



*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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*Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 5, 2023*

Bonnie News

Franciscan Church of St. Bonaventure



*Christ Washing the Feet of St. Peter, (1973), Sadao Watanabe (1913-1996),
Stencil on paper. Japanese Art Open Database.*

A Last Beatitude

And blessed are the ones we overlook;
The faithful servers on the coffee rota,
The ones who hold no candle, bell or book
But keep the books and tally up the quota,
The gentle souls who come to 'do the flowers',
The quiet ones who organise the fete,
Church sitters who give up their weekday hours,
Doorkeepers who may open heaven's gate.
God knows the depths that often go unspoken
Amongst the shy, the quiet, and the kind,
Or the slow healing of a heart long broken
Placing each flower so for a year's mind.
Invisible on earth, without a voice,
In heaven their angels glory and rejoice.

-Malcolm Guite, "A Last Beatitude" from *Sounding the Seasons*, (Norfolk, UK: Canterbury Press, 2012), 59.

LITURGY & SACRAMENTS

THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, November 6	9 AM	† George Twine
Tuesday, November 7	9 AM	Jane Cao and Cao Family
Wednesday, November 8	9 AM	† Rosario Lara
Thursday, November 9	9 AM	† Carolyn and David McKeown
Friday, November 10	9 AM	† Pauline Fung-Chiu † Carolina Bautista † Holy Souls in Purgatory The Friars Brothers, Sisters and Benefactors of the Order
Saturday, November 11	5 PM	† Mildred Cope
Sunday, November 12	8:30 AM	† John Weaver
	10 AM	Vocations
	12 PM	The Parishioners
Sanctuary Lamps	Bl. Sac.	† Caridad G. Liborio
	Bl. Sac.	† Carolina Bautista and Cookie Bautista, for healing
	O.L. Chapel	Intentions of Joyce DeGannes

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.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION & BENEDICTION ~ NOVEMBER 6 FROM 12:30 PM TO 2 PM

We resume our first Monday of the month prayer before the Blessed Sacrament this November 6. 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.



ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED

Interested in Altar Serving?

Contact us!

- Great engagement
- Grants community hours
- Helps out the community



altar.servers@st-bonaventure.ca

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
and + Marjorie McGinty.

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.

COMMUNITY

CWL: A BIG FLEA MARKET THANK YOU



Thank You to Our Parishioners & Volunteers

The St. Bonaventure Catholic Women's League wish to express gratitude to you, our parishioners, for your generous support and volunteering in many ways to make our long-awaited Flea Market such a success. We could not have achieved this goal without your community spirit of generosity and cooperation.

CYBER SENIORS - DO YOU NEED HELP WITH TECHNOLOGY?

Senator O'Connor College School

60 Rowena Drive

November 9, 16, 23, 30

3:00 pm to 4:00 pm

To Sign up, Contact: Patricia O'Keefe at (416)393-5505 or Peter Papadakis at PAPADAP001@TCDSB.CA

Learn how to solve all your technology problems along with keeping safe on the internet with help from Senator O'Connor Cyber Seniors!

HELPING OTHERS

SHARELIFE 2023 PARISH CAMPAIGN - LIVING THE GOSPEL



ShareLife update: Your gift will be matched!

Haven't yet made your annual contribution to our parish's ShareLife campaign? Wait no longer! From November 1 until year end, your gift will be matched by an anonymous donor up to \$500,000. That means your compassionate generosity helps even more families in need, including those nourished through ShareLife's recently announced food programs.

Our parish has currently raised \$80,248.70 toward our goal of \$94,000. 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. Caring for the vulnerable, hungry people is not only following Jesus' lead, is akin to caring for Jesus.

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 AI



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!

UPCOMING EVENTS

MINISTRY WITH MATURING ADULTS



**Nurturing Our Spirituality in the Second Half of Life
With a Focus on Care of the Body, Mind and Spirit
Walking Together in 2023**

Coffee and Conversation: 9:45 - 10:00 am

Meeting: 10:00 - 11:30 am

November 14th:

TOPIC: Travel to Spain

Come join us for coffee, tea, Spanish cookies and conversation November 14th, 9:45 to 10:00 then enjoy our presentation on Travel to Spain. Photos, Food (recipes), Beverages (suggestions) and more.

Presenters: Richard Strange & Curtis McDonnell

December 12th:

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.

CWL: GENERAL MEETING - NOVEMBER 5TH AT 1PM (MAIN HALL)

St. Bonaventure CWL General Members Meeting ~ SPEED DATING (Well...not actually)

Enjoy a unique opportunity to get to know other members at our next General Meeting, **Sunday, November 5th, 2023 at 1:00 pm** in the Parish Hall. You will be lovingly forced to go from table to table to get better acquainted with your sisters in The League. What's the worst that can happen? You make a new friend? You exchange your email or phone number with someone new? You find a mentor or valuable connection? Or you just have a few laughs and good time?

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FOR A PARISH REGISTRATION FORM TO COMPLETE

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Casseroles for the Good Shepherd Centre, contact
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REFLECTION

“The greatest among you will be your servant.” -Matthew 23:11

“...we must correctly understand what Jesus said lest we draw wrong conclusions. First of all, we do not have here a condemnation of the diversity of functions and services in the Church and ecclesial communities; these are indispensable to the smooth functioning of the community and of the liturgical assembly in particular. The Church is like a well-structured body that needs diverse members, each one fulfilling its role, without bragging about it (1 Cor. 12:12-31). Similarly, there is no radical condemnation here of all titles that usually designate those who exercise a ministry. But they must bear such titles as a demand and not as a mark of honour. Finally, in the liturgical celebrations, the insignia of the various functions are not baubles; they show who is who and who does what, a proper thing for an assembly that must be visible structured. The same is true of the attribution of places. Certain egalitarian demands forget that the assembly is not an amorphous crowd. They ignore what befits not only the good order that must prevail in the Church and the assemblies but also the elementary laws of the life of a group and the respect due to each one.

But another remark is in order. We are prone to see in the charge bestowed on us an honour and a right to honours, as is customary in the world. However, we must also confess that often other people encourage this human tendency. Despite the respect shown them, we should help our Christian leaders to see themselves as brothers and sisters charged with a responsibility in the community. Finally, it is a matter of general climate, created and maintained by all, having their eyes turned toward their one Father, who is in heaven, and toward Christ, who gave us the example of becoming a servant—he, the Master (John 13:1-20)—and who was exalted because he humbled himself (Phil 2:5-11).

-From Days of the Lord Vol. 4 Ordinary Time ~ Year A (Collegeville: The Order of St. Benedict, 1992), 240-241.

May the Lord bless you and keep you!