

*Growing
in Spirit,
Community,
and Service*

*The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
November 9, 2025*

Bonnie News

Franciscan Church of St. Bonaventure

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

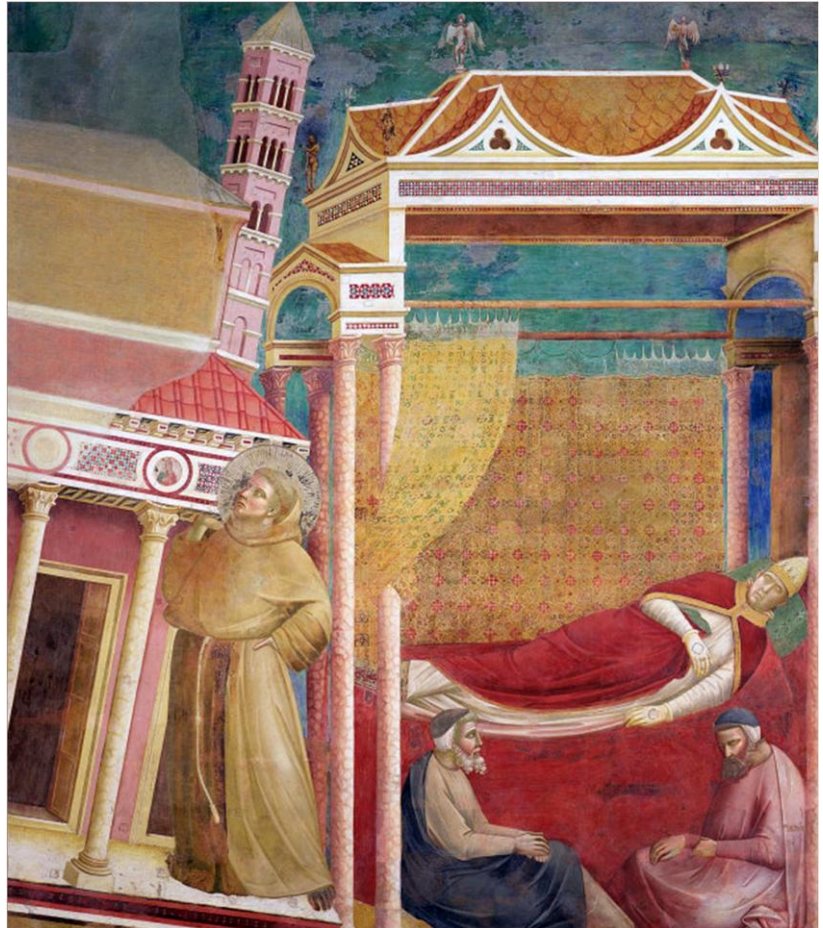
Thursday: Closed

Saturday:

3 pm to 7 pm

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*"The Dream of Pope Innocent III" (1295), Giotto (1266-1337). Fresco.
Upper Basilica of San Francesco, Assisi. Source: Wikicommons. Public domain.*

Jerusalem, O holy city,
blessed vision of peace,
you who raise your towers in the sky,
built of living stones,
and crowned by thousands of angels
like a bride's retinue.
Worked with hammers,
the smooth, polished stones
are put into their place
by the hand of the craftsman,
set up to be forever
the holy Temple of the Lord.

Translation of the Latin hymn *Urbs Jerusalem beata* from the former Office
of a Dedication, in *La Liturgie des Heures*, vol. 4, 1203.

LITURGY & SACRAMENTS

THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, November 10	9 AM	† Jude Weerasinghe
Tuesday, November 11	9 AM	† Joyce De Gannes
Wednesday, November 12	9 AM	† Rosenda Rodriguez
Thursday, November 13	9 AM	Intention of Dave Alon
Friday, November 14	9 AM	The Friars † Grazia Maida † Stephen Lim † Catherine Fewer † Mildred Cope
Saturday, November 15	5 PM	† Isabel Boyton
Sunday, November 16	8:30 AM	The Parishioners
	10 AM	† Joyce Reed
	12 PM	† Leo Muldoon
Sanctuary Lamps	Bl. Sac.	Intention Reed-Tassone Family
	Bl. Sac.	† Jose Dalisay Sr.
	Our Lady	† Mildred Cope

LITURGY OF THE WORD WITH CHILDREN

All children aged 4-9 are invited to participate in this parallel, age-appropriate celebration of the Liturgy of the Word during Sunday Mass. A parent is welcome to accompany a child who is too shy to participate on their own.

HOLY COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND



If a parishioner is unable to attend Sunday Mass due to serious illness, recovery from surgery, or frailty in old age, then Extraordinary Ministers of Communion to the Homebound (specifically trained for this ministry) ensure these parishioners remain in sacramental Communion with the Lord and united with the community. We have reintroduced the Rite of Sending, whereby: the ministers are called to the altar at the end of Communion, a prayer for them and the homebound parishioners is said, and they are given the Blessed Sacrament to take to these parishioners absent from the Eucharistic assembly.

Please be conscious of any parishioners you may know who might benefit from this ministry for a short term or longer duration. If you or someone you know might benefit from this ministry, please contact us by e-mail at homebound@st-bonaventure.ca or call Mary Catherine directly at 416-303-0269.

HAWTHORN SCHOOL PRESENTS: SAFEGUARDING CHILDHOOD AGAINST HUMAN TRAFFICKING NOV 13

Join us on Thursday, November 13 from 7-8pm at Hawthorn School for Girls for an important Parent Speaker Series event: *Safeguarding Childhood - A Parent's Role against Human Trafficking*. This session will shed light on human trafficking and sexual exploitation in Canada, with real world examples, risk factor, and practical strategies for families and schools. Speakers include Richard Dunwoody, founder of Project Recover, and two survivors sharing their experiences virtually. **All parents and adults who deal with young people are encouraged to attend.** Refreshments and childcare will be provided. Admission is free; donations are welcome. Register at hawthornschooll.com

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:

+ *James Durbano* and + *Joyce Chong*.

PRAYER NETWORK REQUESTS

Network members pray daily for your prayer intentions which are held in confidence. New members are welcome! Please call Patricia Floros **406-444-0424** with your prayer intentions or if you would like to join the prayer network.

SHEPHERD'S TRUST COLLECTION - NOVEMBER 15-16

There will be a second collection for the Shepherd's Trust on the weekend of November 15/16, 2025. 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. Your generous gift will help our priests to maintain a modest but active and independent lifestyle in their retirement years. 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.

SAVE THE DATE: ANNUAL CHRISTMAS MARKET - SUNDAY DECEMBER 14, 2025



Sunday, December 14, after all masses! More information to come concerning vendors etc.
Join us!

HELPING OTHERS

CASSEROLES FOR THE GOOD SHEPHERD REFUGE

The need to help feed those in need of a hot meal will not go away. We are called, if we can, to support the hungry. The opportunity to do so is in providing a casserole for the Good Shepherd Ministries. How many ways can we say "Thank you" to all those who contribute to this mission of mercy. Yet, we repeat "Thank you" each month. In September, we sent 56 casseroles to the Good Shepherd. This helps supplement the meal to all those who come to their door. If you help out each month or once in two months or when you can it ALL helps. Pans and recipes are available in the cupboard at the back of the church. "Thank you" for your kindness in supporting those less fortunate in our community.

MONSIGNOR SAMUEL BIANCO SPEAKING AT ALL MASSES ON NOVEMBER 8 & 9

Msr. Sam Bianco has been active in a wide range of ministries, one of which is SSVP. As a young seminarian, at St. Basil's he participated in a course called, the inner-city plunge, living the life of a street person for a week. Till this day he has tremendous compassion for those less fortunate in our society. In support of Saint Vincent de Paul, Monsignor Sam will be speaking at all Masses on November 8 & 9.

CWL INITIATIVE FOR 2025: SHARE THE WORDS



Solidarity

We are all sisters and brothers who actively work for the common good. Through the Catholic Women's League, members are invited to build relationships - to understand what life is like for others. Join us in solidarity as we journey towards peace and justice.

CWL CHRISTMAS PROJECT NOVEMBER 16 - DECEMBER 7

Ladies for Ladies: Help fight Period Poverty

Share in the Joy of the Season - by giving dignity, comfort, and care to those in need.

We will be collecting items from: November 16 to December 7.

Most helpful items:

- Heavey/Overnight Pads
- Maxi Thins with or without wings
- Regular Pads for moderate needs

For more information, contact Barbara Morton at bjmorton@rogers.com

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CHRISTMAS PROJECT - NOVEMBER 8 - DECEMBER 7

Help Us Bring Warmth This Winter - Sock Drive for the Homeless

November 8 - December 7



As the cold weather settles in, many in our city go without one of the most basic necessities: clean, warm socks. The **Knights of Columbus Council 5080** is organizing a **Sock Drive** to support two local organizations doing essential work with the homeless and vulnerable:

- Good Shepherd Ministries
- Haven Toronto

We invite all parishioners to join us by donating **new socks** (men's preferred, but all are welcome).

Donation boxes will be located at the back of the church from **November 8 to December 7**.

If you know of another organization that could benefit from this initiative, please let us know at

 KofCC5080@outlook.com

This small act of kindness can make a big difference.

Thank you for your generosity and for walking with us in service to those most in need.

Supply Drive for Jamaica - From Our Parish to Those in Need

Final Collection Day: November 16

The **Knights of Columbus Council 5080** is organizing a **collection of essential goods** to be donated and delivered to communities in need in **Jamaica**.

We invite all parishioners to participate by donating **items listed on the sheet available at the back of the church**. Your contribution will directly support families and individuals facing hardship.

Let's come together as a parish to extend our hands and hearts beyond borders, living out our call to serve.

 **Donations can be dropped off in the designated area at the back of the church.**

 **Final day to donate: November 16**

Thank you for your compassion and generosity!

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL: MOVED BY MERCY, SERVING IN HOPE



The option for the poor and vulnerable protects fair treatment of all members of society, especially those in greatest need. It is the responsibility of every one of us to care for those who have less and to provide a healthy lifestyle and a sense of well-being for all members of society. This is the foundation of the Kingdom of God and the fulfillment of Jesus's essential teaching.

Loving God, open our eyes to see You in the faces of the poor, the forgotten, and the suffering. Help us to move beyond mere sympathy into real, self-giving love. Give us the grace to offer not just what is easy to give, but what truly costs us—our time, our attention, our comfort. Strengthen our hearts so that we may respond with compassion. Let us be bold in kindness, faithful in service, and joyful in sacrifice. Teach us to love as You love, so that through us, others may know Your mercy. Amen.



Thank you for your continuing prayers, support and generosity. New members warmly welcomed. Vincentians stand with two St. Vincent de Paul boxes after weekend masses. You may also donate through CanadaHelps: <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/society-of-st-vincent-de-paul-st-bonaventure-conference/>

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 aim 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, September to June. We look forward to welcoming you and feel free to invite a friend!

If you would like more information, e-mail Ministry with Maturing Adults at: [mma@st-bonaventure.ca](mailto:mmma@st-bonaventure.ca)

Tuesday November 18th, Excursion to The Aga Khan Museum - 10 AM to 12 Noon

77 Wynford Drive, North York, ON M3C1K1

Cost: \$12 Admission.

Gather in the Main Hall so we can organize ourselves for carpooling to the Museum

Step into a world of beauty and contrast with *Your Way Begins on the Other Side*, a mesmerizing tapestry that weaves together art, poetry, and spiritual reflection.

This will be a self-guided tour of the exhibit. The cost of admission allows people access for the day, 10 - 5:30, in case you would like to stay longer to see the other exhibits. There is free coat check, and the building is fully accessible. A full-service restaurant and a café for light refreshments is available if you wish to stay for lunch. This is not included in the admission ticket.

More information to follow as details are confirmed. If you are interested in attending, please email us at [mma@st-bonaventure.ca](mailto:mmma@st-bonaventure.ca) We will provide an update through the bulletin but also email the information to you directly. [Aga Khan Museum - Visit](#)

Save the Dates: December 2 and December 16



The Catholic Women's League of Canada

St. Bonaventure Parish Council

Presents:

AN ADVENT RETREAT THE SEASON OF LIGHT THE COMINGS OF THE LORD JESUS PAST, FUTURE, AND PRESENT

Open to all Parishioners and friends
Light refreshments will be served

NOVEMBER 22, 2025 – 9:00 AM TO NOON
ST. BONAVENTURE PARISH HALL

*Facilitator: Fr. Charles Pottie-Pâté
from Manresa Retreat Centre*

While there is no cost to attend, your generous
donations will be gratefully accepted.

We look forward to seeing you there!

RED WEDNESDAY - NOVEMBER 19, 2025

United in Prayer for Persecuted Christians on Red Wednesday - November 19, 2025



On Wednesday, November 19, 2025, people around the world will mark Red Wednesday, an initiative of Aid to the Church in Need (ACN). This global day highlights the persecution of Christians and reminds us that religious freedom is a human right.

In Toronto, the Archdiocese of Toronto invites the Catholic community to participate in Mass at 5:30 p.m. at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica, where Bishop John Boissonneau, Auxiliary Bishop of Toronto will preside. By attending the Mass, wearing red, or organizing local activities, you stand in solidarity with those who suffer for their faith.

More info: www.acn-canada.org/rw. Contact: el@acn-canada.org or (416) 785-0498. An ACN Canada initiative with the support of the Archdiocese of Toronto.

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 ovu@hawthornschoool.com or visit www.hawthornschoool.com

SAVE THE DATE: THE PROMISE, NOVEMBER 28 & 29, 2025

Tickets will be sold after masses on November 9, 16 and 23



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FOR A PARISH REGISTRATION FORM TO COMPLETE

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REFLECTION

“For no one can lay any foundation other than the one that has been laid; that foundation is Jesus Christ.”

~1 Corinthians 3:11

On November 9, Franciscans, along with the rest of the Catholic Church, celebrate the feast of the dedication of the Basilica of St. John Lateran.

As the Pope's cathedral as Bishop of Rome, the Lateran played an important role in early Franciscan history, as it was the seat of government of the Church at that time. There Francis and his first brothers traveled in 1209 to seek the approval of Pope Innocent III for their way of life.

A story was told in Franciscan circles about Francis's visit to a hesitant Pope Innocent:

On hearing [Francis's response to his questions], the pope was greatly amazed, especially since, before blessed Francis's arrival, he had seen in a vision the church of St. John Lateran threatening to collapse, and a religious, small and of shabby appearance, supporting it on his own shoulders. . . A few days later, blessed Francis came to him, made known his proposal, and asked him to confirm the rule he has written in simple words, using the words of the holy Gospel, for whose perfection he fully longed. As he was reflecting on how enthusiastic blessed Francis was in God's service, and comparing his vision with that shown to the man of God, he began to say to himself: "This is indeed that holy and religious man through whom the church of God will be sustained and supported." So he embraced him and approved the rule he had written. (Legend of the Three Companions, 51)

Several years later, in 1215, the Fourth Lateran Council was held in the church, whose legislation would profoundly affect the Franciscan movement. Some believe that Francis was present at the Council. Soon the Lesser Brothers were moving into the ministries of popular preaching and the hearing of confessions which were emphasized by the Council. Today the Friars Minor serve as the official confessors at the Lateran Basilica.

On this feast, Franciscans reflect and celebrate the providential union of their Gospel way of life with the wider mission of the Church!

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May the Lord bless you and keep you!