



*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*  
*9 am: Monday to*  
*Friday*

*Ministry Centre Hours*  
*10 AM- 4 PM*  
*Monday, Wednesday, Friday*  
*By Appointment*  
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*Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
*November 13, 2022*

# Bonnie News

*Franciscan Church of St. Bonaventure*



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**GOOD SHEPHERD**

## FOOD DRIVE IN SUPPORT OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD CENTRE

**November 19th - 20th & November 26th - 27th**

The Knights of Columbus is asking for donations of non-perishable items for its first annual food drive. Collection baskets will be placed at the back of the church. Thank you in advance for your donations!

**Meal to Go Program & Dormitory Program**

Packaged Snacks, Chocolate Bars, Juice Boxes, Single Serve Water, Fruit Cups, Cookies, Potato Chips  
Toothpaste and Toothbrushes, Deodorant and Shampoo, Razors and Shaving Cream, Bar Soap, and Shower Gel

## CALLING ALL CASSEROLE MAKERS!

We would like to resume this ministry. More information to follow! If you are interested in making a casserole in support of the Good Shepherd Centre, please email [admin@st-bonaventure.ca](mailto:admin@st-bonaventure.ca) or call the office at 416-447-5571.



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LITURGY OF THE WORD WITH CHILDREN

Sundays at the 10 a.m. Mass starting November 13 for children ages 4 to 9.

A parent is welcome to accompany their child who may be a bit shy to participate on their own.



**What is the Liturgy of the Word with Children?** “The Liturgy of the Word with children begins with the dismissal of children from the Sunday assembly and continues with the proclamation of some or all of the Sunday readings and the singing or saying of the responses between the readings. Within this liturgy is a homily that is to open children to dialogue and reflection with the Word in ways that will help them relate the good news of Jesus and the mystery of God’s redeeming, saving, forgiving love to their lives. The Liturgy of the Word with children concludes as the liturgy does in the larger assembly, by responding to the proclamation of the Word with an affirmation of

faith in the recitation of the Creed and the Prayer of the Faithful for the Church and the world. Children then return to the assembly to continue the celebration of the Eucharist.

In its broadest sense, the Liturgy of the Word with children is the work of children with the Word. Both the assembly and the person who is the presider, or prayer leader with children, assist and guide the children in this important work. The primary purpose of dismissing children is to provide them with a focused environment and process in which they are more likely to become conscious, active listeners and responders to God’s Word in the Scriptures. Remember that although children move to a different space, they are still part of the assembly. The Liturgy of the Word with children is a liturgical experience that opens young people to hear and respond to God’s Word in ways that enable them to be nurtured and challenged by its power and to experience the grace of ongoing conversion to the vision and values of God’s Word.

It is important to remember that children are sent forth by the priest celebrant and the assembly for worship and continuing the liturgical action. It is not for religious education, arts and crafts, or child-care.” (Maureen A. Kelly, “Forming Children in the Word,” *Pastoral Liturgy*, Vol 44, No 2, Mar-Apr 2011, Archdiocese of Chicago: Liturgy Training Publications.)



**Volunteers are needed to celebrate Liturgy of the Word with Children!** Do you seek the Lord within the Scriptures? Are you at ease in the presence of children? Are you comfortable in front of a group? Do you have a couple of hours once or twice a month to prepare for the Liturgy of the Word? Or are you a young person that would like to read the scriptures, sing, or play an instrument? Are you able to gently assist with keeping a prayerful atmosphere? Then, you probably have the gifts necessary to serve in a variety of ways within this ministry. Kindly send an e-mail with your name and contact info to [admin@st-bonaventue.ca](mailto:admin@st-bonaventue.ca). We will contact you to answer any questions you may have and provide training. Volunteer screening with a police background check is mandatory for this ministry.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR LITURGICAL MINISTRIES!

We invite you to share your gifts and talents with the parish community. If you would like to volunteer or have any questions, please call 416-447-5571. We are actively looking for:

Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Ministers of Hospitality
Facilitators of Liturgy of the Word with Children		Altar Servers
Casserole Makers	CWL	Knights of Columbus

**THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE**

Monday, November 14		9 AM	Susan Gallant
Tuesday, November 15		9 AM	† Michael Francis Del Rosario
Wednesday, November 16		9 AM	Intentions of the Arruda Family
Thursday, November 17		9 AM	† Edmond Odette
Friday, November 18		9 AM	The Friars Joe and Regina Lee † Marilyn Pantin † Dave "Ace" Tremble † Grace Maida
Saturday, November 19		5 PM	† Louis and Marie Fung
Sunday, November 20		8:30 AM	† Fidelis Gabriel Njoku
		10 AM	† Agnes and Richard Ivany
		12 PM	Intentions of the Parishioners
Sanctuary Lamps are offered for:			† Terry Wolff † Nina Jagaric Youth of the World

On Saturday, November 19, we will be Confirming one of our parishioners at the 5 p.m. Mass.

**CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: A NEW TIME FOR CONFESSIONS**

"God, be merciful to me, a sinner!" (Luke 18:13) We heard this prayer of the tax collector a few Sundays ago. In my homily I used this prayer to remind all of us of the importance of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Our confessional in the back of the church is very small and feels confining. So, we have set up a confessional in the Mary Chapel. Confession can be celebrated sitting face to face with the priest or kneeling behind the screen. **Confessions will be heard on a weekly basis on Saturdays from 9 to 10 am.** In addition, during our monthly Eucharistic Adoration (**first Monday** of each month) confessions are heard from **1 to 2 pm**. Finally, you can always make an appointment with Fr. Peter or myself to celebrate this sacrament in which we encounter our merciful God. ~ Fr. Tom

**ADVENT DAY OF CONFESSION - WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2022**

Advent Day of Confession for our parish is Wednesday December 14, 2022. Sacrament of Reconciliation is offered at the following times, in the church:

- 9:30 to 10:30 AM
- 1:00 to 2:00 PM
- 7:00 to 8:00 PM

**SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION FOR THE SACRAMENTS OF RECONCILIATION AND EUCHARIST**

Roman Catholic children may begin to be prepared to celebrate their First Reconciliation (Confession) and First Communion (Eucharist) around the age of 7. If you are a parent of a 7-year-old child or older who is baptised Roman Catholic and you think they are ready to begin to prepare to celebrate these Sacraments, then it will be important for you to attend the following **Parent Information Meeting** on Sunday, November 13 from 1 to 2 p.m. in the Main Hall of the Parish Centre (kindly wear a mask).

**SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION FOR THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION**

Information about the Confirmation 2022-23 program and how to register our parish's youth (age 12 +) to prepare for and celebrate the Sacrament will be made available shortly.

November is a month when we remember those who have gone before us. As Christians, our baptismal faith assures us that Christ's own death has broken the power of death. We reach out with care, consolation and prayer to those who mourn, and we pray for those who have died. In this third and final reflection on the ways in which we accompany those who have died and those who grieve through the Order of Christian Funerals, we focus on:

### The Order of Christian Funerals III: The Rite of Committal



The rite of committal is the third major ritual of the Christian community as it accompanies the body of the deceased to its final resting place. The word "final" is all too appropriate for this difficult time of leave-taking. The stark reality of bidding farewell to someone we have loved looms in the moments ahead. The church surrounds the mourners with hope and belief in the power of the resurrection precisely when they most need to hear that message. In no way does faith deny the very painful reality of death and grief; instead it embraces that grief while standing firm in the hope of eternal life.

The rite of committal frequently follows the funeral liturgy. It takes place whenever possible at the site itself. Note that this does not mean in the cemetery chapel, but in the open grave or in the mausoleum. This face-to-face encounter with the place of interment goes against our North American tendencies to avoid such direct reminders of the reality of death and to express our grief in private. Here at the grave or place of interment, the intense emotions of the mourners may be expressed, secure in the knowledge that the support of the church and family and friends is close at hand. Of course, severe weather or the infirmity of the primary mourners may necessitate that the rite of committal take place in the cemetery chapel.

The rite of committal expresses the communion between the church on earth and the church in heaven as the mourners surrender the body of their loved one into the welcoming embrace of the angels and the saints. Accompanied by words of scripture and blessing, the actual interment of the body may take place in the presence of the mourners. This is the core of what we have come to do. In this way the church invites us to see the grave not as a place of despair, but as a sign of hope and promise. A simple gesture such as placing a flower or soil upon the casket, or kissing or sprinkling the casket with holy water may conclude the ritual, serving as the final farewell of the assembly and each person in it.

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**A note about Catholics and Cremation:** "Christian Funeral Rites may be celebrated for persons who have chosen to have their bodies cremated, unless it is evident that they have acted for reasons which are contrary to the Christian faith [for example, denial of the resurrection of the body or devaluing the body against the soul]. In most cases it is recommended that cremation take place following the celebration of the Funeral Liturgy. However, it is permissible for cremation to take place before the Funeral Liturgy.

## GROWING IN *Spirit, Community, and Service*

In all cases, the body or cremated remains of the deceased must not obscure the focus of the celebration on the paschal mystery of Jesus Christ and the action of God in the assembly. Again, the Church teaches that: "The bodies of the dead must be treated with respect and charity, in faith and hope of the Resurrection. The burial of the dead is a corporal work of mercy; it honours the children of God, who are temples of the Holy Spirit." (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 2300)

The cremated remains are placed in their entirety in a secure vessel and are reverently buried or entombed in a place reserved for the disposition of the dead; that is, in a grave, a mausoleum, or a columbarium, as soon as possible after cremation has taken place (cf. Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, Instruction, *Ad resurgendum cum Christo* regarding the burial of the deceased and the conservation of the ashes in the case of cremation, August 15, 2016). Scattering the cremated remains or keeping them in the home of a family member does not exhibit appropriate reverence for the remains of the body which was the temple of the Holy Spirit (cf. *Ad resurgendum cum Christo*)."

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### The Cantic of Simeon

*Response: Protect us, Lord, as we stay awake; watch over us as we sleep, that awake, we may keep watch with Christ, and asleep, rest in His peace. Alleluia!*

Lord, + now you let your servant go in peace; your word has been fulfilled:

my own eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared in the sight of every people:

a light to reveal you to the nations and the glory of your people Israel.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

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### A Prayer for those who Mourn

Lord God, you are attentive to the voice of our pleading. Let us find in your Son comfort in our sadness, certainty in our doubt, and courage to live through this hour. Make our faith strong through Christ our Lord. Amen.

("For the Mourners," *Blessing and Prayers for Home and Family*, Ottawa: CCCB, 2004, p. 183.)

## SUPPORTING EACH OTHER IN PRAYER

### Prayer Network Requests

Network members pray daily for the intentions which are held in confidence. Let the Prayer Network know when a situation is resolved, and members will offer prayers of thanks.

New members are welcome! Call Julie Flood with your intentions: 416-391-0238.

### A Prayer for the Terminally Ill

Lord Jesus, our brother, have pity on those who suffer for love of you. As they carry their cross each day with you, let them share in your mission to save the world by their patient and prayerful endurance. Give them strength in their time of weakness, and peace in the midst of anxiety, until they embrace the fullness of the paschal mystery in the glory of your kingdom, where you live and reign for ever and ever. Amen.

("For the Terminally Ill," *Blessing and Prayers for Home and Family*, Ottawa: CCCB, 2004, p. 159.)

### A Prayer for those who Care for the Sick

Lord Jesus, our brother, you showed your compassion for the sick when you reached out in love to them. We praise you for the saving love that is exercised among those who care for the sick. Conform them more and more to your image that they may be your healing touch to the sick, and share the peace of your Holy Spirit with all they meet. Glory and praise to you, Christ Jesus, the incarnation of the Father's love, you are Lord for ever and ever. Amen.

("For Those who Care for the Sick," *Blessing and Prayers for Home and Family*, Ottawa: CCCB, 2004, p. 159.)

## SHEPHERD'S TRUST - COLLECTION NOVEMBER 12/13, 2022

Second collection is offered for the Shepherd's Trust. For information, <https://www.shepherdstrust.org/>

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*"In my work with the St. Vincent de Paul Society, I see people's resilience and gratitude, despite their myriad problems. If I were in their situation, I am not sure I could be as courteous and resourceful."*  
~ Michael Finoro (Guelph, ON)

Your generous donations to our three poor boxes and online through CanadaHelps, allow Vincentians to give regular support in the form of grocery gift cards to persons and families struggling to pay rent and put nutritious food on the table. If you need help, know someone who does, or would like to learn more about and possibly join our Society, please call our confidential helpline at **416-447-5571, ext. 570** and leave your name and telephone number. 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/>

A NOTE FROM THE CWL: UPCOMING EVENTS

**Saturday, November 26<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**

Open to all parishioners, an invitation to attend an in-person **Advent Retreat** facilitated by Friar Manny and hosted by the St. Bonaventure CWL in the Parish Hall. More information on the retreat theme to follow.

**Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.**

Open to CWL members and those interested in joining The League. The St. Bonaventure CWL Annual Advent Luncheon (in-person) will be held in the Parish Hall on December 11th. This is a good time to reconnect with your sisters in The League, pay your 2023 membership dues and have some fun. There will be entertainment and other surprises. Please plan to attend. More information will be forthcoming in future emails.

**Toronto Diocesan Council Events:**

A virtual Advent Retreat hosted by St. John Chrysostom Parish CWL. **"The Saints of Advent: Guides and Companions on the Journey to Bethlehem"** on Tuesday, November 22 at 7:00 pm. Presented by Christine Way-Skinner, B.A., M. Div., lay minister and doctoral student at Regis/St. Michael's College at the Toronto School of Theology. Christine has authored a number of books for adults and children including "The Joy of Living the Faith" and "The Catholic Kids' Library Series". All women of the diocese are invited. To register, contact [shailaflavy@gmail.com](mailto:shailaflavy@gmail.com) by Nov. 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Convention2023 "Got Talent" Show:** Believe it or not plans are already underway for the Annual Toronto Diocesan Council Convention in 2023. Your very own Tracy MacInnis is organizing some entertainment for the Monday evening in the form of a talent show. She's looking for some talent and is now accepting audition videos. Kindly refer to the poster for information on how to participate.

The Catholic Women's League of Canada  
Toronto Diocesan Council Presents  
**Convention 2023 "Got Talent" Show**

Two minute audition videos are now being accepted.

Email your submissions on or before January 31, 2023 to Tracy MacInnis at:  
[t.macinnis60@gmail.com](mailto:t.macinnis60@gmail.com)

Only 8 acts will be chosen to participate in the show. Start practicing now and get your auditions in ASAP! Chosen participants will be notified by email.  
Be sure to include your name, phone number and email address with audition.

Show Date is:  
Monday, April 24, 2023  
Show Time: 8:00 pm  
Ajax Convention Centre

## THEOLOGY & TEA ON ZOOM

Join friar Mark for Theology & Tea on Zoom on Thursday mornings at 10 AM.

Mark your calendars for the next sessions:

November 24 and December 8

Email [Theology-Tea@st-bonaventure.ca](mailto:Theology-Tea@st-bonaventure.ca) to register.

## MINISTRY WITH MATURING ADULTS ON ZOOM - FALL SESSIONS 2022

Virtual Meetings are on Tuesdays at 10 AM

Next Session, Tuesday December 13, 2022

Email [mma@st-bonaventure.ca](mailto:mma@st-bonaventure.ca) to register and to receive the Zoom link.

## ARE YOU ABLE TO HOST A UKRAINIAN FAMILY?

When hearing reports of the war in Ukraine, and the millions of Ukrainians that have been forced to flee their homeland, many have asked what they can do to help. Over 80,000 Ukrainians have already arrived to Canada through a special visa program created by Immigration Canada. An additional 500,000 have applied to the program and are expected to arrive in the coming months. Many are arriving to Toronto and are without family here in Canada to help them. Among those will be some who are vulnerable to human trafficking, particularly seniors, single women, and women with children. There is an immediate need for families to host for a period of between one and six months some of those who have arrived. If you would like to learn more about hosting a Ukrainian family, please go to [Archdiocese of Toronto - Ukrainian Crisis \(archtoronto.org\)](http://Archdiocese of Toronto - Ukrainian Crisis (archtoronto.org)) and register for a virtual information session.

## RED WEDNESDAY: UNITED WITH OUR PERSECUTED

*Pontifical Charity Aid to the Church in Need (ACN)'s annual Red Wednesday campaign — taking place on November 16 this year — aims to shed light on the persecution and discrimination of Christians around the world. ACN's Liane Bayard reflects on the importance of this day of solidarity.*

### Second largest continent particularly vulnerable:

Africa has been especially affected by a rise in persecution. For example, members of the Church in Burkina Faso are suffering immensely due to the escalating violence and diminishing sense of safety. Many Christians have had to flee to survive while others have been forced to adopt Islamic practices. It is estimated that the Church can only operate on 20 per cent of the territory now, limiting its provision of pastoral, social, health and educational services. The lack of education and structure also renders youth more susceptible to the draw of armed groups.

In Mozambique, terrorists shot a nun dead in September and burned the mission church, health centre and a room used to serve malnourished children. Shortly after this event, it was reported that extremists gathered a crowd together and slit the throats of those identified as Christians.

In Nigeria, this year alone, many priests have been kidnapped or murdered, a young student was stoned to death and burned for alleged blasphemy, and a church was attacked on Pentecost Sunday. A 16-year-old held in captivity by Boko Haram for nine years and forced to convert to Islam recently shared her harrowing ordeal in an interview with ACN. "Words cannot do justice to what I've gone through. . . . I just want to be me again."

### Time, prayer and solidarity

These are but a few examples and Christians in many other countries are also suffering. Those who witness and survive these horrific events—parishioners and Church staff alike—are left to try to heal from the wounds and trauma amidst persistent instability.

Red Wednesday provides an opportunity to stand in solidarity with them and to provide strength they can draw from, reminding them they are not alone in their plight.

To learn how you can help, please visit: <https://acn-canada.org/red-wednesday/>

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## REFLECTION

**"By your endurance you will gain your souls."** ~ Luke 21:19.

Our serenity is based not on our merits but on the mercy of the Lord.

"So favoured is this world that our judge comes not as a stranger, but one who, being like us, can fully sympathize with our weaknesses. The one who died for love of us is given the task of giving measure and value to his work. The one who, because of his own weakness, takes the part of the weak, who wants to collect every fruit of his passion, will separate the wheat from the chaff in such a way that not one grain shall be lost. The one who has allowed us to share in his own spiritual nature, from whom we have drawn the blood vital to our souls, our brother, will judge his brothers. In the second coming, may he who is our hope and salvation in his mercy and kindness be mindful of us!" ~ St. John-Henry Newman

*(Days of the Lord. Vol. 6, Ordinary Time, Year C. Collegeville: Liturgical Press, 1991, p. 311)*

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