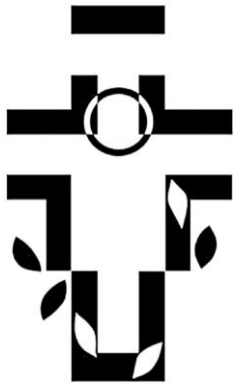


*Thirtieth-First Sunday in Ordinary Time  
November 3, 2024*



*Growing  
in Spirit,  
Community,  
and Service*

# Bonnie News

*Franciscan Church of St. Bonaventure*



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## **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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II. With all your soul

With all my soul? I scarcely know my soul.  
The age I live in doesn't think it's there,  
They cut me up, where you would make me whole,  
And think your promise only empty air.  
They say I'm hormones, chemical extremes,  
Enzymes unwinding blindly, selfish genes,  
Just empty gestures and repeated memes.  
With all my soul? I don't know what that means.

*Before the first life stirred my spirit called you,  
I knew you when I wove you in the dark,  
I made you more than all the forms that mould you,  
And kindled in your depth my hidden spark  
So let them say your soul is empty air,  
Love with your soul and you will know its there.*

Malcolm Guite, from « Five Dialogues on the Two Great Commandments »  
<https://malcolmguite.wordpress.com>

## LITURGY & SACRAMENTS

### NEXT WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, November 4	9 AM	Antonio and Fernando Family
Tuesday, November 5	9 AM	† George Twine
Wednesday, November 6	9 AM	† Felicitas Gorospe
Thursday, November 7	9 AM	Intention of Michael Argyrides
Friday, November 8	9 AM	Brothers, Sisters and Benefactors of the Order Intention for Lilian Nohemy Alvarenga † Rosario Lara † Neil Pinto † Joyce Reed † Melanie Badali
Saturday, November 9	5 PM	† Lawrie and Nancy Sidle
Sunday, November 10	8:30 AM	The Parishioners
	10 AM	† Rita Cuni
	12 PM	† Nemia and Jesus Ubalde
Sanctuary Lamps	Bl. Sac.	Commemoration of all the faithful departed
	Bl. Sac.	For bereaved families
	Our Lady	For the sick and the homebound

### THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Confessions are heard on a weekly basis on Saturdays from 9 to 10 am in the Mary Chapel. In addition, you can always make an appointment with Fr. Peter or Fr. Tom to celebrate this Sacrament of God's mercy.

### PREPARING FOR THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Couples who want to marry at St. Bonaventure's Parish or are planning a marriage outside of the Archdiocese of Toronto (for example, in another diocese either in Canada or in another country) are required to meet with either Friar Tom or Friar Peter and complete their preparations in the Archdiocese of Toronto. One of either the bride or the groom (i.e., the Catholic party) ought to live within the parish boundaries, or, if living outside the parish boundaries, should be a registered parishioner and participate in Eucharist on a regular basis. It is a policy of the Archdiocese of Toronto that one year's advance notice is required for marriages. It is important that couples do not book reception venues, etc., before contacting either Friar Tom or Friar Peter.

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION & BENEDICTION - MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup> FROM 12:30 - 2:00PM

We resume 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

### 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@hawthornschool.com](mailto:gyu@hawthornschool.com) or visit [www.hawthornschool.com](http://www.hawthornschool.com)

### SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL



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/>

### CASSEROLES FOR THE GOOD SHEPHERD REFUGE



Completed casseroles should be dropped off to the Ministry Centre by Monday November 25<sup>th</sup> for pick up.

We welcome new volunteers to join in this Mission of Mercy. Recipes and pans are available in the cupboard at the back of the church. Thank you in advance.

## A SPECIAL THANK YOU FROM THE CWL - FLEA MARKET UPDATE

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

Every year, the St. Bonaventure CWL parish council brings together the parish for our biggest fundraising event of the year - the Annual Flea Market. The proceeds from this event provide the council with funds to support many wonderful charities with some leftover to help meet the needs of our church.

A huge thank you goes out to Elfreida Soans and Teresa Sansom who tirelessly spent many hours organizing the event, our Booth Leaders and their hardworking teams, all the volunteers, the Knights of Columbus, our neighbourhood parishes who helped to spread the word, the people at Venvi who provided the hotdogs on sale day, as well as donors and parishioners who showed up to support the market.

And, of course, a special shoutout to Tony and Luigi for their fantastic work in helping us set up and clean up. You all are so awesome!

## CWL - BONNIE VENTURE AFTERNOON TEA PARTY, DECEMBER 1, 2024



Tickets are now Sold Out!

We now have a waiting list. If you would like to attend the Tea Party, please email [teaparty@st-bonaventure.ca](mailto:teaparty@st-bonaventure.ca) or call the Ministry Centre at 416-447-5571.

Thank you for your support of the CWL and St. Bonaventure Parish!

## CWL ADVENT RETREAT - SATURDAY NOVEMBER 23, 2024, FROM 9 AM TO 12 NOON



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

The Movements of Mary in Scripture An Advent Retreat

Guest Speaker: Sr. Francis Bisland

Saturday, November 23, 2024

St. Bonaventure Parish Hall 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

Open to all Parishioners and friends. Light refreshments will be served.

Sr. Francis Bisland will be our facilitator. She will begin the retreat with a heartfelt prayer and guide us through the Movements of Mary in scripture. Don't miss this wonderful opportunity for reflection, spiritual growth, and community bonding as we journey together into the Advent season.

We can't wait to see you there. All are welcome!

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## 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](mailto:trena@st-bonaventure.ca)

#### Tuesday November 5<sup>th</sup> 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. - Main Hall

#### *The Importance of Personhood & Social Connections within our Integrated Home Care Community Model.*

Presentation by: Jane Teasdale, Joint Owner and Director Business Development and Community Relations, Mosaic Home Care Services & Community Resource Centre & accompanying her is Lauren McNair Senior Community Resource and Social Engagement Coordinator. In this presentation they will discuss home care options, questions to ask when hiring a home care agency, what services does Ontario Health@Home provide, social programs in the community and staying connected & importance of building social networks. Jane is dedicated towards developing awareness of home and health care issues in the community and to developing relations between healthcare professionals, home care providers, not-for-profit agencies and other important services providers that are needed to provide the wider levels of support often required by those in need in the community. Website: [www.mosaichomecare.com](http://www.mosaichomecare.com)

#### Tuesday November 19<sup>th</sup> 10:00AM to 11:30AM Main Hall

#### *Parish Vitality & Stewardship: What Gifts has God Given You?*

During this morning session we will look with fresh eyes on what it means to be a good and faithful steward with the gifts of Time, Talent and Treasure that God has given us and in particular we will examine one method of discerning how we are gifted to serve God and others. We look forward to a joy filled and fun filled morning together!

*“We are gifted in certain ways and sometimes we don’t even realize it. Perhaps this is an occasion, an opportunity, to ask, ‘How am I gifted?’”* - Archbishop Francis Leo

#### Tuesday December 3<sup>rd</sup> 10:00AM to 11:30AM Main Hall

#### *Advent Reflection*

Join us for a morning of reflection at this very special time in the Church Liturgical Year and learn more about the significance of Advent and how it helps us mature on our spiritual journey.

#### Tuesday December 17<sup>th</sup> 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 look at a short video from an experienced Grief Counsellor to learn 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](mailto:trena@st-bonaventure.ca)

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

SERAPHIM AND CHERUBIM CHORUS ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT

🎄 **Stockings by the Tree** 🎄

Unwrap the spirit of the season with the Seraphim & Cherubim Chorus!

Join us for our 14th annual "Stockings by the Tree" Christmas concert, filled with festive cheer, beloved carols, and a few unexpected surprises.

Enjoy a night of timeless carols, Broadway hits, Disney classics, and unexpected favorites. Together, let's celebrate the magic of Christmas!

Join us on Friday, December 6 at 7:30 pm at St. Bonaventure Parish, Don Mills.

Advanced tickets available at [seraphimandcherubim.ca](http://seraphimandcherubim.ca).

SAVE THE DATE - ANNUAL ST. BONAVENTURE CHRISTMAS MARKET - DECEMBER 7 AND 8



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.

More Information and list of Vendors will be available soon.

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



**Save the Date!**  
**The Promise**

St. Bonaventure Church, Main Hall  
Friday, December 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm  
and

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

More information to follow!

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416-447-5571 ext 580

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## REFLECTION

### “You are not far from the kingdom of God.” (Mark 12:34)

In the Gospel Reading, a scribe asks Jesus, “Which is the first of all the commandments?” Maybe the point of asking this question is like the point of asking, “what are the most important requirements for this course?” A student who wants that information is trying to figure out what is crucial for passing the course. In his view, if he does the most important thing, maybe he doesn’t have to do everything else.

In response to the scribe’s question, Jesus tells him not only the commandment that is the first of all but also the one that is second. Taken together the two commandments cover the ground. “*you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.... [and] you shall love your neighbor as yourself.*”

So if the scribe does just the most important things, he will have done pretty close to everything, won’t he? If he was hoping for a way to get through without doing everything required for the kingdom of heaven, these two commandments will show him that he hasn’t got a chance. If he doesn’t do everything, he will have done virtually nothing, because he will have failed at the most important stuff.

There is something that the scribe likes about the answer of Jesus: it privileges morality above ritual. And so the scribe thinks that he has found *something* that isn’t crucial for getting into heaven. Yes, the scribe says to Jesus affirmingly, *obeying these two commandments is better than sacrifice.* Jesus doesn’t disagree. But what he says to the scribe is, “you are not far from the kingdom of God.” Not far?! How can the scribe be distant in *any* way if he understands these commandments and accepts them as most important for the kingdom of heaven?

But here is the thing to see. What person among us loves God with all his heart? Who loves his neighbor as himself? If obeying these commandments is the most important thing for getting into heaven, what hope is there for anybody? The answer is—Jesus. He is the Savior, who came to rescue people from their failures to obey the most important commandments. All true hope of the kingdom of heaven lies in him. And so the scribe, who is next to Jesus, is not far from the kingdom of heaven in more than one sense.

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