

*Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
November 26, 2023*



Bonnie News

Franciscan Church of St. Bonaventure

*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**

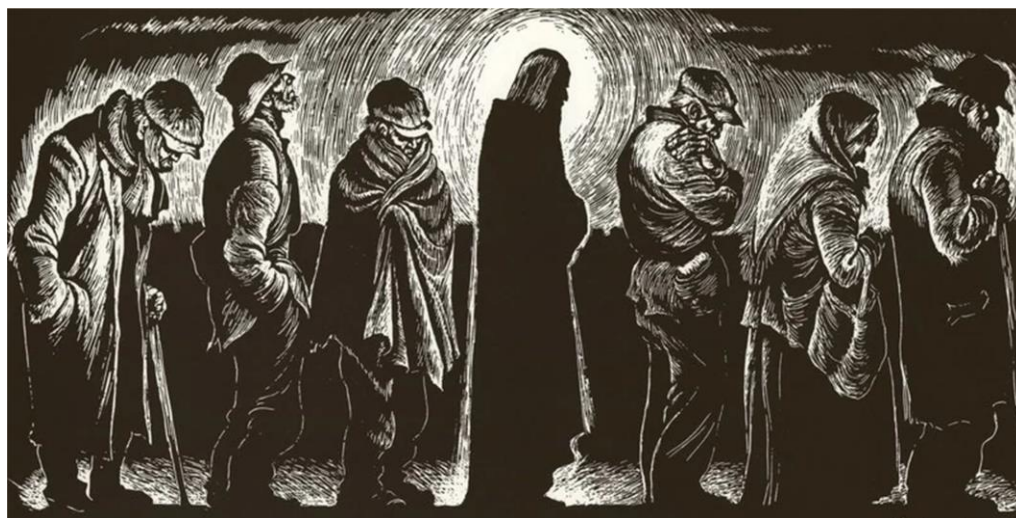
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The Christ of the Breadlines (1950), Fritz Eichenberg (1901-1990). Wood engraving.
The Catholic Worker Portfolio.

Christ the King

Mathew 25: 31-46

Our King is calling from the hungry furrows
Whilst we are cruising through the aisles of plenty,
Our hoardings screen us from the man of sorrows,
Our soundtracks drown his murmur: 'I am thirsty'.
He stands in line to sign in as a stranger
And seek a welcome from the world he made,
We see him only as a threat, a danger,
He asks for clothes, we strip-search him instead.
And if he should fall sick then we take care
That he does not infect our private health,
We lock him in the prisons of our fear
Lest he unlock the prison of our wealth.
But still on Sunday we shall stand and sing
The praises of our hidden Lord and King.

- Malcolm Guite, "Christ the King" in *Sounding the Seasons: Seventy Sonnets for the Christian Year*, Norwich: Canterbury Press, 2012.

LITURGY & SACRAMENTS

THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, November 27	9 AM	† Fr. John Weber
Tuesday, November 28	9 AM	† Jennifer Laarni Nunieza
Wednesday, November 29	9 AM	† Filemeno Liwanag
Thursday, November 30	9 AM	† Jennifer Dean Khayat
Friday, December 1	9 AM	† Peter Glowczewski † Maria Mamorno † Leopoldina D'Souza Brothers, Sisters and Benefactors of the Order
Saturday, December 2	5 PM	† George de Gannes
Sunday, December 3	8:30 AM	† Randolph Fung
	10 AM	† Grazia Maida
	12 PM	† Anna Korbylo
Sanctuary Lamps Bl. Sac. Bl. Sac. O.L. Chapel		† Cathy Valenti
		Special Intention
		The Children of the Parish Celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the First Time

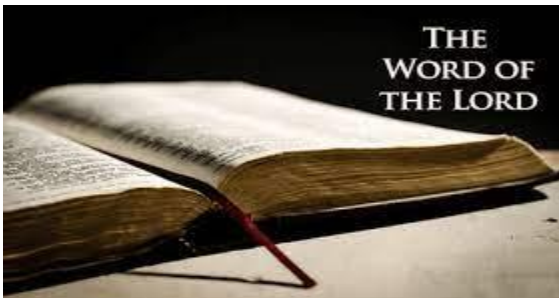
REMEMBERING OUR LOVED ONES THROUGHOUT THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER

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

FIRST RECONCILIATION

56 children of the parish will be celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time this week. They have been preparing since the middle of October to encounter the Lord's goodness and mercy in this sacrament of healing. Please pray for them and their parents.

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

RELICS OF CONTEMPORARY SAINTS - JOHN PAUL II, FAUSTINA KOWALSKA AND MAXIMILLIAN KOLBE

On December 9 & 10, at each of the Masses, Fr. Jobe Abbass will be preaching on the devotion to Immaculate Mary by three contemporary Polish saints: John Paul II, Faustina Kowalska, and Maximillian Kolbe. We will have first class relics of these saints for veneration. More information on bulletin boards in church.

CWL - NEWS AND ACTIVITIES

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

Celine Massaroni at cmassaroni10@sympatico.ca

Tracy MacInnis at t.macinnis60@gmail.com

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 or 647-973-7645.

HELPING WOMEN WITH PERIOD POVERTY - 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.

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 weekends 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 25th. 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.

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.



800TH 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 800th 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

SERAPHIM & CHERUBIM CHORUS, CHRISTMAS CONCERT ON DECEMBER 8TH 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 8th, 7:30 pm at St. Bonaventure Parish. Advanced tickets available online at

www.seraphimandcherubim.ca

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 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 17th.

SHARELIFE 2023 PARISH CAMPAIGN - LIVING THE GOSPEL



Help homeless youth through ShareLife

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 \$84,153.70 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

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.

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

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 Al



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 SSVp. Thank you!

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE



Sunday December 24, 2023	8:30 am	Sunday Mass
	10:00 am	Sunday Mass
	4:00 pm	The Nativity of The Lord Family Mass with Live Animals
	7:00 pm	The Nativity of The Lord
	10:00 pm	The Nativity of The Lord
Monday, December 25, 2023	10:00 am	The Nativity of The Lord
	12:00 pm	The Nativity of The Lord
Tuesday, Dec. 26 to Dec. 29, 2023	9:00 am	The Octave of the Nativity
Saturday, December 30, 2023	5:00 pm	Sixth Day - Within the Octave of the Nativity
Sunday, December 31, 2023	8:30 am	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
	10:00 am	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
	12:00 pm	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
	5:00 pm	Vigil - Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God
Monday, January 1, 2024	10:00 am	Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God
	12:00 pm	Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God
Tuesday, January 2, 2024	9:00 am	Regular Mass Schedule Resumes

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

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www.saintanthonyofpadua.net

St. Clare Inn Office:
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info@stclareinn.org

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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

REFLECTION

“Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.” ~Matthew 25:40

The Gospel reading for this week is very rich. It invites us to reflect on the difference between true love and its false imitation, between real Christianity and its fake lookalike. It encourages us to exercise ourselves in the care of all God’s children. It prompts us to reflect on all the different kinds of hunger there are in the world, and the very different kinds of feeding those various hungers require.

These are all good things to ponder, but there is still more to see. Here is one more thing.

Think about what it is for God himself to be incarnate. A human woman took the Lord to her breast and suckled him there. The apostle John reclined by the Lord and laid his head on the bosom of the Lord. A woman washed the Lord’s feet with her tears, and a woman rubbed his feet with lotion. How did those people get so lucky? Of all the millions and millions of God’s people, how can it be that so few touched God in the flesh, that only one woman anointed his feet? Wouldn’t you have liked to be among these very lucky people?

It is good to have a God who enters human history, but anything in history is local, constrained in time and space, cut off from so many things that aren’t right here, right now. How can it be that only those few people, who were there then with Jesus, had access to the Lord flesh to flesh? In desperately sad and stricken moments, what wouldn’t you yourself have given to lay your weary head on the breast of your Lord?

The answer to these questions and the consolation that the questions seek is in the Gospel reading: whatever you did to one of the least of my own, the Lord says, you did it to me.

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May the Lord bless you and keep you!