



*Growing
in Spirit,
Community,
and Service*

*Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
November 24, 2024*

Bonnie News

Franciscan Church of St. Bonaventure



Christ enthroned with angels (cover of a reliquary box), Northern France, 11th Century, Museum of Byzantine Art (inv. 2110), Bode Museum, Berlin. Source: Wikicommons

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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Psalm 93: XCIII *Dominus regnavit* by Malcolm Guite

And trusting him until the day I die,
I will not fear the surging of the sea,
Though troubles in a flood-tide rise so high;

Wave after wave of panic surges through me
And other people's fear and rage increase
My own, until the toxic mix is deadly.

But when it seems these troubles never cease
I sense beneath them all some solid ground,
A sure foundation and an inner peace,

And, over-arching them, the starlit round
Of heaven's firmament. Though in between
The storms of life rage on, with all their sound

And fury, I still trust that all unseen,
Founded below and glorious above,
My saviour stands and keeps my soul serene.

- from Malcolm Guite's *David's Crown: Sounding the Psalms*. Norwich: Canterbury Press, 2021.

LITURGY & SACRAMENTS

NEXT WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

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|------------------------|----------|--|
| Monday, November 25 | 9 AM | † Hamil Achim |
| Tuesday, November 26 | 9 AM | For the parishioners, in thanksgiving for their prayers and support, from Frances Fong |
| Wednesday, November 27 | 9 AM | † Winnie Tsang |
| Thursday, November 28 | 9 AM | † David Backus Simon |
| Friday, November 29 | 9 AM | Intention of Diane Lougheed † Evangeline and Demetrio Beltran † Lino Ammaturo † John Boscarino † Lorraine Cotton † Marina Dharshini † Souls in Purgatory |
| Saturday, November 30 | 5 PM | † Jennifer Khayat |
| Sunday, December 1 | 8:30 AM | † Peter Glowczewski |
| | 10 AM | The Parishioners |
| | 12 PM | † Anna Korbylo |
| Sanctuary Lamps | Bl. Sac. | † Cathy Valenti |
| | Bl. Sac. | † Bernard Nottage |
| | Our Lady | Personal Intention |

A RETURN TO THE CONFESSIONAL ROOM FOR THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

We've returned to using the Confessional Room for celebrating the Sacrament. The Confessional Room is located beside the infant and toddler crying room. Confessions are heard on a weekly basis on Saturdays from 9 to 10 am. In addition, you can always make an appointment with Fr. Peter or Fr. Tom.

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 or call 416-447-5571 ext. 590.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION & BENEDICTION - MONDAY, DECEMBER 2ND FROM 12:30 - 2:00PM

Our first Monday of the month prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. Please 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.



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

HELPING OTHERS

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.

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.

CASSEROLES FOR THE GOOD SHEPHERD REFUGE

The Bonnie Casserole Cooks sent [58 casseroles](#) to the Good Shepherd in the month of October. Thank you to those who prepared these meals to help feed the vulnerable in our society. These casseroles are vital to the meal program offered to anyone who is looking for a hot supper. Please continue to open your hearts and your kitchen to keep up this much needed support to the Good Shepherd Refuge.

Next due date is Monday, November 25, 2024.

ADVENT GIVING TREE IN SUPPORT OF LOCAL NEEDS LAUNCHES NOVEMBER 30TH

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 15th. Thank you!

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@hawthornschoo.com or visit www.hawthornschoo.com

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

Tuesday December 3rd 10:00AM to 11:30AM Main Hall

Advent Reflection

This reflection will be given by Fr. Thomas Reist, OFM Conv. Pastor of St. Bonaventure Parish. He will help us reflect on how John the Baptist announced the First Coming of Christ and how in our present time St. Francis of Assisi can help us prepare for the Second Coming of Christ. You are very welcome to this morning of reflection at this very special time in the Church Liturgical Year to deepen our faith and help us mature on our spiritual journey. We will enjoy small group discussion, coffee and fellowship!

Tuesday December 17th 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 learn from an experienced Grief Counsellor some 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

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

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - ANNUAL SOCK DRIVE



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.

CWL NEWS AND EVENTS

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.

Attention all baking enthusiasts!

Bring your holiday treats to the CWL table before any mass on either Saturday or Sunday of the St. Bonaventure Parish Christmas Market! The CWL is having a Bake Sale. Fire up those ovens and share your festive goodies with our community. Your treats will add that extra sprinkle of magic to the event. We can't wait to see (and taste) what you've whipped up!

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!

2025 Membership Fees Are Now Due! It's that time of year again! Your \$40 annual membership can be paid in several ways: mail, drop off at the ministry centre, or via e-transfer. Check the bulletin board and the Friday Love Note for more details. For more information, contact Tracy MacInnis at 647-973-7645 or email her at t.macinnis60@gmail.com.

CHRISTMAS MARKET - DECEMBER 7TH 4 - 6:30 PM AND DECEMBER 8TH FROM 9:30 AM - 2 PM



**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.
Come and Join us!**

BLOOD DONOR CLINIC - FRIDAY DECEMBER 13TH FROM 3 - 7 PM - MAIN HALL

Your donation Matters!

It matters to every patient across Canada because it's something we can do today to help others wake up healthier tomorrow. Please consider being a blood donor.

Join Canada's Lifeline: Book now at blood.ca or call 1-888-2 DONATE

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



Save the Date! *the Promise*

**St. Bonaventure Church, Main Hall
Friday, December 20th at 7:30 pm
and**

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

Purchase tickets online at stclareinn.org



CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Saturday, December 21st - 5 pm

Sunday, December 22 - 8:30 am, 10 am and 12 Noon

Solemnity of The Nativity of the Lord (Holy Day of Obligation)

Christmas Eve - Tuesday, December 24th

4 pm (Children's Mass)

7 pm (Carols begin at 6:40 pm)

10 pm (Carols begin at 9:40 pm)

Christmas Day

Wednesday, December 25th - 10 am and 12 noon only

Feast of The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Saturday, December 28th - 5 pm

Sunday, December 29th - 8:30 am, 10 am and 12 noon

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God (Holy Day of Obligation)

New Year's Eve

Tuesday, December 31st - 5 pm

New Year's Day

Wednesday, January 1st - 10 am and 12 noon only

Solemnity of The Epiphany of the Lord

Saturday, January 4th - 5 pm

Sunday, January 5th - 8:30 am, 10 am and 12 noon

Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

Saturday, January 11th - 5pm

Sunday, January 12th - 8:30 am, 10 am and 12 noon

СЕРАФИМ C H O R U S СНЕРУБИМ

ANNUAL
CHRISTMAS
CONCERT

STOCKINGS
BY THE TREE

Dec. 6 : 7:30 pm

St. Bonaventure Parish,
1300 Leslie St, Don Mills

Dec. 7 : 7:30 pm

St. Gabriel's Parish,
670 Sheppard Ave E, North York

Dec. 15 : 4:30 pm

St. Clare of Assisi Parish,
150 St Francis Ave, Woodbridge



For tickets
and info

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

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416-447-5571 ext 580

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REFLECTION

“My kingdom is not of this world...” (*John 18:36*)

Once there was a king named Arthur. You remember him, the one who thought up the Round Table and had Lancelot as his knight and Guinevere as his wife. Long before he became king, in fact when he was just an infant in the cradle, a strange thing happened. The nurse stepped out for a moment and, quick as a wink, Merlin the magician stepped in and then stepped out again ... taking the boy with him. This was not a kidnapping. Merlin was a kindly old magician and his commission was to let the boy grow up as a normal—not a spoiled, pampered or “royal”—person...He was to live with us.

So Merlin transported Arthur to a bedraggled castle ruled by a third-rate Lord named Sir Ector. The people were nice enough, and ordinary, and the crannies and nooks of the castle were perfect for a little kid to hide in and the halls for him to run around in. All the servants and even the lords and ladies were his friends. How could they not be? He was an ordinary lad, though he would be king one day. They called him Wart (which in those days rhymed with Art, which was short for Arthur). Merlin, funny old character, decided to educate Wart in a special way. Magically, he changed the boy into various and sundry animals, each for a time. He turned him into a hawk, for instance—to witness first-hand the world as it appeared in a hawk’s eyes. Or a fish. In fact, especially a fish because Wart could then attend a formal “school of fishes” and learn from their schoolteacher.

It seems that Jesus had a few things in common with the Wart. Jesus was not called “King” or “your highness” as a boy, any more than Wart was referred to as “your majesty.” This one was called “Jesus,” a common name in those days. He played outside, helped his dad, rolled in the mud, cut his finger, even helped birds to fly. And his mom was his very most favorite person. He had a teacher who was even better at teaching than Merlin: the Spirit of God. It helped him through the creeks and cubbyholes of the earth and made him friends with the funny, sweet people who lived all around. Both Wart and Jesus did grow up to be the kind of king they were meant to be. But they brought new images of a king. Their love was not just for the noble and the mighty but love for everyone. They were lowly. Jesus was “king” because he understood every minutest texture of everyone’s life and world. Later, Pilate would ask Jesus if he were a king. He was, yes, but not in any way that Pilate could have imagined. Smallness was his power. Persuasion was his scepter, along with an amazing ability to teach. He was Christ the King. Oh, I almost forgot. I typed a wrong key when I began writing, and hit a “d” instead of a “g” at the end of the word King. It came out “Christ the Kind.” This is who we will find waiting for us on Sunday.

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May the Lord bless you and keep you!