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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Franciscan Church of St. Bonaventure



Christ and the Rich Young Ruler. (1889), Heinrich Hofmann (1824-1911). Purchased by John D Rockefeller Jr, now residing at Riverside Church, New York. Public domain.

"Sell all you have ... and follow me."

To whom, exactly, are you speaking Lord? I take it you're not saying this to me, But just to this rich man, or to some saint Like Francis, or to some community, The Benedictines maybe, their restraint Sustains so much. But I can't bear this word! I bought the deal, the whole consumer thing, Signed up and filled my life with all this stuff, And now you come, when I've got everything, And tell me everything is not enough! But that one thing I lack, I cannot get. Sell everything I have? That's far too hard I can't just sell it all... at least not yet, To whom exactly, are you speaking Lord?

Poem by Malcolm Guite. For a further reflection by the poet, see the back page of this bulletin.

LITURGY & SACRAMENTS

NEXT WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, October 14		9 AM	† Grazia Maida
Tuesday, October 15		9 AM	† Martha Beattie
Wednesday, October 16		9 AM	† Terezia Geryon
Thursday, October 17		9 AM	† Jane Sansom
Friday, October 18		9 AM	† Khaliv Palarcu
			† Joyce Dias Lamoureux
			† Lino Ammaturo
			Intention for Frances Fong
			Friars
Saturday, October 19		5 PM	† Anita Rawana
Sunday, October 20		8:30 AM	The Parishioners
		10 AM	† Nimfa Chua
		12 PM	† Cesar Urrutia
Sanctuary Lamps	Bl. Sac.	Intention for Frances Fong	
Bl. Sac.		Intention for Kim Cheah	
Our Lady		Personal Intentions	

LITURGY OF THE WORD WITH CHILDREN AT THE 10 AM SUNDAY MASS

For children ages 4-9. A parent is welcome to accompany a child who is too shy to participate on their own. <u>Volunteers are needed!</u> 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 two hours once or twice a month to prepare for and lead 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. To enquire about volunteering for the 2024-25 season, contact Maria at 437-993-8458.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION FOR CONFIRMATION (YOUTH)

Registration deadline for the Confirmation 2024-2025 program is October 22 at 3 p.m.

NOVEMBER 2: THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED ~ Mass at 11 a.m.

All Souls' Day falls on Saturday this year. We will celebrate a Mass for the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed at 11 a.m. on November 2nd. Our celebration of the Eucharist this day expresses more clearly the paschal character of Christian death and our continued communion with all those who have gone before us. Instead of grieving "as others do who have no hope" (1 Thess 4:13), we proclaim the paschal mystery of Christ—His death and resurrection—as the foundation of our hope. Our faith in the Easter mystery includes our prayer for the deceased: that they may share fully in Christ's triumph over sin and death. Join together as a community of faith for Mass on Saturday, November 2nd at 11 a.m., and pray for all our deceased loved ones. There will be a special recognition of our parishioners who died this past year. Those who receive Holy Communion at this Mass of Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed may also receive Holy Communion at the anticipated Lord's Day Mass at 5 p.m.

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Confessions are heard on a weekly basis on Saturdays from 9 to 10 am in the Mary Chapel. In addition, you can always make an appointment with Fr. Peter or Fr. Tom to celebrate this Sacrament of God's mercy.

PREPARING FOR THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Couples who want to marry at St. Bonaventure's Parish or are planning a marriage outside of the Archdiocese of Toronto (for example, in another diocese either in Canada or in another country) are required to meet with either Friar Tom or Friar Peter and complete their preparations in the Archdiocese of Toronto. One of either the bride or the groom (i.e., the Catholic party) ought to live within the parish boundaries, or, if living outside the parish boundaries, should be a registered parishioner and participate in Eucharist on a regular basis. It is a policy of the Archdiocese of Toronto that one year's advance notice is required for marriages. It is important that couples do not book reception venues, etc., before contacting either Friar Tom or Friar Peter.

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:

- + Jim Meyer, + Marjorie McGinty, + Gerry Devlin, + Alice Eaglen, + Deanna Andrew, + Norman Bell,
- + Jean-Gabriel Castel, + Romi Walsh, + Brigid O'Rourke, + Joyce Dias Lamoureux, + Joan Watson,
- + Matt Gleeson, + Denise Baranecki, + Jhonny Mujica, + Alberto Samonte, + Marilyn Sher, + Mary-Lou Gleeson,
- + Virginia (Ginny) Doty, + Shirley Hynd, + Maureen Shanahan, + Edith Munro, + Celia Lyne, + Chi Cheung,
- + Albert Mihaly, + Stanley Kee, + Irene Devlin, + Austin Lehman, + Jude Weerasinghe, and + Louise Mackenzie.

HELPING OTHERS

CASSEROLES FOR THE GOOD SHEPHERD REFUGE



Our casseroles makers are part of a collective effort to serve, individuals facing hunger who come to the Good Shepherd for a daily meal. The need is great!! In October we sent 40 casseroles to contribute to the meal plan. We welcome new volunteers to join in this Mission of Mercy.

Recipes and pans are available in the cupboard at the back of the church. Thank you in advance.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL



By visiting people in need in their homes and walking alongside to guide them to resources to break the cycle of poverty, we give them hope for the future. Your generous donations to our poor boxes and through Canada Helps do help us make a difference. Thank you!



Our confidential helpline is: **416-447-5571 Ext. 570**. In addition to donating through our poor boxes located at our three main exits, online donations can be made securely through our QR code or the following link:

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 hope 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! There is no need to pre-register for these events below. Just come and you will be warmly welcomed! And feel free to invite a friend!

If you would like more information, email Trena Finnegan, Coordinator Ministry with Maturing Adults: trena@st-bonaventure.ca

Tuesday October 22nd 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. - Main Hall Spiritual Essentials for Life's Second Act

A Workshop looking at our needs as we live out the second half of our lives

- Based on the book by Janet Schaeffler, OP

The first two needs Sr. Schaeffler identifies are: The Need to live a life of Meaning and Purpose and The Need for Love and Relationships. We will spend time in small groups, pondering, wondering and discussing these needs with guided questions. We will then explore and share in the large group creative ways to practice, celebrate and live out these needs so that we can continue to enjoy life to the full. Workshop facilitated by: Trena Finnegan, Coordinator - Ministry with Maturing Adults

Tuesday November 5th 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. - Main Hall

The Importance of Personhood & Social Connections within our Integrated Home Care Community Model. Presentation by: Jane Teasdale, Joint Owner and Director Business Development and Community Relations, Mosaic Home Care Services & Community Resource Centre & accompanying her is Lauren McNair Senior Community Resource and Social Engagement Coordinator. In this presentation they will discuss home care options, questions to ask when hiring a home care agency, what services does Ontario Health@Home provide, social programs in the community and staying connected & importance of building social networks. Jane is dedicated towards developing awareness of home and health care issues in the community and to developing relations between healthcare professionals, home care providers, not-for-profit agencies and other important services providers that are needed to provide the wider levels of support often required by those in need in the community.

Website: www.mosaichomecare.com

Save the Dates: November 19, December 3rd and December 17th. More information coming soon!

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 and a performance at 3:15 pm on the following Mondays:

October 21, November 18, December 16,

January 20, February 10, March 3, April 14, May 12, June 9
For more information: Contact Queenie Yu at 416-444-3054 or qyu@hawthornschool.com
Hawthorn School, 101 Scarsdale Rd, Toronto M3B 2R2

SAVE THE DATE: ANNUAL FLEA MARKET, SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2024



Saturday October 26, Open from 9:00 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Drop off your donations at the Parish Hall Kitchen entrance on October 24 & 25 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!

COMING SOON! BONNIE VENTURE AFTERNOON TEA PARTY, DECEMBER 1, 2024



December 1, 2024. This event is to bring our community and friends together and to support our Parish Maintenance Fund.

Along with the Afternoon Tea we will have a Silent Auction, a Hat Contest, a door prize and Entertainment.

Tickets are \$40. per person. Cash or cheque payable to CWL St. Bonaventure. Tickets are available starting October 20 after all masses. Advance sales only.

Plan to attend and support St. Bonaventure Parish!

SERAPHIM AND CHERUBIM CHORUS - ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT



Save the Date: Friday, December 6, 2024 St. Bonaventure Church

More information to follow!

HAPPY THANKSGIVING



Good and gracious God, we give You thanks today, as we do all days, first and foremost for the gift of creation and the gift of life. We ask You to bless this food, that it may nourish us and sustain us, and strengthen our ability to do Your will. We pray in thanksgiving for all the hands involved in bringing it to our table. You tell us, Lord, that to whom much is given, much is expected. May this meal and the fellowship we enjoy not only serve as clear reminders of Your love of us, but of Your call for us to share Your love and to serve our brothers and sisters, especially those most in need. We ask this as we ask all things, through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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REFLECTION

"When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions. (Mark 10:22)

In Chapter 10 of Mark's Gospel, verses 17-27 we are told the challenging story of Jesus encounter with a rich young man, and how Jesus tells him to sell all he has and give it to the poor, and how he goes away sorrowing because he can't bring himself to do it. It's a haunting story, full of paradox; the young man who has everything discovers from Jesus that he 'lacks one thing', Jesus loves him and calls him, and yet he cannot find the freedom and strength in himself to choose Jesus and return the love, for he is so encumbered by his possessions. I felt that in my new poetry sequence Parable and Paradox I must tackle this story and particularly the central saying of Jesus at its heart, 'sell all you have':

²¹Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, 'You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.' ²²When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions..

But of course, it's very difficult for any of us to reflect freely on this saying because we are all haunted by the fact that none of us have actually done what it asks! We deal with our discomfort either by ignoring this passage altogether or by deflecting Jesus' words away from ourselves and applying them instead to some special category of persons 'this is only for special people like monks and nuns' or alternatively 'this saying about the rich only applies to people who are much richer than I am'. Somehow, we all take it that he is not speaking to us! But perhaps rather than always ignoring, evading, or deflecting, we should honestly keep asking, 'who is he speaking to? might it be to me? might it be to me at some future date? 'Where your treasure is, there your heart will be', says Jesus in another place, and this story poses the question very sharply, 'where is our treasure'?

- Reflection by Malcolm Guite, titled "Jesus and our wealth: dwelling with a hard saying" from his blog https://malcolmguite.wordpress.com/, posted May 15, 2015.