



*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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*Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 16, 2025*

Bonnie News

Franciscan Church of St. Bonaventure



The Martyrs of Compiègne before the Tribunal of Justice, date and artist unknown.

Source: <https://tribunechretienne.com/les-carmelites-de-compiegne-sont-desormais-saintes/>

Psalm 98: XCVIII *Cantate Domino*

by Malcolm Guite

For Christ himself will shine as the true ark,
The holy one between the cherubim,
In his right hand and holy arm the mark
And imprint of the wounds we gave to him
Which he returns as love. He has declared
That love with open hands and heart. To him
The world with all its wounds, its shared
Desires and fears, will come, to seek the peace
Which he still offers freely. He has spared
The guilty, for he chose to take their place
And suffer for them. Therefore, we will sing
A new song, in the all-renewing grace
Still flowing from those wounds. The world will ring
With music, drama, dance, and poetry,
With every gift that grateful hearts can bring.

<https://malcolmguite.wordpress.com/2021/05/03/sing-a-new-song-a-response-to-psalm-98/>

LITURGY & SACRAMENTS

THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, November 17	9 AM	† Andrew & David Tomcik
Tuesday, November 18	9 AM	† Julie Smith
Wednesday, November 19	9 AM	† Cesar Urrutia
Thursday, November 20	9 AM	† Louis & Marie Fung
Friday, November 21	9 AM	Brothers, Sisters and Benefactors of the Order † Anna Kunak † Koula Peppas † Mri Loshi † Ndue Nikaj
Saturday, November 22	5 PM	† Linda Stoddard
Sunday, November 23	8:30 AM	† Leonard & Mercedes Alon
	10 AM	Intention of Mary Ellen Lawless
	12 PM	The Parishioners
Sanctuary Lamps	Bl. Sac.	Personal Intentions
	Bl. Sac.	For all those who are ill
	Our Lady	† Ireno (Rene) Calingasan

HOLY COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND



If a parishioner is unable to attend Sunday Mass due to serious illness, recovery from surgery, or frailty in old age, then Extraordinary Ministers of Communion to the Homebound (specifically trained for this ministry) ensure these parishioners remain in sacramental Communion with the Lord and united with the community. We have reintroduced the Rite of Sending, whereby: the ministers are called to the altar at the end of Communion, a prayer for them and the homebound parishioners is said, and they are given the Blessed Sacrament to take to these parishioners absent from the Eucharistic assembly.

Please be conscious of any parishioners you may know who might benefit from this ministry for a short term or longer duration. If you or someone you know might benefit from this ministry, please contact us by e-mail at homebound@st-bonaventure.ca or call Mary Catherine directly at 416-303-0269.

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:
+ James Durbano and + Joyce Chong.

PRAYER NETWORK REQUESTS

Network members pray daily for your prayer intentions which are held in confidence. New members are welcome! Please call Teresa Krijgsman **416-444-4719** with your prayer intentions or if you would like to join the prayer network.

LITURGY OF THE WORD WITH CHILDREN

All children aged 4-9 are invited to participate in this parallel, age-appropriate celebration of the Liturgy of the Word during Sunday Mass. A parent is welcome to accompany a child who is too shy to participate on their own.

SHEPHERD'S TRUST COLLECTION - NOVEMBER 15-16

There will be a second collection for the Shepherd's Trust on the weekend of November 15/16, 2025. The mission of The Shepherd's Trust is to help ensure that elderly and disabled priests are provided with sufficient financial resources to lead a dignified life after many years of ministry. Your generous gift will help our priests to maintain a modest but active and independent lifestyle in their retirement years. Thanks for your support!

HELPING OTHERS

CASSEROLES FOR THE GOOD SHEPHERD REFUGE

So many hungry people come to the Good Shepherd for a meal every day. Some live on the street and depend on the kindness of others to survive.

Your contribution of a casserole contributes to assist in serving the less fortunate in our community. A hot meal is a welcome necessity especially in these colder days of the year. Up to **600 meals** are provided each day and more if you count in the residents who live at the Good Shepherd. In **October** our parish community sent **67 casseroles**. This contributes to one meal.

Many, many thanks to all those who contribute to this MISSION OF MERCY.

Pans are available in the cupboards at the back of the church.

CWL INITIATIVE FOR 2025: SHARE THE WORDS

Solidarity



We are all sisters and brothers who actively work for the common good. Through the Catholic Women's League, members are invited to build relationships - to understand what life is like for others. Join us in solidarity as we journey towards peace and justice.

- The CWL invites all members to attend the **2025 Pin Ceremony and Luncheon** on December 7 following the noon mass!

CWL CHRISTMAS PROJECT NOVEMBER 16 - DECEMBER 7

Ladies for Ladies: Help fight Period Poverty

Share in the Joy of the Season - by giving dignity, comfort, and care to those in need.

We will be collecting items from: November 16 to December 7.

Most helpful items:

- Heavy/Overnight Pads
- Maxi Thins with or without wings
- Regular Pads for moderate needs

For more information, contact Barbara Morton at bjmorton@rogers.com

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CHRISTMAS PROJECT - NOVEMBER 8 - DECEMBER 7

Help Us Bring Warmth This Winter - Sock Drive for the Homeless November 8 - December 7



As the cold weather settles in, many in our city go without one of the most basic necessities: clean, warm socks. The **Knights of Columbus Council 5080** is organizing a **Sock Drive** to support two local organizations doing essential work with the homeless and vulnerable:

- Good Shepherd Ministries
- Haven Toronto

We invite all parishioners to join us by donating **new socks** (men's preferred, but all are welcome).

Donation boxes will be located at the back of the church from **November 8 to December 7**.

If you know of another organization that could benefit from this initiative, please let us know at

 KofCC5080@outlook.com

This small act of kindness can make a big difference.

Thank you for your generosity and for walking with us in service to those most in need.

Supply Drive for Jamaica - From Our Parish to Those in Need

Final Collection Day: November 16

The **Knights of Columbus Council 5080** is organizing a **collection of essential goods** to be donated and delivered to communities in need in **Jamaica**.

We invite all parishioners to participate by donating **items listed on the sheet available at the back of the church**. Your contribution will directly support families and individuals facing hardship.

Let's come together as a parish to extend our hands and hearts beyond borders, living out our call to serve.

 **Donations can be dropped off in the designated area at the back of the church.**

 **Final day to donate: November 16**

Thank you for your compassion and generosity!

REQUEST FOR ALL PARISHIONERS TO UPDATE THEIR INFORMATION

As we approach year-end tax receipts and envelopes for 2026, we want to ensure we have your most up-to-date information. Please email kathryn@st-bonaventure.ca if you have any changes to the following:

Home address, Phone Number, Email address, New family members.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL: MOVED BY MERCY, SERVING IN HOPE



The option for the poor and vulnerable protects fair treatment of all members of society, especially those in greatest need. It is the responsibility of every one of us to care for those who have less and to provide a healthy lifestyle and a sense of well-being for all members of society. This is the foundation of the Kingdom of God and the fulfillment of Jesus's essential teaching.

Loving God, open our eyes to see You in the faces of the poor, the forgotten, and the suffering. Help us to move beyond mere sympathy into real, self-giving love. Give us the grace to offer not just what is easy to give, but what truly costs us—our time, our attention, our comfort. Strengthen our hearts so that we may respond with compassion. Let us be bold in kindness, faithful in service, and joyful in sacrifice. Teach us to love as You love, so that through us, others may know Your mercy. Amen.



Thank you for your continuing prayers, support and generosity. New members warmly welcomed. Vincentians stand with two St. Vincent de Paul boxes after weekend masses. You may also donate through CanadaHelps: <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/society-of-st-vincent-de-paul-st-bonaventure-conference/>

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 aim 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, September to June. We look forward to welcoming you and feel free to invite a friend!

If you would like more information, e-mail Ministry with Maturing Adults at: mma@st-bonaventure.ca

Tuesday November 18th, Excursion to The Aga Khan Museum - 10 AM to 12 Noon

77 Wynford Drive, North York, ON M3C1K1

Cost: \$12 Admission.

Gather in the Main Hall so we can organize ourselves for carpooling to the Museum

Step into a world of beauty and contrast with *Your Way Begins on the Other Side*, a mesmerizing tapestry that weaves together art, poetry, and spiritual reflection.

This will be a self-guided tour of the exhibit. The cost of admission allows people access for the day, 10 - 5:30, in case you would like to stay longer to see the other exhibits. There is free coat check, and the building is fully accessible. A full-service restaurant and a café for light refreshments is available if you wish to stay for lunch. This is not included in the admission ticket.

More information to follow as details are confirmed. If you are interested in attending, please email us at mma@st-bonaventure.ca We will provide an update through the bulletin but also email the information to you directly. [Aga Khan Museum - Visit](#)

Save the Dates: December 2 and December 16

SAVE THE DATE: ANNUAL CHRISTMAS MARKET - SUNDAY DECEMBER 14, 2025

Sunday, December 14, after all masses! More information to come concerning vendors etc.
Join us!



RED WEDNESDAY - NOVEMBER 19, 2025

United in Prayer for Persecuted Christians on Red Wednesday - November 19, 2025

RED
WEDNESDAY

Aid to the Church in Need

On Wednesday, November 19, 2025, people around the world will mark Red Wednesday, an initiative of Aid to the Church in Need (ACN). This global day highlights the persecution of Christians and reminds us that religious freedom is a human right.

In Toronto, the Archdiocese of Toronto invites the Catholic community to participate in Mass at 5:30 p.m. at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica, where Bishop John Boissonneau, Auxiliary Bishop of Toronto will preside. By attending the Mass, wearing red, or organizing local activities, you stand in solidarity with those who suffer for their faith.

More info: www.acn-canada.org/rw. Contact: el@acn-canada.org or (416) 785-0498. An ACN Canada initiative with the support of the Archdiocese of Toronto.

SAVE THE DATE: THE PROMISE, NOVEMBER 28 & 29, 2025



Experience the Promise: A Musical Journey of Hope, Humility, and the Joy of

We are just three weeks away from this unforgettable experience of contemporary music and poetic storytelling that draws us through the wonder of the Advent season, reminding us of the heartfelt meaning of Christmas - kindness, faith, and hope - and celebrating the joy of the Epiphany. All in support of helping homeless women living with mental health challenges find hope and healing.

Have you gotten your tickets yet? Don't miss this beautiful event to welcome the Christmas season while making a difference!

Friday, November 28 - 7:30 PM

Saturday, November 29 - 2:00 PM & 7:30 PM

More information at www.stclareinn.com

You can purchase tickets **after all Sunday masses** at St. Bonaventure on **November 16th, and 23rd.**

ADVENT RETREAT - NOVEMBER 22, 9AM - 12PM



The CWL St. Bonaventure council presents an **Advent retreat**. The season of light, the coming of the lord Jesus, past, future and present.

Open to all parishioner and friends on **November 22, 2025, from 9am - 12pm**. Light refreshments will be served.

While there is no cost to attend, your generous donations will be gratefully accepted!

We look forward to seeing you there.

THE SERAPHIM & CHERUBIM CONCERT - DECEMBER 7

The Seraphim & Cherubim Chorus Presents: ✨ Magic in the Air! ✨

The first snow of the season has fallen, and it's time to get festive! Come and celebrate the spirit of Christmas with the Seraphim & Cherubim Chorus, as we celebrate 15 years of music, joy and community this year. Our 15th annual Christmas concert series features beloved carols, choral masterpieces, Broadway hits and contemporary favourites. We hope you'll join us at one of our festive concerts, perfect for young, old and everyone in between. We promise you a concert that captures the wonder of Christmas in every note!

Kick off your holiday season with us on **Sunday December 7** at St. Bonaventure Parish, Don Mills at **4:30 pm!** Advance tickets are available at seraphimandcherubim.ca.



YOU'RE INVITED!



St. Bonaventure's **YOUTH MINISTRY** **WELCOME EVENT**

Unite in fellowship and friendship

**DECEMBER 7 - FOLLOWING THE
NOON MASS**

1300 LESLIE STREET, NORTH YORK

*To all high school students at St. Bonaventure: join us
for an evening of fellowship, food, and fun as we
introduce our vision for a youth ministry at St.
Bonaventure!*

What to expect:

- *Brief info session about goals for the ministry*
 - *Social hour with food and refreshments*
 - *Opportunity to connect and get involved*
- Parents are welcome to attend.*



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ARE YOU REGISTERED? IF NOT, ASK AN USHER
FOR A PARISH REGISTRATION FORM TO COMPLETE

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REFLECTION

“...and they will put some of you to death.” Luke 21: 16

There is no other group of victims throughout history who so consistently faced terrifying ends with calm hope and sincerely forgave their persecutors. Martyrs rarely even assume a posture of moral superiority toward their executioners - people that most of us would regard as inhuman monsters. The martyrs are aware of the evil in themselves and the redemption that has come to them from outside the usual human darkness. By the specific dynamics of martyrdom, the desire for vengeance or sense of superiority are ruled out at the beginning.

.... The whole point in remembering those who died as witnesses for truth and goodness is that they literally participate in the Passion of Christ. The remembrance of his Passion and death throughout history has not brought all evil-doers to justice or established a paradise on Earth. His death revealed, for Christians, an unexpected structure inherent in the very world we inhabit. That world is always enslaved to passion, greed, hunger for power, envy and a host of other vices. The only way out of the endless cycles of wrong and punishment is the free willingness to suffer wrong and forgive without revenge. The Christian story changed several cultures on those principles. It is still available to change our own.

For a Christian, martyrs are not merely models to be imitated, but, like all saints, spirits with whom we are in communion, waiting with a common hope. Martyrdom is in a deep sense the paradigm for the Christian life. Any person who starts to follow the Master seriously cannot help but find himself or herself attacked by the same forces that attacked him. Happy is the age that does not produce a large crop of martyrs. But even happier is the age whose people are willing to remain with Christ whether it means martyrdom or not, for from that willingness to die springs everything that makes it worthwhile to live.

-Robert Royal, *The Catholic Martyrs of the Twentieth Century*. Herder and Herder, 2006, quoted at:
<https://thevalueofsparrows.wordpress.com/2015/10/23/martyrs-memory-communion-hope-by-robert-royal/>

May the Lord bless you and keep you!