd be ashamed for her, wouldn't you? There is something shameful about trying to get honour.

It follows that Christians should not care about honour. In fact, if a person who seeks honour is shameful, then it seems that a person who strives not to care about honour is honourable. And so it seems that it ought to be a point of honour with Christians that they disdain honour. But here things can begin to slide out of control. Suppose you seek the honour of disdaining honour. Does *this* seeking after honour make you like the scribes? If it is shameful to seek after honour, is it *also* shameful to seek after the honour of disdaining honour? And if it is shameful to strive for honour and also shameful to strive to disdain honour, is there any road at all to honour?

It is worth noticing that in the Gospel Reading, Jesus singles out a widow for honour. Poor as she is, she is giving from the little she has in order to help those who are needier than she is. Jesus praises her and points her out as an exemplar of goodness. To be praised by Jesus is to be honoured indeed! So how did that widow get this singular honour?

The first thing to notice about her is that she wasn't striving for honour, as the scribes were. Although Jesus noticed her, she wasn't trying to get noticed. And the second thing to notice about her is that she wasn't trying to disdain honour either. The only thing she was trying to do is to help those in need. And so her behaviour shows the solution to the puzzle about honour. The only true road to honour is to love the good and pay no attention at all to honour one way or another.

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May the Lord bless you and keep you!