



*Growing
in Spirit,
Community,
and Service*

*Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
November 20, 2022*

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

*9 am: Monday to
Friday*

Ministry Centre Hours

10 AM– 4 PM

Monday, Wednesday, Friday

By Appointment

Tuesday & Thursday

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National Vocation Awareness Week (November 6-12, 2022) may have ended, but our Vocation Awareness efforts are in effect year-round. Three of our friars serve as Vocation Directors: Br. Nicholas Romeo, OFM Conv. & Fr. Emanuel Vasconcelos, OFM Conv. on the East Coast of the USA, and Friar Reto Davatz, OFM Conv. in [Ontario] Canada, for our Province Delegation of St. Francis of Assisi.

In addition to serving in other ministries and administration duties of the province, through the year these friars visit with men in discernment, travel to conferences, hold parish information sessions, sponsor events, and work with the other Vocations Directors of the [CFF \(Conventual Franciscan Federation\)](#), to promote vocations.

For men on your own discernment journey, one tool promoted by our Vocation Office, is [Franciscan Voice](#): an invaluable source of information about life as a Conventual Friar. The page on this site devoted to [Vocations](#) includes friar-produced videos, podcasts, and photo-essay blogs, representing the dynamic and life-giving quality of our life as a Franciscan Friar Conventual.

If you live on the East Coast of the USA, contact Friar Nick and Friar Manny at vocations@olaprovince.org or call 202-681-6051. If you live in Ontario, Canada, contact Friar Reto at vocations.ofmconv.canada@gmail.com or call 613-558-1962.

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FRIAR EMMANUEL'S DIACONATE ORDINATION

Friar Emmanuel's Diaconate Ordination will take place at the Franciscan Church of the Assumption in Syracuse, New York, on Saturday, December 10th at 10:30 AM. Please keep him in prayer as he prepares to serve as a friar-deacon!

If anyone is interested in attending, please reach out to Friar Emmanuel either in person or through the parish office to work out additional details.

VOLUNTEERS



LITURGY OF THE WORD WITH CHILDREN

Sundays at the 10 a.m. Mass for children ages 4 to 9.

A parent is welcome to accompany a child who is too shy to participate on their own.

Volunteers are needed to celebrate Liturgy of the Word with Children! Do you seek the Lord within the Scriptures? Are you at ease in the presence of children? Are you comfortable in front of a group? Do you have a couple of hours once or twice a month to prepare for the Liturgy of the Word? Or are you a young person that would like to read the scriptures, sing, or play an instrument? Are you able to gently assist with keeping a prayerful atmosphere? Then, you probably have the gifts necessary to serve in a variety of ways within this ministry. Kindly send an e-mail with your name and contact info to admin@st-bonaventue.ca. We will contact you to answer any questions you may have and provide training. Volunteer screening with a police background check is mandatory for this ministry.

CALLING ALL CASSEROLE MAKERS!

If you are interested in making a casserole in support of the Good Shepherd Centre, please email: casseroles@st-bonaventue.ca or call the office at 416-447-5571 to add your name to our list. For those that have already signed up, you can pick up your pans and recipes after all Masses next weekend.

ROSARY APOSTOLATE - VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

The Rosary Apostolate has been faithfully visiting the classes at St. Bonaventure School once a month to pray the Rosary with the students for many years. These visits are a great inspiration to the students! They are seeking people who have a great love for the Rosary and who are willing to visit our school to pray the Rosary with the children once a month from October to May each school year. That's a total of just 8 days! Screening is mandatory and training and materials will be provided. If you are interested, please contact Monica Testa-Zanin at (416) 432-9439 or monica.mtz@rogers.com

HELP NEEDED TO DECORATE THE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS

We are looking for some help to decorate the church for Christmas. Are you artistic and creative? Are you interested in floral design? This might be a great opportunity to get involved in the community. Please email admin@st-bonaventue.ca if you are interested and would like more information.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR VARIOUS MINISTRIES!

We invite you to share your gifts and talents with the parish community. If you would like to volunteer or have any questions, please call 416-447-5571. We are actively looking for:

Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Ministers of Hospitality
Children's Liturgy	Rosary Apostolate	Altar Servers
Casserole Makers	CWL New Members Welcome	Knights of Columbus New Members Welcome

THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, November 21		9 AM	† Andrew Ewasiuk
Tuesday, November 22		9 AM	† Maria Rodrigues
Wednesday, November 23		9 AM	† George Della Rocca
Thursday, November 24		9 AM	† Narciso Gabriel
Friday, November 25		9 AM	† David Hui † Zenada Mauricio Eddie Nwogwogwu
Saturday, November 26		5 PM	† Jeremy David
Sunday, November 27		8:30 AM	The Parishioners
		10 AM	† Maureen Talley and one forgotten soul in Purgatory
		12 PM	† Heather Sheppard
Sanctuary Lamps are offered for:			† Lyris Boucaud † Cathy Valenti † Zenada Mauricio

CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: A NEW TIME FOR CONFESSIONS

"God, be merciful to me, a sinner!" (Luke 18:13) We heard this prayer of the tax collector a few Sundays ago. In my homily I used this prayer to remind all of us of the importance of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Our confessional in the back of the church is very small and feels confining. So, we have set up a confessional in the Mary Chapel. Confession can be celebrated sitting face to face with the priest or kneeling behind the screen. **Confessions will be heard on a weekly basis on Saturdays from 9 to 10 am.** In addition, during our monthly Eucharistic Adoration (first Monday of each month) confessions are heard from 1 to 2 pm. Finally, you can always make an appointment with Fr. Peter or myself to celebrate this sacrament in which we encounter our merciful God. ~ Fr. Tom

ADVENT DAY OF CONFESSION - WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2022

Advent Day of Confession for our parish is Wednesday December 14, 2022. Sacrament of Reconciliation is offered at the following times, in the church: 9:30 to 10:30 AM, 1:00 to 2:00 PM, 7:00 to 8:00 PM

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION FOR THE SACRAMENTS OF RECONCILIATION AND EUCHARIST

Sunday, Dec. 4 is the deadline to register children (ages 7 and up/Grade 2+) to prepare for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist this Winter-Spring 2023 season. There will be a final Parent Information Session on Tuesday, November 22 at 7 p.m. in the Main Hall of the Parish Centre for any parent unable to attend last week's parent information meetings.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION FOR THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Information Meetings about the Confirmation Winter-Spring 2023 program and how to register our parish's youth (ages 12 and up/Grade 7+) will be held on **Sunday, December 4 at 1 p.m.** and **Tuesday, December 6 at 7 p.m.** in the Main Hall of the Parish Centre. The young person requesting Confirmation and one parent are asked to attend one of these meetings. Kindly wear a mask.

HELPING OTHERS



GOOD SHEPHERD

Food Drive in Support of the Good Shepherd Centre

November 19th - 20th & November 26th - 27th

The Knights of Columbus is asking for donations of non-perishable items for its first annual food drive. Collection baskets will be placed at the back of the church. Thank you in advance for your donations!

Meal to Go Program & Dormitory Program

Packaged Snacks, Chocolate Bars, Juice Boxes, Single Serve Water, Fruit Cups, Cookies, Potato Chips, Toothpaste and Toothbrushes, Deodorant and Shampoo, Razors and Shaving Cream, Bar Soap, and Shower Gel.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL



"In my work with the St. Vincent de Paul Society, I see people's resilience and gratitude, despite their myriad problems. If I were in their situation, I am not sure I could be as courteous and resourceful."
~ Michael Finoro (Guelph, ON)

Your generous donations to our three poor boxes and online through CanadaHelps, allow Vincentians to give regular support in the form of grocery gift cards to persons and families struggling to pay rent and put nutritious food on the table. If you need help, know someone who does, or would like to learn more about and possibly join our Society, please call our confidential helpline at **416-447-5571, ext. 570** and leave your name and telephone number. Online donations can be made securely through the following link:

<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/society-of-st-vincent-de-paul-st-bonaventure-conference/>

ARE YOU ABLE TO HOST A UKRAINIAN FAMILY?

When hearing reports of the war in Ukraine, and the millions of Ukrainians that have been forced to flee their homeland, many have asked what they can do to help. Over 80,000 Ukrainians have already arrived to Canada through a special visa program created by Immigration Canada. An additional 500,000 have applied to the program and are expected to arrive in the coming months. Many are arriving to Toronto and are without family here in Canada to help them. Among those will be some who are vulnerable to human trafficking, particularly seniors, single women, and women with children. There is an immediate need for families to host for a period of between one and six months some of those who have arrived. If you would like to learn more about hosting a Ukrainian family, please go to [Archdiocese of Toronto - Ukrainian Crisis \(archtoronto.org\)](http://Archdiocese of Toronto - Ukrainian Crisis (archtoronto.org)) and register for a virtual information session.

SHARELIFE - MATCHING GIFT OPPORTUNITY



Recognizing the urgent needs in our communities, an anonymous ShareLife supporter is inviting you to join the response. From now to December 31, 2022, your gift to ShareLife will be matched up to a total of \$1 million. That means your year-end contribution will double in value! To participate in this special opportunity, you can:

- [donate securely online](#)
- give to your parish's collection basket using a ShareLife envelope
- contribute over the phone by calling the ShareLife office at 1-800-263-2595

UPCOMING EVENTS

ADVENT RETREAT - ALL ARE WELCOME

Saturday, November 26th from 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Open to all parishioners, an invitation to attend an in-person **Advent Retreat** facilitated by Friar Manny and hosted by the St. Bonaventure CWL in the Parish Hall. More information on the retreat theme to follow.

CWL ADVENT TEA

Sunday, December 11th from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Open to CWL members and those interested in joining The League. The St. Bonaventure CWL Annual Advent Luncheon (in-person) will be held in the Parish Hall on December 11th. This is a good time to reconnect with your sisters in The League, pay your 2023 membership dues and have some fun. There will be entertainment and other surprises. Please plan to attend. More information will be forthcoming in future emails.

"THE SAINTS OF ADVENT: GUIDES AND COMPANIONS ON THE JOURNEY TO BETHLEHEM"

A virtual Advent Retreat hosted by St. John Chrysostom Parish CWL. **"The Saints of Advent: Guides and Companions on the Journey to Bethlehem"** on Tuesday, November 22 at 7:00 p.m.

Presented by Christine Way-Skinner, B.A., M. Div., lay minister and doctoral student at Regis/St. Michael's College at the Toronto School of Theology. Christine has authored a number of books for adults and children including "The Joy of Living the Faith" and "The Catholic Kids' Library Series". All women of the diocese are invited. To register, contact shailaflavy@gmail.com by Nov. 18th.

CWL CONVENTION2023 "GOT TALENT" SHOW

Convention2023 "Got Talent" Show: Believe it or not plans are already underway for the Annual Toronto Diocesan Council Convention in 2023. Your very own Tracy MacInnis is organizing some entertainment for the Monday evening in the form of a talent show. She's looking for some talent and is now accepting audition videos. Kindly refer to the poster for information on how to participate.



The Catholic Women's League of Canada
Toronto Diocesan Council Presents
Convention 2023 "Got Talent" Show

Two minute audition videos are now being accepted.
Email your submissions on or before January 31, 2023 to Tracy MacInnis at:
t.macinnis60@gmail.com

Only 8 acts will be chosen to participate in the show. Start practicing now and get your auditions in ASAP! Chosen participants will be notified by email.
Be sure to include your name, phone number and email address with audition.

Show Date is:
Monday, April 24, 2023
Show Time: 8:00 pm
Ajax Convention Centre

THEOLOGY & TEA ON ZOOM

Join friar Mark for Theology & Tea on Zoom on Thursday mornings at 10 a.m.

Mark your calendars for the next sessions:

November 24 and December 8

Email Theology-Tea@st-bonaventure.ca to register.

MINISTRY WITH MATURING ADULTS ON ZOOM - FALL SESSIONS 2022

Virtual Meetings are on Tuesdays at 10 a.m.

Next Session, Tuesday December 13, 2022

Join a Session with Fr. Thomas Reist - Topic: TBA

Email mma@st-bonaventure.ca to register and to receive the Zoom link.

ARE YOU READY TO AGE IN PLACE?



University Women's Club North York (UWCNY) invites you to attend *More Options, More Choice: Aging Your Way* - a virtual presentation via Zoom with Sue Lantz, Founder and Managing Director of Collaborative Aging on **Monday, November 28 at 7:00 pm**. You will learn about a holistic approach to planning, arranging, and preparing for the life you want to live tomorrow.

Sue will present a thought-provoking conversation to broaden your perspective on aging in the places you choose, with the best supports and resources within your community. Participants will be inspired to map out their own plans in a practical, unique, and collaborative way using the five-strategy framework and various tools within the "*Options Open*" Guide.

Details about purchasing a copy of **Options Open: The Guide for Mapping Your Best Aging Journey** will be shared at the event. For more information, visit: <https://optionsopen.org> and <https://collaborativeaging.com>. [CLICK HERE](#) to register for this event.

INDIGENOUS ARTISAN MARKETPLACE 2022

Friday, November 18, 2022 - Monday, December 05, 2022

Native Canadian Centre of Toronto, 16 Spadina Road, Toronto

Friday, November 18 to Monday, November 21

Friday, November 25 to Monday, November 28

Friday, December 2 to Monday, December 5 - 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. EST

Looking for Christmas gift ideas? The annual Indigenous Artisan Marketplace at the Native Canadian Centre of Toronto (NCCT) opens on Friday, November 18. The marketplace features a wide array of art, jewelry, food and other goods produced by Indigenous artists and artisans. **Free Admission**. More details about the artists and their work at [Indigenous Artisan Marketplace 2022](#). In addition to this seasonal marketplace, NCCT's shop – The Cedar Basket, is open weekdays. Contact 647-260-9264 or cedarbasket@ncct.on.ca for more information.

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:

+ Ann Hartford, + Geoffrey Rochard, + Catherine Hogg, + Evangeline Beltran,
+ Leslie Rolko, + David Roche Sullivan, + Maria Evidente, + Arthur Beamon,
+ Frank Horgan Jr., + Marilyn Murphy, + Phia Hibbeln, + Myrna Haverty, + Douglas Peters,
+ Gordon Owens, + Paul O'Connor, + Terrance Wolff, + Frances MacDonald,
+ Elisabeth (Lili) Draws + Frank Polansky + Ralph Stukator, + Nimfa Chua,
+ Antoine Bonello, + Karl Kremer, + Rosemarie Perkins, + Marie Turnbull,
+ Wendy Azzarello, + Paul Lynch, + Marysia Slubicka, + Helen Sunter,
+ Gerald Desjardins, + David Hui, + Teresa Brown,
+ Patricia Docherty, and + Nina Jagaric

May heaven be theirs and may peace be to those who mourn their passing.

Prayer Network Requests

Network members pray daily for the intentions which are held in confidence. Let the Prayer Network know when a situation is resolved, and members will offer prayers of thanks.

New members are welcome! Call Julie Flood with your intentions: 416-391-0238.

A Prayer for All the Sick

Jesus our Lord, we ask you to have mercy on all who are sick. Give them your strength and love, and help them to carry this cross with faith. May their sufferings be one with yours, overcome the power of evil and lead others to our Father in heaven. Lor Jesus, hear our prayer for you are Lord for ever and ever. Amen.

(*"For the Chronically Ill," Blessing and Prayers for Home and Family*, Ottawa: CCCB, 2004, p. 158.)

A Prayer on the Anniversary of Death

Loving God, listen to our prayers as we remember (*name*) on the anniversary of his/her death. We thank you for the good things you have done among us by his/her life and example. Grant that he/she may rejoice with you in heaven, as we journey to your kingdom. Keep us faithful in following the way of Jesus that we may live in your love. We ask things through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(*"Anniversary of Death," Blessing and Prayers for Home and Family*, Ottawa: CCCB, 2004, p. 200.)

A Prayer at the Grave of a Loved One

Lord Jesus Christ, you made holy the graves of our loved ones through your own death and burial, and you appeared in your risen glory to Mary Magdalene at the empty tomb.

Bring all the faithful departed to share in your victory over death.

Ask the Father to send the Holy Spirit to comfort us.

Give us strength to take up our cross and follow you in the full knowledge and certain hope of the Resurrection of the Dead and promise of Eternal Life. Amen

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St Bonaventure School
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<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

Please don't forget to notify us if you have a change
in address or phone number.
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REFLECTION

"Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."

~ Luke 23:42

"It is on the cross the Christ has inaugurated his reign and opened the way to the kingdom. Henceforth, to everyone who turns to him and says: 'Jesus, remember me,' he will respond: 'Today you will be with me in paradise.'

He says this to us each time we encounter him in prayer and the sacraments, each time we celebrate the mystery of his death and resurrection, his passover and ours, each time we come to communion in his body and blood."

~ (*Days of the Lord. Vol. 6, Ordinary Time, Year C.* Collegeville: Liturgical Press, 1991, p. 325)

May the Lord bless you and keep you!