



*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

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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*Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 12, 2025*

Bonnie News

Franciscan Church of St. Bonaventure



*The Mealtime Prayer (Das Tischgebet) 1885, Fritz von Uhde (1848-1911)
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XCVIII: Cantate Domino by Malcolm Guite

For Christ himself will shine as the true ark,
The holy one between the cherubim,
In his right hand and holy arm the mark
And imprint of the wounds we gave to him
Which he returns as love. He has declared
That love with open hands and heart. To him
The world with all its wounds, its shared
Desires and fears, will come, to seek the peace
Which he still offers freely. He has spared
The guilty, for he chose to take their place
And suffer for them. Therefore we will sing
A new song, in the all-renewing grace
Still flowing from those wounds. The world will ring
With music, drama, dance, and poetry,
With every gift that grateful hearts can bring.

[https://malcolmguite.wordpress.com/2021/05/03/sing-a-new-song-a-response-to-
psalm-98/](https://malcolmguite.wordpress.com/2021/05/03/sing-a-new-song-a-response-to-psalm-98/)



Please note that the Ministry Centre will be closed on Thanksgiving Monday, Oct. 13.

LITURGY & SACRAMENTS

THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, October 13	9 AM	† Jaques Pare
Tuesday, October 14	9 AM	† Grazia Maida
Wednesday, October 15	9 AM	Intentions of Dave Alon
Thursday, October 16	9 AM	Intentions of Dave Alon
Friday, October 17	9 AM	Brothers, Sisters & Benefactors of the Order Special Intentions Intentions of Thomas Votruba † Allan Leung † Hazel Banderada † Souls in Purgatory
Saturday, October 18	5 PM	† Special Intentions of Beatrice Barrientos
Sunday, October 19	8:30 AM	† Cesar Urrutia
	10 AM	The Parishioners
	12 PM	† Avelina Gapo
Sanctuary Lamps	Bl. Sac.	† Rene Calingasan
	Bl. Sac.	Intentions of Robert Chua
	Our Lady	A Personal Intention

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.

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 Long, + Bernard Nottage, + Anna Szatmary, + Christopher Harris, + Blanca Graciela, + Martin Frank,
+ Thelma Jonathan, + Jeanette Bertheau, + Edward Baker, + Joyce De Gannes, + Rochelle Labrador,
+ Vinodh Loganadhan, + Barbara Makowicz, + Anne Clune, + Antonino (Tony) Cravero, + Frances Fong,
+ Mary Lou Gray, + Teresa Hui, + Peter D'Brass, + Angela Buchanan, + Cynthia D'Cruz,
+ Rene Calingasan and +James Durbano

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 **416-709-8150** with your prayer intentions or if you would like to join the prayer network.

HELPING OTHERS

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE ON OCTOBER 11/12

Good Shepherd Ministries is organizing its annual Thanksgiving Food Drive. To provide a special meal for those struggling with hunger in our community, the Knights of Columbus in conjunction with our parish plan to participate in this Thanksgiving Food Drive.

We will be collecting donations of non-perishable food items after every Mass this weekend. We are grateful for your support, and only together it is possible for us to provide needed services to those less fortunate in our community. Let us share our blessings this Thanksgiving. Most needed food items:

Tuna and Canned Meat
Beans and Chickpeas
Canned Tomatoes
Salad Dressing
Bagged Rice
Soy Sauce & BBQ Sauce

Soups and Stews
Pasta & Pasta Sauce
Corn and Vegetables
Cooking Oil
Mini-Sized Juice Boxes
Ketchup and Mustard

Coffee and Tea
Jams
Sugar, Salt, Pepper and Spices
Pancake Mix
Granola Bars & Packaged Snacks
Mayonnaise

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.

CWL INITIATIVE FOR 2025: SHARE THE WORDS

Service



Baptism calls us to witness to God's love - especially for the outcast and vulnerable in this world - be they human or other. Catholic Women's League members witness this service in many ways. Come be a part of this compassionate service.

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

NEWS FROM THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

🌹 Roses for Life 🌹

Each rose represents our commitment to the protection of human life – from conception to natural death. Through the *Roses for Life* campaign, the Knights of Columbus raise awareness about the dignity of every human person and collect donations that support local programs helping mothers and families in need. Every rose is a sign of love, hope, and respect for the gift of life. On **October 18 and 19**, the Knights of Columbus will be distributing *Roses for Life* and Rosaries after all Masses. Donations collected on those days will be given to **St. Vincent de Paul** to support their charitable work.

🎉 50/50 Draw Winner! 🎉 The winning ticket is #785492.

Congratulations to our lucky winner and thank you to everyone who participated and supported our parish community!

THANK YOU, ST. BONAVENTURE PARISH, FOR ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL LINDA'S WALK

A big thank you to everyone at St. Bonaventure's Parish for your incredible support of Linda's Walk again this year. We are so grateful to walk alongside such a caring and generous community. Thank you for helping us continue to support women in need. Your faith in our mission continues to inspire hope and change.

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

Do you love to sing? You're invited to join the chorus of our production of *The PROMISE* to be staged at St. Bonaventure on November 28 and 29. The show is being presented in support of [St. Clare Inn](#). The *PROMISE* is an all-ages show of original music, written and produced by Dave Trafford. It tells the story of Advent, Christmas and the Epiphany. And you're invited to join the chorus.

We can accommodate up to 15 voices. Put your voice to use for a good cause and help us help the Inn.

Contact Dave Trafford dave@davetrafford.com

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

Tuesday October 21, 2025, 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM Main Hall

Documentary and Discussion on St. Carlo Acutis presented by Fr. Thomas Reist, OFM

Carlo Acutis, canonized this year by Pope Leo XIV on September 7, is the first millennial saint. He is popularly dubbed as the "Patron Saint of the Internet." St. Carlo had a profound devotion to the Holy Eucharist that he endeavored to share worldwide. He died at the age of 15 from leukemia.

Please join us on Tuesday, October 21 for a viewing of a documentary on the life and influence of this new saint. A discussion will follow the showing of the film.

Save the Dates: November 4, November 18, December 2 and December 16, 2025

COFFEE MONDAYS FOR SENIORS AT HAWTHORN SCHOOL



As a gesture of respect and gratitude for senior citizens in the community, the students at Hawthorn School would like to invite all seniors to Hawthorn's monthly Coffee Mondays. Join us! Enjoy complimentary coffee & snacks at 3:15 pm on the following Mondays: October 20, December 15, February 9, April 13. For more information: Contact Queenie Yu at 416-444-3054 or gyu@hawthornschool.com Hawthorn School, 101 Scarsdale Rd, 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 gyu@hawthornschool.com or visit www.hawthornschool.com

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS ON OCTOBER 4TH, THE FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS



ST. MICHAEL'S AWARD - CONGRATULATIONS

On Sunday, September 28th and Feast of St. Michael the Archangel, Archbishop Francis Leo made the second presentation of the St. Michael Award. This award recognizes distinguished and faithful service to members of the Archdiocese of Toronto. Recipients are elected from each pastoral region of the archdiocese (Central, North, East and West).



James and Elfrieda Soans were honored to receive the award this year for their many years of service in social outreach. As we extend our congratulations to them, we also acknowledge that this is also a great honour for St. Bonaventure Parish and the many parishioners who have served the church and society in an outstanding way. Congratulations!



BLOOD DONOR CLINIC - WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 29, 2025 FROM 3 - 7 PM - MAIN HALL

Your donation Matters!



It matters to every patient across Canada because it's something we can do today to help others wake up healthier tomorrow. Please consider being a blood donor.

Join Canada's Lifeline: Book now at blood.ca or call 1-888-2 DONATE

BUNDLE-UP WEEKEND FOR THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL: OCTOBER 25-26, 2025

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul will have a truck located in the rear parking lot to collect your donations on the weekend of Oct. 25-26, 2025. The focus is on the collection of textiles, shoes, clothing, bedding, draperies, and small household goods.



We DO NOT ACCEPT
appliances, baby or regular furniture,
books, mattresses, dishes,
construction material or video tapes
For more information visit
www.ssvptoronto.ca



ANNUAL FLEA MARKET, SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2025

Saturday October 25, Open from 9:00 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Drop off your donations at the Parish Hall Kitchen entrance on
October 23 & 24 from 9:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

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, encyclopedia's, VHS or cassette tapes, mattresses, baby furniture and baby equipment, or plants.



We will need volunteers to help with set-up and clean up and for watching over the booths. High school students are welcome. What a great way to complete your required volunteer hours for school!

RECYCLE YOUR ELECTRONIC AND ELECTRICAL ITEMS RESPONSIBLY



The St. Bonaventure CWL Flea Market is back on October 25th. In the spirit of community and the environment, your CWL has arranged for Goat Transport, an e-waste recycling company, to have a truck on site at the rear of the church parking lot from 9am to 2pm. They will be collecting your old, unwanted, obsolete and non-functioning electronic and electrical items, big and small, to be collected for

responsible sorting and recycling.



When you bring your old, end-of-life electronics and electricals to an EPRA-authorized collection event, you're helping:

- to keep old electronics out of landfills
- prevent them from being illegally exported or handled by irresponsible recyclers
- recover and recycle valuable resources that can be put back into the manufacturing supply chain.



Goat Transport operates and is facilitating this event in accordance with environmental regulations per the Electronic Products Recycling Association. Visit EPRA.ca for more info.

You may start dropping off your old electronics and electricals for recycling between 9:30 am and 6:30 pm on Thursday Oct. 23 and Friday Oct. 24 at the Parish Centre during Flea Market set-up.

Display Devices, TV's	Home Audio	Video Systems	Drones
Desk Top Computers	Cameras	Security Systems	Vehicle Audio
Portable Computers	Home Theatre Systems	Musical Instruments	Recording Systems
Printers & Print Cartridges	Floor Standing Printers	Routers, Cables, Charges	IT & Telecom Systems

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REFLECTION

“He prostrated himself at Jesus’s feet and thanked him.” ~Luke 17:16

Sunday’s Scripture narrates two leprosy cures and two reactions to them.... In the Gospel, Jesus heals ten lepers. He sends them off, saying, “Go show yourselves to the priests.” They do, but on the way they find out that they are already cleansed! And, maybe the point of the scripture is that only one former leper—and it is a Samaritan—has eyes to see what this healing means. Extolling God in a loud voice, this one comes back to Jesus. He drops to the ground giving thanks. The other nine? They must have been glad they had won the sweepstakes and had not thought about who had done the cure. Jesus offers a soul-cure as well as a bodily one. Too bad those others missed it!

Second, in the First Reading, a leper, Naaman—also a Samaritan—is healed by Elisha the prophet. Naaman is told to plunge into the Jordan river seven times. He carries out this strange routine just as instructed. The result? His flesh became again like the flesh of a little child, and he was clean of his leprosy. Naaman rushed back to Elisha to give copious thanks. He declared that there was no other god on earth but Israel’s God! He offered a gift in thanksgiving. This was a very healthy and normal reaction: when a person is loved so much, their heart goes out to the giver and, without thinking, their soul wants to give gifts in return. Strangely, Elisha refused the gift. We are not given an explicit reason, but probably he did not want earthly rewards for doing God’s work. In response to the refusal, Naaman the leper made a dramatic pronouncement: “If you will not accept, please let me, your servant, have two mule-loads of earth, for I will no longer offer holocaust or sacrifice to any other god except to the Lord.” (2 Kings 5:17) Mules and all, he will use Israeli earth to show his gratitude. It will be a sacrifice to the God of Israel, the God you and I worship.

The *Spiritual Exercises* of St. Ignatius Loyola are based on this same response of gratitude. Especially in an exercise called the “Contemplation to Obtain God’s love,” people on retreat realize (over time) how deeply they are being loved. Their great desire is to give back to the one doing the loving, to give in return. Notice that this implies an adult relationship, not a child’s. An infant is filled with need after need and tells you all about them. The nine cured lepers who did not say thanks might have been like that. But as maturity grows in a person he or she wants to give back instead of only receiving. Yes, even to give back to God. God has been seeking a mutual love relationship with each of us from the beginning of our lives. Have you ever sensed this? Have you felt gratitude? Have you ever taken time out to return love? Could you take some time out this week?

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May the Lord bless you and keep you!