



*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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***The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed
November 2, 2025***

Bonnie News

Franciscan Church of St. Bonaventure



All Souls' Day (1878), Jules Bastien-Lepage (1848-1884), Oil on canvas.
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A Prayer for the Month of the Holy Souls by Cameron Bellm

In these days when we look back
Upon generations of the mercy of God,
Brilliantly lit in those who came before us,
I like to think, too,
Of the mercy that will stretch beyond us.
We have laid so many to rest this year
That our grief is ever present with us,
But so, likewise, are our loved ones—
The paths they walked, the prayers they prayed for us.
May we realize, too, that someday
We also will live on earth only in memory,
Carried in the hearts of those who loved us.
In remembering our death, may we move through each day
With tenderness, with gentleness,
With love strong enough to stretch that thin veil
Between heaven and earth into transparency.
May we light the candles that will brighten the lives
Of those who will come after us.
And may we always recognize this truth:
That the goodness of God
Is matched only by its might,
Ever transcending both life and death.
Amen.

<https://www.jesuits.org/stories/spirit-verse-a-prayer-for-the-month-of-the-holy-souls/>

LITURGY & SACRAMENTS

THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, November 3	9 AM	† Jose Garcia Sr.
Tuesday, November 4	9 AM	Intention of Antonio & Fernando Family
Wednesday, November 5	9 AM	† Fr. Celso Solero
Thursday, November 6	9 AM	† Nimfa Chua
Friday, November 7	9 AM	Vocations † Joyce De Gannes † George De Gannes † Evangeline Beltran † Felicitas Gorospe † Ndue Kaza
Saturday, November 8	5 PM	† Rosaria Lara
Sunday, November 9	8:30 AM	† Mackie Ortega
	10 AM	† Julia Smith
	12 PM	The Parishioners
Sanctuary Lamps	Bl. Sac.	Intention of Leong Family
	Bl. Sac.	Intention of John and Carmen Lee
	Our Lady	† Alfonsas & Grace Sudeikas

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.

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 Long, + Bernard Nottage, + Anna Szatmary, + Christopher Harris, + Blanca Graciela, + Martin Frank,
+ Thelma Jonathan, + Jeanette Bertheau, + Edward Baker, + Joyce De Gannes, + Rochelle Labrador,
+ Vinodh Loganadhan, + Barbara Makowicz, + Anne Clune, + Antonino (Tony) Cravero, + Frances Fong,
+ Mary Lou Gray, + Teresa Hui, + Peter D'Brass, + Angela Buchanan, + Cynthia D'Cruz, + Rene Calingasan,
+ 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 Patricia Floros **406-444-0424** with your prayer intentions or if you would like to join the prayer network.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION & BENEDICTION - MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3RD FROM 12:30 - 2:00PM

Join us along with one grade of students from St. Bonaventure School for Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

12:30 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, hymn, incensation, greeting and opening prayer

12:35 Scripture reading

12:40 Reflection on the Scripture reading

12:45 Intercessions concluded with the Lord's Prayer

12:50 Children head back to school

Adoration continues with others who are present. This is open to all. A particular invitation is extended to the children's parents, grandparents, and godparents.

1:00 Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available in the Mary Chapel from 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm.

2:00 Benediction with the Blessed Sacrament (hymn and incensation) followed by reposition.



HOLY COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND



Our parish has an active Eucharistic Ministry to the Homebound. Our Eucharistic Ministers provide pastoral visits and bring Holy Communion to parishioners who are unable to attend church because of illness, disability or age. If you or someone you know might benefit from this ministry, please contact us at homebound@st-bonaventure.ca or call Mary Catherine at 416-303-0269.

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. For priests who are ill or otherwise infirm, the Trust ensures they have access to nursing home facilities and medical care. Thank you for your support of this important work.

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!



Thank You

TO OUR BELOVED SISTERS IN THE LEAGUE AND OUR FABULOUS VOLUNTEERS,

The CWL's mission statement "To grow in faith, and to witness to the love of God through ministry and service" had a spotlight moment last Saturday, October 25, when the St. Bonaventure faith community came together for the 2025 Flea Market extravaganza. And what a show it was!

This year's market was a full-blown community production, starring the ever-gracious ladies of the CWL, backed by a stellar supporting cast: the Knights of Columbus, the Parish Team, parishioners, friends, student volunteers, and powerhouse organizations like the St. Vincent de Paul Society, Diabetes Canada, and GOAT Transport Environmental Recycling. (We told you it was a blockbuster.)

To the 100 worker bees who buzzed with energy, kindness, and elbow grease—we see you, we thank you, and we adore you. In a world that often feels like it's lost the plot, your joy and generosity were a beautiful reminder of what faith in action truly looks like. Because of you, the many charities we support will feel the ripple effect of your love and dedication.

From the bottom of our hearts (and with a wink of gratitude), thank you.

Blessings to you and your families,

The Catholic Women's League of Canada
St. Bonaventure Parish Council



HELPING OTHERS

CASSEROLES FOR THE GOOD SHEPHERD REFUGE

The need to help feed those in need of a hot meal will not go away. We are called, if we can, to support the hungry. The opportunity to do so is in providing a casserole for the Good Shepherd Ministries.

How many ways can we say “Thank you” to all those who contribute to this mission of mercy. Yet, we repeat “Thank you” each month. In September, we sent 56 casseroles to the Good Shepherd.

This helps supplement the meal to all those who come to their door. If you help out each month or once in two months or when you can it ALL helps. Pans and recipes are available in the cupboard at the back of the church. “Thank you” for your kindness in supporting those less fortunate in our community.

CWL INITIATIVE FOR 2025: SHARE THE WORDS

Social Justice



Called by sacred scriptures, church teachings and tradition, Catholic Women's League members commit themselves to furthering God's kingdom on earth as it is in heaven. Join us on this exciting journey to create God's justice here and now!

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/>

MONSIGNOR SAMUEL BIANCHE SPEAKING AT ALL MASSES ON NOVEMBER 8 & 9

Msgr. Sam Bianco has been active in a wide range of ministries, one of which is SSVP. As a young seminarian, at St. Basil's he participated in a course called, the inner-city plunge, living the life of a street person for a week. Till this day he has tremendous compassion for those less fortunate in our society. In support of Saint Vincent de Paul, Monsignor Sam will be speaking at all masses on November 8 & 9.

THANK YOU FROM SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL - BUNDEL UP SUNDAY

Thank you for the tremendous response from our parish community in supporting SSVP Bundle Up Weekend. We had a full truck. Wow!!

It could not be accomplished by one person, but our community made the difference. All will be put to good use by the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul.

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 4th, 10 - 11:30 AM - CWO, Brian Budden, The Memory Project.

Join us in the Main Hall as we welcome CWO Brian Budden to speak with us about his extensive military background on the theme of Remembrance and Hope.

CWO Brian Budden is a Canadian Armed Forces Veteran. He is past president of the Toronto Branch of the Queen's Own Rifles of Canada Association, currently serving as the 1st Vice-President and Health & Welfare Chairman. Following his first tour of Normandy and northwest Europe in 1974, Mr. Budden began organizing tours to Normandy, Belgium and the Netherlands for First and Second World War Veterans. He arranged for the Westlake Brothers Souvenir Association in Normandy, France, to visit and participate in commemorative activities in Toronto. Mr. Budden is also involved in a wide range of other Veteran-related activities, including assisting Veterans with benefit entitlements and driving them to ceremonies. He helps to prepare those being interviewed by the History Channel or Memory Project. He regularly visits residents at Sunnybrook Hospital and other long-term care facilities. As a member of the Royal Canadian Legion, Mr. Budden participates in 'The Living History' at Branch 258, which helps to initiate new Canadian citizens, and he is actively involved in the annual Poppy Fund drive. Mr. Budden serves as one of the Parade Marshalls at the Annual Warrior's Day Parade at the Canadian National Exhibition. As an amputee himself, he has been very supportive to other amputees at St. John's Rehabilitation Hospital and, on occasion, to those injured in Afghanistan. Mr. Budden is a recipient of the Queen's Golden and Diamond Jubilee Medals.

The Memory Project is a volunteer speakers bureau that arranges for veterans and Canadian Forces members to share their stories of military service at school and community events across the country.

[Homepage - The Memory Project](#)

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

RED WEDNESDAY - NOVEMBER 19, 2025

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



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.

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 ovu@hawthornschool.com or visit www.hawthornschool.com

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

Tickets will be sold after masses on November 9, 16 and 23



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FOR A PARISH REGISTRATION FORM TO COMPLETE

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REFLECTION

“Those who trust in him will understand truth, and the faithful will abide with him in love, because grace and mercy are upon his holy ones, and he watches over his elect.” ~Wisdom 3:9

Over against the loud cries of our drives, and over against the anxious, hasty protestations with which we mortals assure ourselves of our mutual love, God’s word enwraps us and all our noisy words in his life. This is the way he commands us to relinquish all things in the daring act of loving faith, in order to find our eternal homeland in his life.

And it is precisely in this way that the silence of our dead also calls out to us. They live in his life, and that is why they speak his words to us. They speak the word of the God of the true life, the word that is far removed from our dying. The dead are silence because they live, just as our noisy chatter is supposed to make us forget that we are dying. Their silence is the word of their love for us, the real message that they have for us. By this word they are really near to us, provided only that we listen to this soundless word and understand it, and do not drown it out through the noise of everyday life. It is in this way that they are close to us whose feast we celebrate today in the silent composure of the heart. They are near us together with the silent God, the God of the silent dead, the living God of the living. He calls out to us through his silence, and they, by their silence, summon us into God’s life.

Let us therefore be mindful of our dead, our living. Our love for them, our loyalty to them is the proof of our faith in him, the God of everlasting life. Let us not ignore the silence of the dead, the silence that is the most ardent word of their love. This, their most ardent word, accompanies us today and every day, for they have gone away from us in order that their love, having gone into God, may be all the closer to us.

Be mindful of the dead, O heart. They live. Your own life, the life still hidden even to you, they live unveiled in eternal light. Our living who are with the God of live cannot forget us dead. God has granted our living everything, for he has given them himself. But he goes further and also grants them this favor: that their silence will become the most eloquent word of their love for us, the word that will accompany our love home to them, into their life and their light.

Excerpt from *Sermon for All Saints and All Souls Days* by Karl Roahner, found at:
<https://thevalueofsparrows.wordpress.com/2015/11/01/sermon-all-saints-and-all-souls-day-by-karl-rahner/>

May the Lord bless you and keep you!