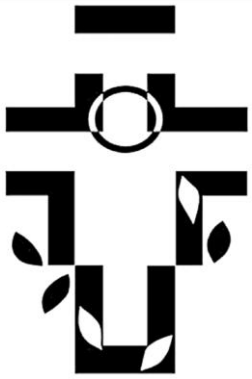


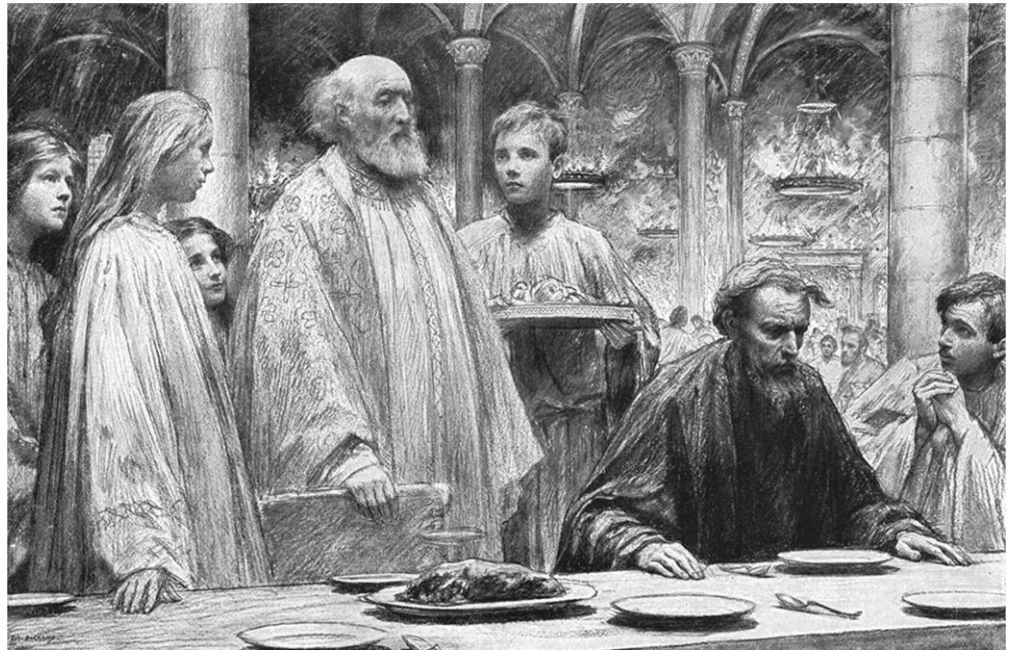
*Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 11, 2026*



*Growing
in Spirit,
Community,
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Bonnie News

Franciscan Church of St. Bonaventure



Parable of the Wedding Feast, by Eugène Burnand (1850-1921, Swiss). Engraving.
Source : <https://www.eugene-burnand.com> Website by Dr. Douglas Jenkinson, Nottingham.

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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You were hungry,
you were thirsty,
for you I have prepared
the wedding feast.

So many other voices
have drowned out your call,
so many lies
have ensnared our hearts.

Lord, call us back to your love !

Your days were spent
far from my joy,
for you I have prepared
festive garments.

So many other joys
scattered our desires,
so many mirages
fascinated our eyes.

Lord, call us back to your love.

From Commission Francophone "Cistercienne, Tropaires des dimanches",
125, and quoted in "Days of the Lord: The Liturgical Year", Vol. 4, Ordinary
Time Year A (Collegeville, Liturgical Press, 1992), 220-221.

<https://stbonaventuresdo.archtoronto.org/>

LITURGY & SACRAMENTS

THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, October 12	9 AM	† Mr. Edward Haigh
Tuesday, October 13	9 AM	† Francis Macdonald
Wednesday, October 14	9 AM	Birthday Intention for Dave Alon
Thursday, October 15	9 AM	† Belle Dujua
Friday, October 16	9 AM	The Friars Anniversary Intention for Lucia & Peter Park † Franklin Albert Godoy † Harrold Fenn † Grazia Maida
Saturday, October 17	5 PM	Intention of J. & C. Lee
Sunday, October 18	8:30 AM	† Julita Torres
	10 AM	† John Obeyesekere
	12 PM	The Parishioners
Sanctuary Lamps	Bl. Sac.	Personal Intentions
	Bl. Sac.	Intention for Tony & Thomas
	Our Lady	Personal Intentions

LITURGY OF THE WORD WITH CHILDREN



All children ages 4 to 9 are invited to participate in this parallel celebration of the Liturgy of the Word during Sunday Mass. Prayer leaders help the children pray with and understand the scripture readings in a manner suited to their developmental level. **We are seeking enthusiastic and dedicated volunteers to support this vital and popular program.** As a volunteer in this ministry of the Word, you will help usher the children to and from the church, lead the children in prayer, facilitate the reflection and discussions, and create a welcoming environment. Training will be provided. All volunteers will be required to complete a mandatory screening process. Contact Nancy Vanseader at 647-501-7744 or nvanseader@rogers.com if you are able to help.

HOLY COMMUNION FOR 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) will bring the Eucharist to them.

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

OFFICE CLOSURES & SUNDAY COFFEE

Please note the office is closed on Thanksgiving Monday and Sunday Coffee is cancelled this weekend.

BULLETIN SUBMISSION REMINDER

Please note: To allow us to complete the bulletin in a timely manner, new announcements or items for the same week's bulletin must be submitted to Kathryn at kathryn@st-bonaventure.ca no later than 12 noon on Tuesday each week. Items for a later-dated bulletin may be submitted on any day. Thank you for your contributions and understanding.

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

It was great to see so many pets (and their owners/caregivers) at our Blessing of Animals last Saturday. We had many dogs, several cats and two guinea pigs. God blessed us with a beautiful day as we expressed our gratitude for the gift of creation and for the gift of our beloved pets. I express my thanks to all those who attended this special event.

I would like to convey my gratitude to Friar Peter and the Secular Franciscans for planning the Transitus service which took place last Saturday evening. The service was very moving, and Friar Maurice gave a beautiful homily. Several people mentioned that the crowd was much larger this year, possibly because this year marks the 800th anniversary of St. Francis' death. After the service, all those in attendance enjoyed refreshments and fellowship in the parish hall.

Speaking of St. Francis, in last week's *The Catholic Register* there was an inspiring article about this beloved saint. The writer recently spoke with Friar Ed, and this interview is included in the article. We are grateful to Friar Ed for sharing his vocation story. If you would like to read the article, there may be extra copies of *The Catholic Register* in the church. You can also read the article online.

Last Sunday, my installation as your pastor took place at the 10 am Mass and I have to say that it was a very humbling experience. When I became a pastor for the first time at a parish in Massachusetts, there was no installation ceremony. I was handed the keys to the church, and someone showed me where the light switches were located. The ceremony that Bishop Kasun conducted was very meaningful to me and something that I will not soon forget. I am grateful to my two sisters, my brother and a nephew for attending the Mass. They were happy to meet some of you and were impressed by our church and campus.

In the afternoon, the Knights of Columbus held their annual BBQ, which was a huge success. Even though it rained in the morning, the afternoon was beautiful. I was told that the Knights sold over three hundred tickets to the BBQ. This event was a wonderful opportunity for parishioners and friends to gather for food and fellowship. Even the yellow jackets/hornets had a fun time pestering us! Many parishioners were happy to see Friar Mark who was able to attend the BBQ for a little while. I would like to thank the Knights of Columbus for planning and hosting such a great event as well as the volunteers who helped. I should also mention that the Knights presented me with a Toronto Maple Leafs jersey and Friar Reto with a Toronto Blue Jays jersey. I am a Buffalo Sabres fan so I am not sure which team I will be cheering for when the Maple Leafs are playing against the Sabres. Friar Reto and I are grateful for these thoughtful gifts.

Attention Extraordinary Ministers of Communion: Please try to attend one of the meetings that I have scheduled for October 15 and October 17.

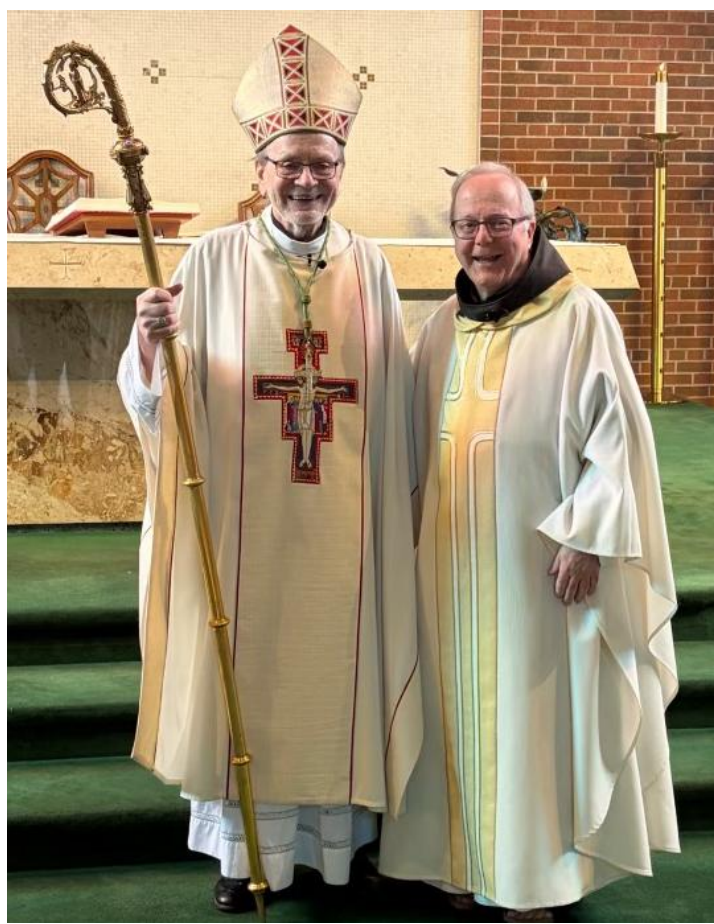
I hope you have an enjoyable Thanksgiving on Monday with your family and friends. Mass will take place as normal at 9 am and you are invited to join us. Gathering around the altar as a faith community is an ideal way to give thanks to God for all of the blessings that we have received from Him. Happy Thanksgiving!

Peace,
Friar Albert

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS & FRIAR ALBERT'S INSTALLATION



Friar Albert and parishioners at the Blessing of Animals



Bishop Robert Kasun & Friar Albert at his Installation

FAITH & 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, + Joyce Chong, + Ann O'Leary, + Michael Price, + Theresa Duffy, + Rev. Sal Badali,
+ Nabor Sequeira, + Diane Marchisello, + Suzanne McCallister, + Jorge Carvalho, + Justyn Klym, + Patrick Doty,
+ Nealia Somasundaram, + Jennie Mayer, + Tom Lloyd, + Joseph Cusimano, + Kathleen Fitzgibbons,
+ Patricia McQueenie, + Colleen Maida, + Zoe Duffy, + Louise Pappalardo, + Andrew Long, + Wendy Dingillo,
+ Julita Torres, + John Obeyesekere, + Paul Farrell and + Rayburn Veary.

PRAYER NETWORK REQUESTS



The Prayer Network is a group of parishioners who pray daily for all the prayer requests received by the Network. All prayer requests are kept in confidence, and no names are included when requests are passed onto the Network. Please contact **Teresa Krijgsman** at **416-709-8150** with your prayer intention or if you would like to become a member of the Prayer Network.

HELPING OTHERS

ST. BONAVENTURE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE (CWL)



October Social Justice Theme: Care for the Poor

Throughout October, the CWL encourages members to reflect on our call to care for those experiencing poverty, violence, and marginalization. Be aware of initiatives such as Sisters in Spirit Vigils, Purple Thursday, and educational efforts aimed at the eradication of poverty. Through prayer, awareness, and compassionate action, we can help build a more just and caring society.

"Whatever you did for one of the least of these, you did for me."
(Matthew 25:40)

Other Announcements: Flea Markert Storage

The Great Storage Quest continues, and the plot thickens. Storage is needed for Flea Market items from now until October 22. There is no room at the inn (a.k.a. the church). If you have a garage corner or a basement nook to spare until October...we've got gratitude.

Email Elfreida Soans at jesoans74@gmail.com or call her at 416-424-4984 if you have room to spare.

ST. BONNIE'S JOYFUL KNITTERS



We belong to **The Needlework Guild of Canada**. Each year we contribute our knitted items to support **22 agencies** throughout Toronto. With the work of our members and friends, we delivered **370 articles** for distribution closer to Christmas. There are currently 24 groups coming together to make life a wee bit more comfortable as all goods go to men, women and children in need. Last year a total of **7,702** articles were shared to those we serve. Now, we are knitting for 2027 We have an open door to anyone who would like to join our efforts. Please come and see us on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month in the Francis Room following the 9:00 am Mass. Smiles, coffee/tea and snacks are provided. Call **Ann Fellin** at **647-526-5066** if you have any questions.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL



The Bible reminds us that it's not enough to have prayerful empathy for the suffering. Our prayers are important, but they must also lead to action. God calls us to come together to feed the hungry, tend to the sick, and lend a helping hand to those who have fallen on hard times. Please assist Vincentians to lift the burdens of others, especially those who struggle to afford the necessities of life, and to refresh them with humble care and service. Your donations to our SSVP boxes (available after weekend masses) and through Canada Helps do make a difference.

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/>

CASSEROLES FOR THE GOOD SHEPHERD REFUGE



In the month of September, St. Bonaventure Parishioners brought 65 casseroles to be sent to the Good Shepherd Refuge. Casseroles are picked up twice monthly so you can bring it to the Ministry Centre during office hours at your convenience. We always need more people to contribute to this Mission of Mercy. The Good Shepherd serves 1100 meals each day. More help is needed on our end. Please consider making a casserole this month. Recipes are easy to follow and are available with a pan in the cupboard at the back of the church. Thanks to all who brought us to the 65 count in September. If you have any questions, call **Ann Fellin 647-526-5066**.

UPCOMING EVENTS

IMPORTANT MEETING FOR EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

On **Thursday, October 15 at 7:00 pm** and **Saturday, October 17 at 10:30 am**, there will be a meeting with Friar Albert for **ALL** current extraordinary ministers of communion. Ministers have a choice of attending **one** of the scheduled meetings. The purpose of these meetings is to review procedures for this ministry and to discuss concerns any ministers may have. If any ministers of communion cannot attend one of these meetings, they are asked to contact Friar Albert.

MASS ATTENDANCE SURVEY

Every year the archdiocese requests that a Mass attendance Survey takes place in all parishes on two consecutive weekends. This survey will occur on the weekends of **October 17-18** and **October 24-25**.

DAY OF REFLECTION & PRAYER FOR THE BEREAVED

“Where is God in my pain? How is God working in my grief?” Grieving a loved one can shake or give a new shape to our faith. At this gathering, you will have the opportunity to share your grief story in a community of faith and to reflect in a prayerful way on your experience, to draw renewed strength and hope to continue the journey. Open to men and women.

Location: Manresa Jesuit Renewal Centre, 2325 Liverpool Rd., Pickering, ON L1X 1V4

October 31 @ 9:00 am - 5:00 pm Facilitated by: Sr. Claire Marchal & Mary Hyland

Suggested Offering ~ \$75.00

For more information or to register, contact **Mary Hyland at 905-441-0957**

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE



The Knights of Columbus are organizing a food drive in support of the **Good Shepherd Ministries**. A place that promotes human dignity, where the vulnerable and the invisible come first.

Members of the KofC will be collecting **non-perishable** items **before and after the 5pm Mass on Saturday October 10, and after all Masses on Sunday October 11.**

Thank you for standing alongside **Good Shepherd Ministries** and for being a source of hope in our community.

Monetary Donation Welcomed!

ITEMS NEEDED:

- Tuna/Canned Meat
- Coffee & Tea Bags
- Soups & Stews
- Condiments (e.g. soy sauce, barbeque sauce, ketchup, mayonnaise, mustard, etc.)
- Peanut Butter & Jams
- Canned Tomatoes, Corn, and Vegetables
- Beans & Chickpeas
- Pasta Sauce
- Granola Bars & Pancake Mix
- Dried Meals
- Bagged Rice

We can only accept non-perishable food in its original, unused condition and NOT EXPIRED

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PRE-PLANNING SEMINAR - HOLY CROSS CEMETERY & FUNERAL HOME - OCTOBER 24TH

Pre-Planning Seminar: Planning ahead is one of the most thoughtful and compassionate decisions you can make for your family. Join us for an informative seminar designed to help you understand your options and make confident, faith-informed decisions.

Learn about:

- Funeral and burial options
- Planning in advance to ease burden on loved ones
- Catholic teachings on cremation
- Flexible payment options (*including 0% financing options*)

Date & Location

Holy Cross Catholic Cemetery & Funeral Home

211 Langstaff Rd E, Thornhill **Saturday October 24, 2026, at 9:00 AM** You must RSVP to attend at 905-889-7476 ext. 1 or by email at holycrossinquiry@cc-fs.ca

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 (10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.), usually twice monthly, September to June. We look forward to welcoming you and feel free to invite a friend!

Explore the Secular Franciscan Order

Tuesday, October 13, 2026 - 10:00 AM Location: Main Hall

Presenter: Fr. Peter Knaapen, OFM Conv.

Fr. Peter will discuss the core spirituality of St. Francis of Assisi and how the Secular Franciscan Fraternity offers a wonderful opportunity to experience how the Order's mission translates into everyday living. Living Witnesses: The Highlight for many will be hearing directly from active Secular Franciscans. They will share personal stories about their faith, fraternity and service opportunities.

Euthanasia: The Canadian Legislation and a Catholic Response

Tuesday, October 27, 2026 - 10:00 AM Location: Main Hall

Presenter: James Shaughnessy

James Shaughnessy has worked as a social worker for over 25 years, primarily with the Catholic Children's Aid Society and Catholic Family Services. He was ordained a permanent deacon in 2010 and currently serves at Good Shepherd Parish in Thornhill. His ministry includes serving at Tendercare Nursing Home and at St. Vincent de Paul Society at St. Clare's Residence for Women. He also serves as a mentor, along with his wife Helen, at St. Augustine's Seminary, supporting men in the diaconate formation program. James and Helen have two stepchildren and four grandchildren.

***Save the Date - Upcoming Sessions: November 10 & 24, and December 8 & 22, 2026
More details to follow.***



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Casseroles for the Good Shepherd Centre

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REFLECTION

“The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find into the wedding banquet.” Matthew 22: 8-9

We pray with the grace which God offers constantly. We are called, invited and preparing to sit once more at the Table of Abundance. We are attired in the inner garment of Baptism and the outer ware of the good things which are a reflection of who we know ourselves to be. We are not invited and seated because we have done these good things, but because of the goodness of the Inviter. Those good deeds are not tickets, but little sacraments or out-doings of our identities.

We can pray with our sense of being in a community of those whom God has called to be seated with us and whose wonderful works might not be celebrated on the evening news, but are constructive to God’s “vineyard” here on earth. We do not know all the little and large good things others do at home, in airports, around the neighborhood and out there, but we can pray with gratitude and joy that the Body of Christ is still gracing all its goings.

We pray also with the grace of belief. We are called and we trust that, but we also can have doubts about our worthiness and our doing enough, and are we just fooling ourselves because we so deeply want to belong. We pray with the grace of confidence in the Caller and Comforter. We are encouraged in our belief by the presence of those who are also seated at the Table waiting to be fed and sent once more.

From Larry Gillick, S.J. “Preparing for Sunday: 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A”,
St. Louis Sunday Liturgy Website: <https://www.slu.edu/mission-identity/initiatives/slu-liturgy/year-a/october.php>

May the Lord bless you and keep you!