



*Growing
in Spirit,
Community,
and Service*

*Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 6, 2022*

Bonnie News

Franciscan Church of St. Bonaventure

Remembering Our Parishioners

*We pray for those who have gone before us
since last November
and for their families:*

*+ Cecilia Look Hong, + Anne McRae, + Gisela Van Steen,
+ Daniel Donnelly, + Allan Rochard, + Leslie Rolko,
+ Catherine Hogg, + David Sullivan, + Ann Hartford,
+ Margaret Roddy, + Evangeline Beltran, + Maria Evidente,
+ Jennifer Nunieza, + Frank Horgan Jr., + Marilyn Murphy,
+ Sophia Hibbeln, + Douglas Peters, + Myrna Haverty,
+ Gordon Owens, + Paul O'Connor, + Terrance Wolff,
+ Frances MacDonald, + Lili Draws, + Frank Polanszky,
+ Ralph Stukator, + Nimfa Chua, + Antoine Bonello,
+ Karl Kremer, + Rosemarie Perkins, + Marie Turnbull,
+ Wendy Azzarello, + Paul Lynch, + Marysia Slubicka,
+ Helen Sunter*

*Eternal rest, grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.*

May they rest in peace.

*May their souls and the souls of the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God,
rest in peace.*

Amen.

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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GROWING IN *Spirit, Community, and Service*

In today's second reading, St. Paul prays that the Thessalonians may be strengthened "in every good deed and word." May we, too be strengthened and empowered to use our time and talents for the good of others.

LITURGY OF THE WORD WITH CHILDREN

Sundays at the 10 a.m. Mass starting November 13

Through the dedication of volunteers, we are fortunate to be able to invite children ages 4 to 9 to celebrate the Liturgy of the Word with their age and ability in mind. By providing a parallel celebration of the Liturgy of the Word, we help our youngest parishioners encounter the Lord, interiorize the message of the Sunday Gospel, and pray together. Please see the special pamphlet which describes Liturgy of the Word with Children in more detail.

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.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION FOR THE SACRAMENTS OF RECONCILIATION AND EUCHARIST

Roman Catholic children may begin to be prepared to celebrate their First Reconciliation (Confession) and First Communion (Eucharist) around the age of 7. If you are a parent of a 7-year-old child or older who is baptised Roman Catholic and you think they are ready to begin to prepare to celebrate these Sacraments, then it will be important for you to attend one of the following **Parent Information Meetings** in the Main Hall of the Parish Centre (kindly wear a mask): Tuesday, November 8 from 7 to 8 p.m. *or* Sunday, November 13 from 1 to 2 p.m.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION FOR THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Information about the Confirmation 2022-23 program and how to register our parish's youth (age 12 +) to prepare for and celebrate the Sacrament will be made available shortly.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION & BENEDICTION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT - NOVEMBER 7 AT 1 PM

On the first Monday of each month, 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 and incensation) followed by 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 will continue with others who are present. This is open to all. A particular invitation is extended to the children's parents, grandparents, and godparents.

Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available from 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm.

2:00 pm: Benediction with the Blessed Sacrament (hymn and incensation) followed by reposition.

CRAFTS FROM THE HOLY LAND - NOVEMBER 12/13 - FRANCIS ROOM (BEFORE & AFTER MASSES)

On the weekend of November 12-13, we will welcome our special guest, Sebastien Cardinal, representing "Handicraft Holy Land Christians", who after all the masses will briefly address the issues and concerns regarding the Christian presence in the Holy Land.

Christians in the Holy Land graciously ask your support through conscience prayers and will have many unique hand carved olive wood religious art pieces made by these families in Bethlehem available for purchase after every mass.

Proceeds of the sales generate much needed employment for our Christian brothers and sisters in Bethlehem. May God Bless you for your generosity, for you help and for your prayers."

Cash, debit, credit cards and cheque will be accepted. www.HolylandChristians.ca

MINISTRY WITH MATURING ADULTS - LOOKING FORWARD WITH ANTICIPATION - FALL 2022 DATES

Tuesday Mornings, Gatherings on ZOOM at 10:00 - 11:30 am

November 8 Topic: Environmental Proaction
Presenter: Céline Massaroni

December 13 Topic: Ireland
Presenter: Richard Strange

SUPPORTING EACH OTHER IN PRAYER

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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~ 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. Thank you. 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/>

THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, November 7		9 AM	† Ralph Daniel
Tuesday, November 8		9 AM	† Rosario Lara
Wednesday, November 9		9 AM	† Jean Edgehill
Thursday, November 10		9 AM	† Mary Veronica Kolesar
Friday, November 11		9 AM	Brothers, Sisters, and Benefactors of the Order of Friars Minor Intentions of the Parishioners
Saturday, November 12		5 PM	† Mackie Ortega
Sunday, November 13		8:30 AM	† Nimfa Chua
		10 AM	† Dr. Peter and Lea Urbanc
		12 PM	† Evangeline Beltran
Sanctuary Lamps are offered for:			† David Hui † Norman Mendonca For Veterans, Military, & First Responders

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We invite you to share your gifts and talents with the parish community. We are actively looking for Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Ministers of Hospitality and Altar Servers. If you would like to volunteer or have any questions, please call the office at 416-447-5571.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

"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.

HELPING OTHERS

We want to extend a reminder about the second collection for Shepherd's Trust next weekend. Please donate if you are able.

November is a month when we remember those who have gone before us. As Christians, our baptismal faith assures us that Christ's own death has broken the power of death. We reach out with care, consolation and prayer to those who mourn, and we pray for those who have died. In this and the next bulletin, we continue to reflect on the ways in which we accompany those who have died and those who grieve through the Order of Christian Funerals.

Order of Christian Funerals II: The Funeral Liturgy

Through its ministry at the time of death, the church shows reverence for the body of the deceased and offers comfort and hope to the mourners. The funeral liturgy is the central celebration of the church at the hour of death. Because of this, the funeral liturgy should be scheduled at a time when as many members of the Christian community can be present.

The celebration of a funeral Mass is most appropriate because it is our primary experience of the death and resurrection of Jesus. The Mass is ordinarily celebrated in the parish church. It is here that believers are welcomed into the Christian community and nourished with the body and blood of Christ. It is fitting that the body of the deceased be returned to the church to be commended to the Lord.

The funeral Mass begins with the reception of the body at the door of the church. The casket is sprinkled with holy water and clothed with the pall in reminder of baptism. Other Christian symbols may also be placed on the coffin once it is brought to rest in the assembly. The Easter candle burns before the body, silently proclaiming Christ as the light in our darkness. It reminds us that in baptism we died with Christ so that we might also live with Christ. Family and friends are nourished with the word of God and the body and blood of Christ. The prayer in church may conclude with a final commendation through which the members of the community entrust their loved one to the tender embrace of God. The song of farewell can express both sadness



and hope in eternal life.

Family members can shape the funeral liturgy to reflect the life of the deceased in the context of faith. They may select the scripture readings, psalm, hymns, and intercessions that best give voice to their experience of this death and what, in faith, it means. Family members and friends can serve as pallbearers, readers, gift bearers or eucharistic ministers. They may clothe the casket with the pall. No one should be forced to take a role at the funeral liturgy. However, the full and active participation of the gathered community can be a source of comfort and hope in the paschal mystery.

A NOTE FROM THE CWL

Sharing some upcoming St. Bonaventure CWL events and Save the Dates.

Tuesday, November 8th from 10 - 11:30 a.m.

You are invited to join the next **Ministry for Maturing Adults** virtual meeting this Tuesday. Parish CWL President, Céline Massaroni, will be facilitating a presentation on *Hope for our Environment*. Our planet is in big trouble and as Pope Francis urged us in his encyclical *Laudato Si*, any awareness we can bring or anything we can do to mobilize governments and people to stand up and fight for our planet is invaluable. God will bless us tenfold. To receive a zoom link to attend, kindly email Céline no later than Monday, November 7th, at cmassaroni10@sympatico.ca.

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.

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.

Toronto Diocesan Council Event:

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

Show Date is:
Monday, April 24,
2023

Show Time: 8:00 pm
Ajax Convention Centre

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.

A NOTE FROM THE CWL (CONTINUED)


Toronto Diocesan Council Event:

St. John Chrysostom Parish CWL will be hosting a virtual Advent Retreat on Tuesday, November 22 at 7:00 pm. Kindly refer to the poster below for information on how to register.

**Toronto Diocese Catholic Women's League
Virtual Retreat
The Saints of Advent**



**Guides and Companions on the
Journey to Bethlehem**
7 p.m. Tuesday, November 22, 2022
To register: shailaflavy@gmail.com
By Nov. 18th, 2022
All women of the diocese are invited



Presented by Christine Way Skinner, B.A., M.Div, lay minister and doctoral student at Regis/St. Michaels' 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*.

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416-690-0330
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St Bonaventure School
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416-393-5263
<https://www.tcdsb.org/SCHOOLS/STBONAVENTURE/>

Society of St. Vincent de Paul
416-447-5571 ext 570

Please don't forget to notify us if you have a change
in address or phone number.
admin@st-bonaventure.ca

REFLECTION

"Indeed they cannot die anymore, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection....Now he is God not of the dead but of the living; for to him all of them are alive."

~ Luke 20:36, 38.

"Faith in the resurrection comes from an encounter with 'God our Father, who has loved us and given us everlasting encouragement and good hope through grace' (2 Thess 2:16). It is fundamentally rooted in the resurrection of Christ 'the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep,' who by his Word inspires us to give glory to God always and everywhere.

True witness to faith in the resurrection consists neither in an elaborate 'prooftexting' of Scripture or a philosophical or theological argument with those who do not believe in it.

The only witness that is truly in accord with the good news is that of men and women who live for God here and now. Such people can say, with remarkable assurance and simplicity, like Thérèse of Lisieux at the hour of death, 'I am not dying, I am beginning to live.'"

(Days of the Lord. Vol. 6, Ordinary Time, Year C. Collegeville: Liturgical Press, 1991, p. 302)

May the Lord bless you and keep you!