

*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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*Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
October 1, 2023*

# Bonnie News

*Franciscan Church of St. Bonaventure*



Manuscript Leaf with Scenes from the Life of Saint Francis of Assisi, circa 1320-42, Hertul mester (?-1355), Italian, Tempera and gold on parchment. Metropolitan Museum of Art.

### **Il Poverello by J. Janda**

“Sister tree” he said  
“speak to me of God”

and the almond tree  
blossomed

once a wolf  
gave up thoughts of  
fresh rabbit

even sparrows came  
to rest and listen

a saint bringing out  
the best—always

what seems against  
nature—that hidden

self secret in pith  
that gift in marrow

## LITURGY & SACRAMENTS

### THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, October 2	9 AM	† Victor Pappalardo
Tuesday, October 3	9 AM	† Paul Lynch
Wednesday, October 4	9 AM	† Grazia Maida
Thursday, October 5	9 AM	† Fr. Mike Downey
Friday, October 6	9 AM	† Joselito Garcia † George Stull Obioma Yagzie Osuji Vocations † Kenneth Kai-Sun Zee
Saturday, October 7	5 PM	Pat Macdonald, special intention
Sunday, October 8	8:30 AM	† Mary and Ernie Carpenter
	10 AM	† Josef Sitar
	12 PM	† Josephine Veerasuntharam
Sanctuary Lamps    Bl. Sac. Bl. Sac. O.L. Chapel	16 <sup>th</sup> Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops	
	Intentions of Oliva Tano	
	Sick Members of the Parish	

### LITURGY OF THE WORD WITH CHILDREN: SUNDAYS AT THE 10 A.M. MASS, RESUMES OCTOBER 1:



Through the dedication of volunteers, we are fortunate to be able to invite children to celebrate the Liturgy of the Word with their age and ability in mind. We believe that the Lord is present when we gather for worship and when the Scriptures are proclaimed. By providing a celebration of the Liturgy of the Word with children, we help our youngest parishioners encounter the Lord, interiorize the message of the Sunday Gospel, and pray together. We hope that this experience of the Liturgy will help our children grow into that full, active, and conscious participation during the Mass to which we are all called. **We provide this ministry to children from 4 to 9. A parent is welcome to accompany a child who is too shy to participate on their own.**

**Volunteers are needed!** Are you a person of prayer? 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? 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. Please contact Maria to learn more: 437-993-8458. Volunteer Screening is mandatory.

### PREPARATION FOR FIRST RECONCILIATION AND FIRST COMMUNION

The deadline for registering children in the preparation program for First Reconciliation and First Communion this 2023-2024 season is Oct. 1 at 3 p.m.

### SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION FOR CONFIRMATION

Information Meetings about the Confirmation 2023-2024 program and how to register our parish's youth (ages 12 and up/Grade 7+) will be held on: **Sunday, October 1 at 1 p.m.** and **Monday, October 2 at 7 p.m.** in the Main Hall of the Parish Centre. The young person requesting Confirmation and one parent are asked to attend one of these meetings.

## 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.

## CELEBRATING ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI



October 1: **Blessing of the Animals** in the Courtyard at 2 p.m.

October 3: **The Transitus of St. Francis** at 7:00 p.m.  
The service commemorates the completion of St. Francis's earthly life, and his passage through death into eternal life.

October 4: **Solemnity of St. Francis**, Mass at 9 a.m.  
Join the friars and members of the Secular Franciscans at morning Mass to celebrate the feast day with them.

## 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,  
+ Raneer 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, and + John Tasker.

## PRAYER NETWORK REQUESTS

Network members pray daily for your prayer intentions which are held in confidence. New members are welcome! Please call Teresa Krijgsman at 416-444-4719 with your prayer intentions or if you would like to join the prayer network.

**LIFE CHAIN - SUNDAY OCTOBER 1, 2023 - FROM 2 TO 3 PM AT LESLIE ST. & LAWRENCE AVE.**

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**PRAYING: “FOR A SYNODAL CHURCH: COMMUNION, PARTICIPATION, MISSION”**



On Sunday 15 January in Rome, at the end of the Angelus prayer, Pope Francis announced that the work of the next assembly of the Synod of the Roman Catholic Church will be preceded by an ecumenical prayer vigil on Saturday 30 September on St Peter's Square, Rome:

*“The path to Christian unity and the path of synodal conversion of the Church are linked. I would like to take this opportunity to announce that on Saturday 30 September, an ecumenical prayer vigil will be held on St. Peter's Square, with which we will entrust*

*the work of the 16th Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops. For the young people coming to the vigil, there will be a special programme throughout that weekend, entrusted to the Taizé community. As of now, I invite brothers and sisters of all Christian denominations to participate in this “Gathering of the People of God.”*

This ecumenical prayer vigil **“Together”** will take place in Rome in the presence of Pope Francis and representatives of different Churches, to unite us in praise and silence, in listening to the Word. Young people aged between 18 and 35 from across Europe, from all Church backgrounds, are invited from Friday evening to Sunday afternoon and will be welcomed for a weekend of sharing, to journey together as the people of God.

*Through baptism and the Scriptures, are we not sisters and brothers in Christ, united in a communion that is still imperfect but nevertheless real? Is it not Christ who calls us and opens a way for us to go forward with him as fellow travellers, together with those who live on the margins of our societies? On this journey, in a dialogue that reconciles, we want to remember that we need each other, not so that we might be stronger together but as a contribution to peace in the human family.*

*In gratitude for this growing sense of communion, we can find the momentum needed to meet today's challenges faced with the polarisations that fracture the human family and the cry of the earth. In encounter and mutual listening, let us walk together as the people of God.*

To enable as many people as possible to take part in the ecumenical prayer vigil on 30 September, **the teams of Vatican Media will be broadcasting live between 4:30pm and 6pm (10:30am to 12pm EDT) the programme leading up to the vigil, and then from 6pm to 7pm (12pm to 1pm EDT) the prayer presided over by Pope Francis in the presence of Patriarch Bartholomew, Archbishop Justin Welby, the General Secretary of the Lutheran World Federation, Rev. Anne Burghardt, and many church leaders from different denominations.**

On the **Vatican Media YouTube** channel, it will be possible to follow the entire programme in eight languages: Italian, English, French, Spanish, Portuguese, German, Polish and Arabic.

*Pope Francis will open the first session of the XVI Ordinary General Assembly of Bishops at the Vatican on October 4, the Feast of St. Francis.*

Holy and Triune God, we thank you for calling us to be Your Church, and for showing her newer and more relevant ways of being the Sign and Sacrament of God. As the synodal journey which began two years ago, finds its culmination in the Synodal Event in October 2023, we pray for a more intense experience of Your Spirit for all the faithful. We thank you for blessing the synodal preparatory work in communities, institutions and by individuals. May the significant event of the Synod open new doors for the Church in her self-understanding and mission. May the Synod remain open to grace, and approach all things with humility and courage. Dispose it to hear *“what the Spirit is saying to the Church”* (Rev. 3:22) and where the Spirit is blowing it to action. Amen.

## HELPING OTHERS

### SHARELIFE 2023 PARISH CAMPAIGN - LIVING THE GOSPEL



#### Living the Gospel: 2023 Parish Campaign

Thus far our parish has raised **\$80,248.70** toward our goal of **\$94,000**. If you haven't already done so, please consider donating. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at [sharelife.org/donate](https://sharelife.org/donate).



### SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL



#### Sharing God's love with others through acts of service

Our Faith calls us to serve and the Society of St. Vincent de Paul welcomes "all who wish to live their faith by loving and serving their neighbour."

*"What can we do? ... We can offer what little we have. We certainly have a few hours of time, some talent, some expertise."* - Pope Francis (July 26, 2015) For more information on how you may be able to help, please call our helpline at **416-447-5571 ext. 570** and leave your name and contact information and state that you would like volunteer information. You can also assist others in need by donating to our poor boxes or securely through CanadaHelps: <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/society-of-st-vincent-de-paul-st-bonaventure-conference/>



### CASSEROLES FOR THE GOOD SHEPHERD REFUGE

Great News!! Bonnie Casserole Cooks sent 52 casseroles to the Good Shepherd in the month of September. We reached this goal with the help of a student volunteer and four casseroles donated by teachers of a Catholic School. Please continue or start to cook again if you can participate in this mission of mercy. As always, if you can provide monthly or every other month, it is appreciated. You cannot hear the voice of the hungry person who finds compassion and a meal at the Good Shepherd but we say, "Thank you," for them. Kindly remember to sign for the pans you need. The little book is in the cupboard where you find the pans. May God bless your kind heart for being part of this Mission of Mercy.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

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**MINISTRY WITH MATURING ADULTS ~ NURTURING OUR SPIRITUALITY IN THE SECOND HALF OF LIFE**

**TUESDAY MORNINGS:** Coffee and Conversation: 9:40 - 10:00 am  
Meeting: 10:00 - 11:30 am

***Walking Together in 2023***

**October 10**      **TOPIC: Fraud Prevention for Seniors**  
**Presenter: Heather Walsh, CPA (Chartered Professional Accountant)**



Please come and join us for this special presentation on October 10 in the Main Hall of the Parish Centre. The presenter will cover what fraud is, how it works and real-life examples of fraud. She will also talk about five reasons why seniors are particularly vulnerable to fraud, signs of being victimized and what to do if you have been a victim of fraud.

*Heather Walsh* is a retired accountant who has been volunteering with CPA Canada's Financial Literacy program since 2015. She welcomes opportunities to volunteer with CPA Canada because she believes it is important to help people in Canada develop the knowledge, skills, and confidence to make responsible and appropriate financial decisions at every life stage. Before retiring, Heather worked in the investment industry for twenty years primarily in the areas of compliance and financial reporting.

**Future Dates:**

**November 14**      **TOPIC: Travel to Spain - Photos, Food, Beverages**  
Presenter: Richard Strange & Curtis McDonnell

**December 12**      **TOPIC: To be Announced**  
Presenter: TBD

**ST. BONAVENTURE MIXED PICKUP SOFTBALL**



The next game is on October 1<sup>st</sup> at 2:00 pm. Please feel free to DROP IN by the baseball diamond behind the Parish Office.

*Organized by the Knights of Columbus - St. Francis Council 5080*

**SAVE THE DATE - CWL FLEA MARKET - SATURDAY OCTOBER 21, 2023**



**Do you have anything to donate?**

Remember to keep your **quality, gently used, and in good working condition items** to donate to the Flea Market!

*(We do not accept magazines, textbooks, encyclopedias, VHS or cassette tapes, mattresses, baby furniture and baby equipment, or plants.)*

Donations/items including preserved goods (jams and jellies) can be dropped off on Thurs. Oct. 19 and Fri. Oct. 20 from 9:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. Baked goods should be dropped off on Fri. (times above) and on Sat. Oct 21 BEFORE 9 a.m.

We will need volunteers to help with set-up and clean up.

High school students are welcome. What a great way to complete your required volunteer hours for school.

Contact: Elfreida at 416-424-4984 or Teresa at 416-200-5733

## TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION: UNDOING THE KNOTS

*September 30 has been designated as an observed 'National Day for Truth & Reconciliation.' In the face of historic and present injustices toward and among Indigenous Peoples in the lands of Canada, this is a day to bring forward reflection, to recognize wrongs, to hear the silenced voices and encourage bridge-building, peace-making and healing between Indigenous and non-Indigenous people between and among us as individuals and institutions ... Do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God.*


For the full article: [Archdiocese of Toronto - Truth and Reconciliation: Undoing the Knots \(archtoronto.org\)](https://www.archtoronto.org/truth-and-reconciliation-undoing-the-knots)

## NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION - GOVERNMENT OF CANADA


September 30 is observed as both the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation and Orange Shirt Day. Orange Shirt Day is an Indigenous-led grassroots commemorative day intended to raise awareness of the individual, family and community inter-generational impacts of residential schools, and to promote the concept of "Every Child Matters" For information and opportunities to participate in events to mark the day, visit:

[National Day for Truth and Reconciliation - Canada.ca](https://www.nationaldayfortruthandreconciliation.ca)

The Catholic Women's League of Canada



*FOUR SEASONS OF RECONCILIATION*



INVITES ALL PARISHIONERS TO A PRESENTATION  
IN RECOGNITION OF NATIONAL INDIGENOUS DAY

**St. Bonaventure CWL General Meeting  
October 1, 2023 – 1:00 pm  
Parish Hall**

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Casseroles for the Good Shepherd Centre, contact  
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## REFLECTION

*“For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax-collectors and the prostitutes believed him...” -Matthew 21:32*

In this, the tax collectors are like the first son (the no/yes one); for in their former way of life, they were naysayers to the will of God, but they eventually did the will of God by responding in repentance to the preaching of John the Baptist. In one way, the leaders seem to reflect the performance of the second son, in that, as religious leaders, they were ostensibly keepers of the law of God. But, since the immediate context entails the responses first to John and now to himself, they are “none of the above.” That is, the chief priests and elders have been closed to God’s authority both when it was mediated by John and also now as it is mediated by Jesus.

This parable gives us an insight into why “the poor” are congratulated in the first Beatitude. The religious leaders became distracted from acknowledging the authority of God and doing his will because of their attachment to the power of their human authority. Tax collectors and prostitutes, on the other hand, despite whatever minor financial and erotic power they may have possessed, were sufficiently aware of their limitations to be open to the power and authority of God when they encountered it in John and in Jesus.

Very likely, most of us feel we would have been among those who responded well to Jesus’ exercise of authority, had we been alive in early first-century Galilee and Judea. It might be a good meditation for us to try to imagine how we would have responded to John the Baptist. Would we have given a good listening to that strange man of the wilderness, dressed in animal skin, snacking on locusts and inviting people to a dunking in the Jordan? Though John and Jesus were very different men—one dedicated to fasting and the other dining regularly with tax collectors and sinners—those who were drawn to Jesus were the same ones who gave John a hearing.

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