Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 15, 2026

Bonnie News

Franciscan Church of St. Bonaventure

Growing in Spirit, Community, and Service



La parabole des talents - The Parable of the Talents (1650-1655). Rembrandt, Harmensz van Rijn (1606-1669). Pen and ink on paper. Louvre. Public domain. Source: Wikicommons

As if by Malcolm Guite

The Giver of all gifts asks me to give!
The Fountain from which every good thing flows,
The Life who spends himself that all might live,
The Root whence every bud and blossom grows,
Calls me, as if I knew no limitation,
As if I focused all his hidden force,
To be creative with his new creation,
To find my flow in him, my living source,
To live as if I had no fear of losing,
To spend as if I had no need to earn,
To turn my cheek as if it felt no bruising,
To lend as if I needed no return,
As if my debts and sins were all forgiven,
As if I too could body forth his Heaven.

Source: https://malcolmguite.wordpress.com/2016/10/11/living-as-if/

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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THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, November 16	9 AM	† Stephen Lim
Tuesday, November 17	9 AM	† Roberto Abad
Wednesday, November 18	9 AM	† Fidelis Gabriel Njoku
Thursday, November 19	9 AM	† Cesar Urrutia
Friday, November 20	9 AM	The Friars † Rory Delfino † Louis & Marie Fung † Leilina Guevara † Gjergj Loshi
Saturday, November 21	5 PM	† Marta Kedrzycki
Sunday, November 22	8:30 AM	† George Della Rocca
	10 AM	The Parishioners
	12 PM	† Frances MacDonald
Sanctuary Lamps Bl. Sac.	Intention of Sonia Milanes	
Bl. Sac.	Personal Intentions	
Our Lady	Mr. & Mrs. Rafael Rosaria	

PARISH COLLECTIONS – NOVEMBER 7/8

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

- **Regular Collection:** $7,661
- **Tip Tap Terminals:** $240

Your faithful stewardship enables us to continue our ministry, maintain our parish, and serve those in need.

SAVE THE DATE: ANNUAL CHRISTMAS MARKET – SUNDAY NOVEMBER 29, 2026



Come one come all to St. Bonaventure's Annual Christmas Market on Sunday, November 29, after ALL masses! If you would like to be a vendor, please contact the ministry centre or email Kathryn at kathryn@st-bonaventure.ca. Join us!

RED WEDNESDAY – NOVEMBER 18

Who Stands with Persecuted Christians? Red Wednesday 2026 – November 18
On November 18, 2026, Canadians are invited to join Red Wednesday, led by Aid to the Church in Need (ACN), to remember Christians who face violence, discrimination, or death for their faith. Now in more than 20 countries, the initiative began in 2016. In Toronto, home to Red Wednesday since 2018, Bishop Vincent Nguyen, Auxiliary Bishop of Toronto, will preside at Mass at 5:30 p.m. at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica, whose façade will again be illuminated in red as a sign of solidarity. More info: acn-canada.org/red-wednesday or contact Evellyne Lemos at el@acn-canada.org. An ACN Canada initiative with the support of the Archdiocese of Toronto.

BAPTISMS – NOVEMBER 8, 2026

We offer our sincere congratulations to the following children who were baptized last Sunday. May God bless them always!

Summer - Daughter of Michael & Mary, **Austin -** Son of Jan & Jennifer, **Hudson -** Son of Connor & Bianca

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

I have plenty of good news to share with you today. First, Friar David Collins returned to the Friary last week and he is doing well. As you know from our announcements at Mass, Friar David underwent triple bypass surgery several weeks ago. Friar David expresses his sincere gratitude for your prayers and asks that you continue to pray for him as he recovers from the surgery. Thank you!

I have been looking for parishioners who would be willing to launder the purificators that we use at Mass. I am happy to report that one parishioner came forward, and she has already washed and ironed a batch of purificators. They came out beautiful! If anyone else is willing to help, please let me know.

In last week's bulletin I mentioned that we purchased two new copies of the Roman Missal (the book we use on the altar at Mass) and asked if anyone would be willing to cover the cost. Two parishioners came to the Ministry Centre after the Noon Mass on Sunday and paid for the Missals. In addition, numerous parishioners emailed me last week offering to pay for the Missals. I would like to express my gratitude to the two donors who came forward as well as all the other parishioners who offered to pay for the Missals.

Last Saturday, the Altar Server Award Mass for the Central Region of the Archdiocese took place at our church. Bishop Kasun presided at the Liturgy and presented the medals to the Altar Servers. I am pleased to announce that Armin from our parish received the award. Congratulations, Armin! I would like to thank our pastoral staff for helping with the Mass as well as the reception that was held afterwards. And I express my thanks to the Knights of Columbus for taking care of "traffic duty" in the parking lot.

Peace,
Friar Albert

UPCOMING EVENTS

MINISTRY WITH MATURING ADULTS

May God Order Our Days: an invitation to pray the Liturgy of the Hours
Tuesday, December 8, 2026 – 10:00 AM, Main Hall
Presenter: Gregory Beath

In his General Audience on August 5, 2026, Pope Leo encouraged the faithful to pray the Liturgy of the Hours. He said: "Every week and every day, the Eucharist and the Liturgy of the Hours are the breath of the life of the Church, which makes the Holy Spirit circulate through her Body." What is the Liturgy of the Hours? How can we incorporate it in our daily prayer? Pope Leo said: "Each hour is an act of hope." May the Liturgy of the Hours be a daily expression and experience of hope in our lives for the life of the Church and the world.
Please note: There will be no Gentle Fit class on Tuesday, November 17th.

ST. BONAVENTURE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE (CWL)

Save the Date: CWL Advent Retreat – Friday, November 21, 2026
Take a break from the hustle and bustle and join us for a prayerful morning of reflection and renewal. We're delighted to welcome **Dr. Ruth Brown** as our facilitator as she leads us through the Advent theme of **Hope**. In a world that sometimes feels determined to rush us straight from Halloween to Boxing Day sales, let's take a few hours to slow down, pray, and prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ. Come for the inspiration. Stay for the friendship.

THE SERAPHIM & CHERUBIM CHORUS

The Carols are ready, the lights are twinkling, and the magic of Christmas is in the air! The Seraphim & Cherubim Chorus returns for our 16th annual Christmas concert, *Candles in the Window*. An afternoon of beloved carols, soaring choral masterpieces, Broadway hits and a few joyful surprises awaits! This year the magic grows: meet the S&C Angels, our brand-new children's choir, as they take the stage with us for the very first time! Bring the whole family and let the magic of Christmas fill your heart. Join us on Sunday December 6 at 4:30 pm at St. Bonaventure. Advance tickets available at seraphimandcherubim.ca.

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REFLECTION

"…so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground." ~ Matthew 25: 25

This poor soul did not invest the money at all. He buried it. Quite simply, he was afraid of investing it and losing it. He was right to be afraid, given the owner's attitude. He listened to the fearful servant's story and then had the man thrown into "the darkness outside," where there would be "wailing and grinding of teeth." Quite an overreaction, it seems. The poor guy just wanted to keep the owner's money safe! Maybe the proprietor was simply a "demanding person," as the parable says. Dark spirited. But there is much more to it.

The monetary unit "talent" in Jesus' time was not a small amount. Even one talent could be worth more than a laborer would earn in a lifetime. And the owner entrusted a lot more than just money to the servants—he left them all his possessions, everything he had. He took a great risk and he wanted them to do the same, not leave the investment moldering around somewhere.

Ok, now make the switch. Assume that the parable is about God. Maybe God entrusts an even greater amount to you and me! Life, abilities, the gift of love, the living breathing human beings around us, and every so often, real and open acts of unselfish love. God gives all this free of charge, gives to us our own lives with all their rewards and catastrophes, and he says to us, dive in. Have your life. Make whatever you will with it because you are my own beloved. It is wonderful. But then an awful question arises. Does God curse those who are afraid and who bury what they are given? Jesus at least seems to say so. To everyone who has, more will be given and he will grow rich; but from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. (Gospel) Ouch. That hurts. Except that, in the realm of spirituality, there is one thing I know of that will go away if it is buried, but which gets greater if you use it. Love.

If fear closes the door tightly against love, guess where the loveless one will be. In the darkness outside the door, wailing and gnashing those teeth. Without love. Get this: We are all frightened, and God always has compassion upon us. God waits for ages to see if we will not accept just a bit of the love he offers, and if we will even find just enough courage to invest some of it in other people. God is often disappointed in this risk he takes, and I'm sure he says, "oh no, not again" when we fail. But this is the disappointment of someone who loves us very well. Let love in. Love casts out fear.

~ John Foley, SJ. Source: https://www.slu.edu/mission-identity/initiatives/slu-liturgy/year-a/november.php

May the Lord bless you and keep you!