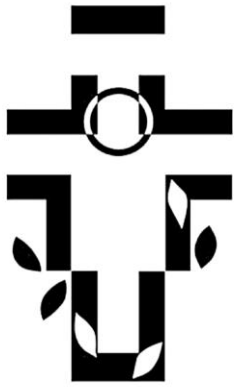


*Thirtieth-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time  
November 17, 2024*



*Growing  
in Spirit,  
Community,  
and Service*

# Bonnie News

*Franciscan Church of St. Bonaventure*

## **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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## To Hear the Falling World

Only if I move my arm a certain way,  
it comes back.  
Or the way the light bends in the trees  
this time of year,  
so a scrap of sorrow, like a bird, lights on the heart.  
I carry this in my body, seed  
in an unswept corner, husk-encowled and seeming safe.  
But they guard me, these small pains,  
from growing sure  
of myself and perhaps forgetting.

by Jane Hirshfield from *Gravity and Angels* quoted on  
<https://thevalueofsparrows.wordpress.com/>

## LITURGY & SACRAMENTS

### NEXT WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, November 17	9 AM	† George De Gannes
Tuesday, November 18	9 AM	† Clare Tenuta
Wednesday, November 19	9 AM	† Louis and Marie Fung
Thursday, November 20	9 AM	† Julia Smith
Friday, November 21	9 AM	† Narciso Gabriel † Josef Sitar † Eda Rigatti † John and Elizabeth Badali † Ronnie Phillips † Jose Torres
Saturday, November 22	5 PM	† Fr. Celso, Marcosa & Januario Solero
Sunday, November 23	8:30 AM	† Mr. Sicat
	10 AM	The Parishioners
	12 PM	† Roger Bowcaud, Lyrs Bowcaud, and Marilyn Pantin
Sanctuary Lamps	Bl. Sac.	Intentions of Frank Sun
	Bl. Sac.	† Jacques Parb
	Our Lady	Intentions of Christine DeFrait

### 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.

### EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND ~ VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

**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](mailto:homebound@st-bonaventure.ca) or call 416-447-5571 ext. 590.

### 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 [gyu@hawthornschool.com](mailto:gyu@hawthornschool.com) or visit [www.hawthornschool.com](http://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/>

### 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](http://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](mailto:trena@st-bonaventure.ca)

#### **Tuesday November 19<sup>th</sup> 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

Facilitated by: Trena Finnegan - Coordinator, Ministry with Maturing Adults

#### **Tuesday December 3<sup>rd</sup> 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. This reflection will be given by Fr. Thomas Reist, OFM Conv. Pastor of St. Bonaventure Parish. We will enjoy a small group discussion with guided questions and there will be time for Q&A.

#### **Tuesday December 17<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:trena@st-bonaventure.ca)

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

### 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.



SERAPHIM AND CHERUBIM CHORUS ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT



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

Advanced tickets available at [seraphimandcherubim.ca](http://seraphimandcherubim.ca)

CWL NEWS AND WOMEN HELPING WOMEN CAMPAIGN

We're kicking off our collection of sanitary products for women who visit the food bank. Please drop off your donations at the back of the church or bring them to the Parish Christmas Market on December 7 & 8 at the CWL booth. For more information on this campaign, contact Barbara Morton at 416-289-7012 or email her at [bjmorton@rogers.com](mailto:bjmorton@rogers.com).

Parish Christmas Market & The St. Bonaventure CWL Calling all Catholic women! The Catholic Women's League of Canada welcomes you. Visit the CWL Booth at the Christmas Market to learn more about The League and discover why we're so passionate about it. This is also a great opportunity to renew your membership or join The League. We look forward to seeing you there!

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



Save the Date! *the Promise*

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

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

Purchase tickets online at [stclareinn.org](http://stclareinn.org)

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FOR A PARISH REGISTRATION FORM TO COMPLETE

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### Casseroles for the Good Shepherd Centre

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## REFLECTION

**“But about that day or hour no one knows...but only the Father..” (Mark 13:32)**

To scrutinize without anxiety, but with attention to the signs of the manifestation of the Son of Man, reveals a faith that is awake and a holy haste to see his Day (see Mk 13:33-37). If, on the contrary, this watchfulness and expectation slacken, we become ensnared in the here-below. Christian communities and the Church at large see their inner dynamism decrease, their missionary ardor cool. Sullenness sets in, blocking all apostolic boldness; even liturgy and prayer mutter along. “Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.” The Son of Man is near, standing at the door, knocking. In order to hear him and open, so that he may enter and sit at our table, we must lend the ear of our heart (see Rev 3:20). “It is better to be wrong in our watching, that not to watch at all” precisely because “of that day or hour, [that] no one knows, either the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.”

That the Son does not know must not surprise us: he has put on human nature in its entirety—except for sin—and therefore also its limits. We are thus decisively shown that questions of date and time in our earthly way of reckoning are not taken into account in matters of salvation. It is sufficient for us to know with certainty that the Day of the Lord will come, and to commit ourselves to the Father with a deep attitude of faith and trust.

In the sanctuary of heaven into which he entered after finishing his work, Christ, our high priest, seated at the right hand of God, waits for all things on earth to come to their conclusion. And we also are waiting, but standing, for the Day to come. To live in this attitude of watchfulness and study the signs of the coming of the Lord, allow us to discern, in the little or great events of our personal lives, of the life of the Church, and of the life of the word, the comings of Christ, unceasing, discreet, but decisive as he beckons to us and calls us to follow him day after day.

From *Days of the Lord: The Liturgical Year*. Vol. 5, Ordinary Time, Year B  
(Collegeville: Liturgical Press, Order of St. Benedict, Inc., 1993.), 307.

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