Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 8, 2026

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Franciscan Church of St. Bonaventure

Growing in Spirit, Community, and Service



Das Gleichnis von den klugen und törichten Jungfrauen (date unknown), Friedrich Wilhelm Schadow (1788-1862). Oil on canvas. Städel Museum, Frankfurt. Source: Wikicommons. Public domain.

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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Wakefulness in our hearts,
a lamp lighted by the Lord,
renews itself at his flame
as we sing our joy with one voice.

May thanksgiving watch in us
as the flower of the almond tree
which, the earliest, glimpses from afar
the coming summer and its harvest.

May our love and his praise
be the two wings of the morning
which unfold in prayer
and take us far from ourselves.

Here is the Bridegroom calling us:
let us run to the Lamb's nuptials!
But how long the road seems:
when will you dawn, last morning?

Commission Francophone Cistercienne, *La nuit, le jour*, 28 (Fiche de chant P LH 107, 109) as translated in *Days of the Lord, Vol. 4, Ordinary Time, Year A* (Collegeville: Liturgical Press, 1992), 249.

THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, November 9	9 AM	† Nealia Somasundaram
Tuesday, November 10	9 AM	† Rosario Lara & Jose Garcia Sr.
Wednesday, November 11	9 AM	† Mildred Cope
Thursday, November 12	9 AM	† Emilio Labinaz
Friday, November 13	9 AM	Brothers & Sisters of the Order Birthday Intention of Isabelle Alon † Evangeline Beltran † Grazia Maida † Ulinda Persaud
Saturday, November 14 Sunday, November 15	5 PM	Special Intention of Chloe Cameron
	8:30 AM	The Parishioners
	10 AM	† Patrick & Helen Barry
	12 PM	† Eugenie Obeyesekere & Jude Weerasinghe
Sanctuary Lamps Bl. Sac.	† John Cawley	
Bl. Sac.	Intention of McQueenie Family	
Our Lady	Intention for Remembrance Day, Veterans, and all those affected by the loss of fallen souls in war	

SOCIETY OF SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL – BUNDLE UP: NOVEMBER 14/15

Share what you can with neighbours in need! Bring your gently used **clothing, shoes, & linens** to the Saint Vincent de Paul truck in the parking lot on **Saturday, November 14**, or **Sunday, November 15**. Donations will be given to those in need or sold to support outreach efforts. The truck will be open **all day, Saturday until 6:30 pm** and **Sunday until 4:30 pm all day**. Volunteers will be available before & after each Mass on both days to help load your donations. Thank you for your generosity and continued support!

ST. BONAVENTURE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE (CWL)

November Social Justice Theme: Homelessness - During the month of November, the CWL invites members to reflect on the realities of homelessness, isolation, and vulnerability in our communities. Consider simple acts of compassion such as donating prayer books to shelters, visiting seniors in care homes, or remembering veterans living in long-term care. Together, we can bring hope and dignity to those who may feel forgotten. *"For I was a stranger and you welcomed me."* (Matthew 25:35)

PARISH COLLECTIONS – OCTOBER 31/NOVEMBER 1

Thank you for your continued generosity and support of our parish.
The donations received were:

- **Regular Collection:** $10,389
- **Maintenance:** $9,655.50
- **Tip Tap Terminals:** $350

Your faithful stewardship enables us to continue our ministry, maintain our parish, and serve those in need.

SAVE THE DATE: ANNUAL CHRISTMAS MARKET – SUNDAY NOVEMBER 29, 2026



Sunday, November 29, after ALL masses! If you would like to be a vendor, please contact the ministry centre or email Kathryn at kathryn@st-bonaventure.ca. More information to come. Join us!!

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

I wrote last week that we are looking for parishioners who would be willing to launder (wash & iron) the purificators that we use at Mass. So far, no one has come forward. Depending on how many individuals are willing to help, this would not entail much of your time. If you have questions or would be willing to help, please let me know soon.

Our Mass of Remembrance took place last Monday evening and it was a beautiful Liturgy. I am grateful to our pastoral staff – and several parishioners – for organizing the Mass as well as the reception afterwards. They did an impressive job! I also would like to thank our music ministry for making the Mass so meaningful. Many relatives of the deceased attended the Mass and were grateful that we held it. The candles that you see in front of the altar were all lit during the Mass of Remembrance.

The Roman Missal is the large book that you see on the altar, and it contains all the prayers that we use during Mass. The Canadian edition of the Missal was recently republished and because our current Missal was in such poor condition, we purchased a new copy. We also purchased a smaller edition that we will use when we celebrate Mass in care facilities. If anyone would like to cover the cost and do so in memory of a loved one, please let me know. The regular edition costs $285 and the smaller edition costs $50.

As I am sure you noticed, we are making a concerted effort to limit the number of pages that we use for the bulletin. We are doing so to cut down on the cost. Because of the limited number of pages, we will not always be able to keep repeating the same articles every week. I hope everyone understands. I am also doing my part by keeping my article shorter.

Peace,
Friar Albert

THE SHEPHERD'S TRUST SPECIAL COLLECTION – NOVEMBER 15, 2026

There will be a second collection next weekend, for The Shepherd's Trust. The mission of The Shepherd's Trust is to help ensure that elderly and disabled priests are provided with sufficient financial resources to lead a dignified life after many years of ministry. For priests who are ill or otherwise infirm, the Trust ensures they have access to nursing home facilities and medical care. Thank you for your support of this important work.

UPCOMING EVENTS

MINISTRY WITH MATURING ADULTS

Appreciating AI for Daily Life: Tuesday, November 10, 2026 – 10:00 AM, Main Hall
Presenter: Regnard Raquedan from TechGuides (https://www.techguides.ca)
Technology doesn't have to be complicated! Join us for a welcoming, easy-to-follow guide to Artificial Intelligence (AI). Together, we'll explore how to use simple tools to organize daily tasks, plan activities, and exercise your creativity. No technical background is needed, and all questions are welcome!

ST. BONAVENTURE YOUTH MINISTRY

Last week the Youth Ministry had a Halloween party. We were excited to welcome some new faces as we enjoyed a night of fellowship. The night included pizza, lots of snacks/treats, and a few different games, including Saint Jeopardy. All participants did a great job! Our next event will take place on Friday, November 13th. All grade 8-12 students are welcome to join. Come hungry to eat and learn, as there will be food, a presentation and a discussion to follow. We hope to see you there!

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REFLECTION

"Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour." Matthew 25:13

Like many others, this parable is based on a fact, a situation of ordinary life. It tells of a custom connected with the wedding celebration. The bridesmaids—the ten young girls—went to the bride's house, waiting with her until the bridegroom came to lead her to his home. Then people went in a cortege to the wedding hall. But it happens that unusual, even unlikely, traits are introduced into a narrative to make a point. There are several in our case: the interminable lateness of the bridegroom, who keeps people waiting until the middle of the night; the errand of the five maidens wanting to buy oil, as if they thought it possible to find a shop open at that hour; the closing of the banquet hall door, so contrary to the customs of oriental hospitality and so scandalous on the part of the bridegroom, who acted so thoughtlessly—his retort to the latecomers, "I do not know you." To these we could add the fact that they young girls who had taken a supply of oil are not reproached for refusing to share. It would be out of place to quibble with these improbable features of the story. A parable is not a narrative of an event, retold with exactitude down to its minutest details. Storytellers can legitimately put in exaggerated traits that fit their purposes. This is done knowingly and fools no one.

This being understood, the lesson of the parable is clear. We shall be kept waiting for the Lord's coming; unforeseeable, it will happen suddenly. At that moment, everything will be lost for those who were taken by surprise. Others will not be able to help them. The improvident ones will find a closed door in the kingdom where the wedding of the Son of Man is celebrated.

Therefore, we understand why and in what sense the five maidens who had no extra oil are called foolish. They have demonstrated that folly, that utter lack of wisdom characterizes those who do not reckon with God. They have acted impiously: "The fool says in his heart, 'There is no God.'" (Ps. 14.1) "You are invited to the wedding. Watch, for you know neither the day nor the hour of the Lord's coming."

The lesson is a moral one. But it results from faith in Jesus, who is, who was, who is coming again, whom we have found, whose return we are expecting. This faith is at the heart of the Church's life. The liturgy, chiefly that of the Paschal [Easter] Vigil and of the night office, reflects such a faith.

Source: *Days of the Lord, Vol. 4, Ordinary Time, Year A* (Collegeville: Liturgical Press, 1992), 247-248.

May the Lord bless you and keep you!