

*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**

#### **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

**Saturday: 9 to 10 am**

#### **Ministry Centre**

##### **Hours**

**10 AM– 4 PM**

**Monday, Wednesday,  
Friday**

**and by appointment on  
Tuesday & Thursday**

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*Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time  
November 19, 2023*

# Bonnie News

*Franciscan Church of St. Bonaventure*



Artist unknown. A depiction of the parable of talents, showing two men bringing their money back to their master, 1712. A woodcut from *Historiae celebriores Veteris Testamenti Iconibus representatae*. Public domain.

My thoughts of you are fair as precious stones  
out of the memory's deep mysterious mines.  
I cut and polish, hold the gems to light—  
color of sea water, color of wines  
coaxed from the earth's sweetest fruits.  
I drop them down into my heart,  
into the lifted hands of love  
whose lone concern is your renown.

~ A poem by Sister Miriam of the Holy Spirit (Jessica Powers), O.C.D.

## LITURGY & SACRAMENTS

### THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, November 20	9 AM	† Louis and Marie Fung
Tuesday, November 21	9 AM	† David Sullivan
Wednesday, November 22	9 AM	† Benito Salvador
Thursday, November 23	9 AM	† Hugh Canning, Sr. and Jr.
Friday, November 24	9 AM	† Narciso Gabriel † Felicidad Nogra † The Departed Souls of the Power Family † Pura Tianco † The Holy Souls in Purgatory Vocations
Saturday, November 25	5 PM	† Andrew Wolshen
Sunday, November 26	8:30 AM	The Parishioners
	10 AM	Cathie Furfaro, in thanksgiving
	12 PM	† Iginio Durante
Sanctuary Lamps    Bl. Sac. Bl. Sac. O.L. Chapel	Intentions of the Bourgeois and Bent Families	
	† Gerry Devlin	
	Intentions of Joyce DeGannes	

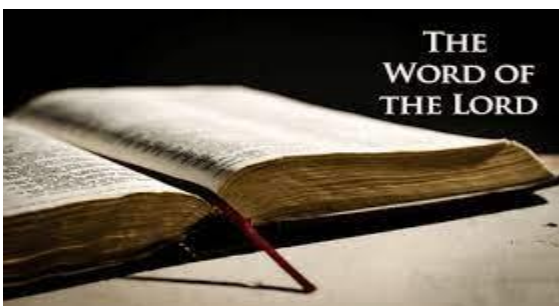
### REMEMBERING OUR LOVED ONES THROUGHOUT THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER

A remembrance “Book of the Deceased” has been placed in the alcove that contains our memorial “Tree of Life.” Here you may enter the name(s) of your deceased loved ones whom you wish remembered in the prayer of the community throughout the month of November.

### THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Confessions are heard on a weekly basis on Saturdays from 9 to 10 am in the Mary Chapel. In addition, confessions are heard on the first Monday of the month from 1 to 2 pm. Finally, you can always make an appointment with Fr. Peter or Fr. Tom to celebrate this Sacrament in which we encounter our merciful God.

### LECTORS NEEDED



Do you spend time reading the Bible? Would you like to help others clearly hear the Word of God at Mass?

Being a lector is a great way to deepen your appreciation of Sacred Scripture and assist your fellow parishioners at Mass to prayerfully hear the Word of God.

As a lector, you allow God to use your voice to communicate with your fellow parishioners. The ministry of a lector is to proclaim how

God has acted throughout human history from age to age, especially through the story of the Jewish people and above all through the gift of Jesus Christ and the Church.

Acting as a lector – or a reader, as it is more commonly known – is the perfect way to volunteer in the church community without taking on too much responsibility. Please consider participating in this important ministry.

For more information, please contact: [liturgy@st-bonaventure.ca](mailto:liturgy@st-bonaventure.ca)

## 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:

+ Gerald Desjardins, + David Hui, + Teresa Brown, + Patricia Docherty, + Nina Jagaric, + FlordeLiz Noriel,  
+ Donna McGuinness, + Claudine Fox, + Anita Baker, + Cecily Foss, + Madeline Fotyi, + Anthony Narayan,  
+ Dennis Szechy, + Martha Fogh, + Kevin O'Sullivan, + Oliver Figueiredo, + Marcelina Manankil, + Mildred Cope,  
+ Raneé Nadarajah, + Douglas Woollings, + George De Gannes, + June Burns, + Neil Pinto, + Geraldine Holen,  
+ Dorothy Ying, + Vincent Chaisson, + Neil Buchanan, + Clement Leung, + Andrew Tomcik, + Ross Abbott,  
+ Lois Theriault, + Marion Shaw, + Ignatius McHugh, + Giovanni Boscarino, + Emily Cusimano,  
+ Wallace Lamerton, + Marie Berndorff, + Sam Savona, + Victor Pappalardo, + John Tasker, + Jim Meyer,  
+ Marjorie McGinty, and + Gerry Devlin,  
and our beloved, whose names are inscribed in our Book of the Deceased this month of November.

## PRAYER NETWORK REQUESTS

Network members pray daily for your prayer intentions which are held in confidence. New members are welcome! Please call Patricia Floros at 416- 444-0424 with your prayer intentions or if you would like to join the prayer network.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

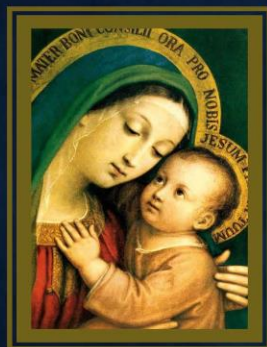
### ALL ARE WELCOME! PARISH ADVENT RETREAT



## Lessons from the Mother of a Miracle Child

An Advent Retreat in Image, Song and Story

with **Christine Way Skinner**, B.A., M.Div.



**Saturday, November 25, 2023**

**9 am—12 noon**

**St. Bonaventure Parish Hall**

Hosted by the St. Bonaventure

CWL Parish Council

Please Register with Waveney Duarte

at [waveneyduarte@rogers.com](mailto:waveneyduarte@rogers.com) or 416-444-6719



## CHRISTMAS MARKET - DECEMBER 2/3 MAIN HALL - BEFORE AND AFTER ALL MASSES

Please be sure to visit the market for cookies, crafts, cards, and other items. Help support the CWL, Knights of Columbus, St. Clare Inn, Seraphim & Cherubim and other charities and important parish groups.

## CWL - NEWS AND ACTIVITIES

### ADVENT LUNCHEON



Sunday, December 10, 2023, in the Parish Hall from 1:00 - 3:00 pm.

All women in the parish are invited to attend!

Join us for an afternoon filled with music, laughter, and togetherness.

Kindly RSVP by December 6, 2023, with Tracy MacInnis at [t.macinnis60@gmail.com](mailto:t.macinnis60@gmail.com) or 647-973-7645.

### 2024 MEMBERSHIP DUES

Your 2024 Membership annual fees are due now. St. Bonaventure CWL Executive Council representatives will be available at the Advent Retreat, (Nov. 25), the Parish Christmas Market, (Dec. 2 & 3), and the Advent Luncheon (Dec. 10) to collect your \$40 membership. We accept cash, cheques made payable to St. Bonaventure CWL and e-transfers to our treasurer Barbara Morton. For more information on The League, how to become a new member and how to renew your membership please contact:

Waveney Duarte at [waveneyduarte@rogers.com](mailto:waveneyduarte@rogers.com)

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### HELPING WOMEN - CHRISTMAS PROJECT

Christmas Project - Ladies helping Ladies overcome Period Poverty. Along with food insecurity, many women in our community are unable to afford safe and hygienic products during their monthly periods. There will be a box located in the back of the church from November 26 to December 17 which will be used for donations of maxi thin pads with or without wings for overnight and heavy flow, thin pads with or without wings for a regular flow, and tampons with applicators. Kindly refer to the Church bulletin board for more information or contact Barbara Morton at [bjmorton@rogers.com](mailto:bjmorton@rogers.com).

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - NEWS & EVENTS

### CHRISTMAS 2023 - SOCK DRIVE, NATIVITY SET RAFFLE AND PANETTONE SALE



The Knights of Columbus is asking for donations for its annual Sock Drive to be held in December at all the weekend masses. Two large boxes with labels will be placed at the back of the church and parishioners are asked to drop off items in the boxes. All donations will be given to Homeless Shelters.

Raffle Tickets will be on sale at all masses starting Nov 25<sup>th</sup>. The Knights will be pleased to assist you with tickets and information at the back of the church, including information about the Panettone sale. Please check the flyers as well.

800<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE FIRST NATIVITY CRECHE



St. Bonaventure's Secular Franciscans & the Parish would like you to help us "**Fill a Stable for Christmas this year**" in honour of the 800<sup>th</sup> anniversary of St. Francis & the first Christmas at Greccio. This event became the origin of the custom of the Christmas Creche.

All funds collected will be donated to CHALICE CANADA to "Fill a Stable" (\$1,000) &/or provide animals for families & communities in need.

**Poultry & Livestock are the Gifts that Keep on Giving** by providing eggs, milk, wool, meat, cheese & financial security for the future. Parent farmers give back by providing milk, meat & eggs for school meal programs.



**CHALICE CANADA** is a Catholic international aid charity focused on child, family & community development with 52 sponsor sites in impoverished areas throughout the world.

There will be **collection boxes** at the entrance to the church. If a receipt is needed for Income Tax purposes, please put your donation in an envelope marked 'Fill a Stable' and provide your name, full address & envelope number (if applicable) & the amount of your donation. **Cheques** should be payable to **St. Bonaventure's Parish** with the **Memo - Fill a Stable**. Tax receipts will be provided by the parish. This will be included in your official receipt for 2023. For more information visit [chalice.ca](http://chalice.ca)

SERAPHIM & CHERUBIM CHORUS, CHRISTMAS CONCERT ON DECEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup> AT 7:30 PM

✿ 'When You Believe' - A heartwarming Christmas concert series by the Seraphim & Cherubim Chorus, unfolds like a holiday story told in song. Join us on an uplifting voyage through the most beloved melodies of Christmas past, present, and future with a few magical surprises along the way. Let's ring in the season together December 8<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 pm at St. Bonaventure Parish. Advanced tickets available online at

[www.seraphimandcherubim.ca](http://www.seraphimandcherubim.ca)

## MINISTRY WITH MATURING ADULTS

### Nurturing Our Spirituality in the Second Half of Life With a Focus on Care of the Body, Mind and Spirit

Coffee and Conversation: 9:45 - 10:00 am

Meeting: 10:00 - 11:30 am



November 28, 2023: **Topic: Tapping into Joy**

Rediscovering Joy in our everyday life after all the pandemic lockdowns.

Come join us as we explore together in a small group setting how we can reconnect with joy, one of the Fruits of the Spirit and live our lives more fully.

*Facilitated by Trena Finnegan*

December 12, 2023: **Topic: Advent Reflection - From Darkness to Light**

An opportunity to take time out from our busy schedules and ponder the Reason for the Season! The morning will include presentation, music, prayer, small group sharing and a time for reflection.

*Facilitated by Trena Finnegan.*

## ARCHDIOCESAN CONSULTATION UNDERWAY


Share your thoughts to assist with future planning! Archbishop Francis Leo is inviting Catholics throughout the Archdiocese of Toronto to share their three key priorities to help inform and guide an updated Pastoral Plan. To participate in the consultation, visit: [www.archtoronto.org/consultation](http://www.archtoronto.org/consultation) and complete a brief survey by December 15, 2023.

## HELPING OTHERS

### ADVENT GIVING TREE IN SUPPORT OF LOCAL NEEDS LAUNCHES NOVEMBER 25TH

The Giving tree will be set up in the back of the church. This year, we are supporting: Society of St. Vincent de Paul, the Sisters of Life, Toronto, and Greenview Lodge Seniors Residence. Please take a tag off the tree and return the gift by Sunday December 17<sup>th</sup>.

## SHARELIFE 2023 PARISH CAMPAIGN - LIVING THE GOSPEL

 **ShareLife: Your love puts food on the table.**

**NEW:** Your year-end gift will double in value! From now until December 31, your contribution to our parish's ShareLife campaign will be matched up to \$500,000.

Through your unwavering support for ShareLife and its Food Security Grants, you ensure families can access meal programs and food banks throughout our archdiocese.

"We are so grateful ShareLife supporters are providing emergency funds to relieve the immediate challenges of families and individuals experiencing hunger," says Louise Coutu, Executive Director of the SSVP Greater Toronto Central Council.

Our parish has currently raised \$82,103.70 toward our goal of \$94,000. We are almost there!  
Double the impact of your kindness by giving at the parish with a ShareLife envelope or anytime at [sharelife.org/donate](http://sharelife.org/donate)

## CASSEROLES FOR THE GOOD SHEPHERD REFUGE



The Good Shepherd Ministries is a place where no person is refused a hot meal. Judgement is not passed on anyone. All are welcomed.

The Casseroles Cooks sent 49 assorted casseroles in October to assist with this program. Thank you!! More cooks are needed. If you have thought of a private safe way to reach out to the hungry in our city perhaps this mission of mercy could be your way to help.

Recipes and pans are available for this purpose and found in the cupboard at the back of the church. Kindly remember to sign for pans needed.

*Matthew 25: 35-37 ~ Here, Jesus links feeding the hungry to ministering to himself, I was hungry, and you gave me food, I was thirsty, and you gave me drink.*

Caring for the vulnerable, hungry people is not only following Jesus' lead, is akin to caring for Jesus.

## CHRISTMAS FOOD DRIVE FOR THE GOOD SHEPHERD CENTRE

Please drop items off at the back of the church. Items most in need are:

mayonnaise & ketchup	jams & peanut butter	granola bars
mustard	tea bags & coffee	bagged rice
tuna & canned meat	canned tomatoes	tomato sauce
beans & chickpeas	soup & stews	canned vegetables

Contact 416.869.3619 x262 [corliss@goodshepherd.ca](mailto:corliss@goodshepherd.ca) if you want to do more to help out.

## SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL



*Sharing God's love with others through acts of service*

**"May the Lord always be with you and may you always be with Him. We are to become vessels of God's compassionate love for others." -Saint Clare of Assisi**

"The poor are valuable in the eyes of God because they remind us how we should live the Gospel, like beggars reaching out to God. The Church encourages us to open wide our hands to our brothers and sisters in need. ...remembering the poor is a fundamental aspect of Catholic teaching, and the Church calls on us to practice solidarity and compassion towards those in need." -Magisterium AI

Our confidential helpline is: **416-447-5571 Ext. 570** for those who need assistance. In addition to donating through our poor boxes located at 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/>



***Special Need: Used winter clothing in good condition for 10-year-old boys (size 10-12) and one-year-old toddler boys (size 18-24 months). Please bag and leave at Ministry Centre marked SSV. Thank you!***

## 2024 SUNDAY MISSALS & CANDLES AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE

If you would like to purchase a personal copy of the new 2024 Sunday Missal or 5-Day candles to burn at home, they are available for purchase at the Ministry Centre. The cost is \$5 each. Thankyou!

## CONTACT US

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FOR A PARISH REGISTRATION FORM TO COMPLETE

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416-393-5263  
<https://www.tcdsb.org/SCHOOLS/STBONAVENTURE/>

Society of St. Vincent de Paul  
416-447-5571 ext 570

Casseroles for the Good Shepherd Centre, contact  
[casseroles@st-bonaventure.ca](mailto:casseroles@st-bonaventure.ca)

## REFLECTION

***“Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter the joy of your master.” -Matthew 25:8***

“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. In fact, the owner took a great risk and he wanted them to do the same, not leave the investment decaying somewhere. That is the story.

Ok, now make the switch. Assume that the parable was about God. Maybe God entrusts an even greater amount to you and me. Life, abilities, the gift of loving, 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 lives with all their rewards and catastrophes, and he says to us, *dive in*. You are my beloved!

This seems 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.* (Mt. 25: 29) Ouch!

There is one thing I know of that will go away if it is buried, but which gets greater if you use it. Love. Think about it. If fear closes the door tightly against love, guess where the unloved one will be: in the darkness outside the door, wailing and gnashing those teeth. Without love.

We are all frightened. And God always has compassion upon us. God waits for ages to see if we will accept just a bit of the love he offers. And also, if we will even find just enough courage to invest some of it in other people. God is often disappointed 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. The message to you and me? Let love in. See what happens!”

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