Growing in Spirit, Community, and Service

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 18, 2026

Bonnie News

Franciscan Church of St. Bonaventure



"The Tribute Money ~ Le denier de César" (1886-1894), James Tissot (1836-1902). Brooklyn Museum. Common domain. Source: Wikicommons.

XCVI *Cantate Domino* by Malcolm Guite

Our Saviour King and Shepherd calls us home
And on our homeward journey bids us sing,
To join that all-renewing song to him
Which all creation sings. The valleys ring
With praises and the mountaintops rejoice;
The greenwood trees and meadow flowers bring
Their silent praise and call on us to voice
It for them in our songs, to worship him
In awe, in beauty, and in holiness.
It is not for ourselves alone we hymn
The great creator, for we lift our song
To voice creation's praise. The drowsy hum
Of honey laden bees, the lovely, long
And lapsing sigh of waves along the shore,
And our own joy, must all make up the song.

Source: https://malcolmguite.wordpress.com/2021/04/15/sing-a-new-song-a-response-to-psalm-96/

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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LITURGY & SACRAMENTS

THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, October 19	9 AM	† Cesar Urrutia
Tuesday, October 20	9 AM	† Khaliv Palarca
Wednesday, October 21	9 AM	† Vanita MacDonald
Thursday, October 22	9 AM	† Bernadino & Eduviges Abued
Friday, October 23	9 AM	Intention of Ina Kathryn Madden † Rory Delfino † Narciso Gabriel † Cesar Mescallado † Margaret Mitchell
Saturday, October 24	5 PM	† Andre Cabral
Sunday, October 25	8:30 AM	The Parishioners
	10 AM	Thanksgiving Intention for Douglas & Forde Family
	12 PM	† Andrew Long
Sanctuary Lamps Bl. Sac.	† Bernadino & Eduviges Abued	
Bl. Sac.	Intention for Gemma & Marco (Newly Married)	
Our Lady	Thanksgiving & For Healing of the Sick	

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

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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**

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,

I hope that you had an enjoyable Thanksgiving with your family and friends. It was good seeing so many parishioners at Mass in the morning. God has blessed us in various ways, and it was fitting that we expressed our gratitude by gathering around the altar. The friars had our Thanksgiving dinner on Sunday and Friars Maurice and Peter prepared a delicious meal for us.

Last weekend, the Knights of Columbus held their annual Food Drive to benefit The Good Shepherd Ministry. I am grateful to those parishioners who brought in various food items for this worthy cause. I would also like to express my gratitude to the Knights for organizing the Food Drive. I certainly appreciate their time and efforts.

On October 10, St. Bonaventure Parish held our first Rosary Rally in front of the church. I am happy to share that about 60 people joined together in praying the rosary. It was a beautiful witness to our faith as well as our devotion to our Blessed Mother. Afterwards, we gathered in the parish hall for light refreshments. I would like to express my sincere thanks to Deisy and Franklin Godoy for taking the initiative with this event. Hopefully this will be the first of many Rosary Rallies!

This past week I met with out Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, and I took this opportunity to review the guidelines/procedures for this important ministry. The guidelines had not been updated in many years. Based on what we discussed at our meeting, the guidelines are currently being updated. There has been an issue with not having enough Extraordinary Ministers of Communion at our weekend liturgies. I strongly encourage all our ministers to sign up electronically for a specific date and Mass time and to get into the habit of doing so early in the week. It is important that we have enough ministers at each of our Masses.

During the meeting, it was mentioned that several people are taking the consecrated Host and then "dipping" it into the Precious Blood. The Church does <u>not</u> allow this practice (intinction). The restriction helps prevent drops of the consecrated wine from falling onto the floor or fingers. If an individual tries to "dip" the host into the chalice, the Extraordinary Ministers of Communion have been instructed to place their hand over the chalice. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Every year, the Archdiocese of Toronto holds a seminar for priests (diocesan and religious), and all active priests are expected to attend. Friar Reto will be attending the seminar this week and I will be attending the following week.

The Catholic Women's League will be having their annual Flea Market on Saturday, October 24. I am told this is quite an undertaking and I am eager to see what is involved. If anyone has any donations, please be sure to drop them off this week at the parish hall. Remember, one person's junk is another person's treasure!

A great hockey game took place last Thursday evening between the Toronto Maple Leafs and the Buffalo Sabres. The Sabres defeated the Leafs 5-4 in overtime. Perhaps I should have been wearing my Leafs Jersey!

Peace,
Friar Albert

CWL FLEA MARKET – OCTOBER 24, 2026, AT 9AM



The St. Bonaventure CWL Annual Flea Market
Treasure hunters, rejoice! Join us for a day of bargains, vintage finds, and community spirit.

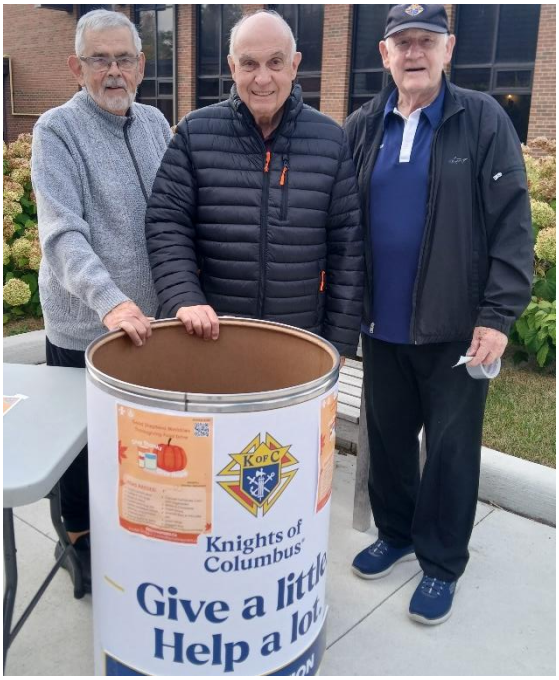
When: Saturday, October 24th from 9 am – 1 pm

Where: St. Bonaventure Parish Centre

ROSARY RALLY & KOFC FOOD DRIVE FOR GOOD SHEPHERD MINISTRIES



Rosary Rally, October 10, 2026



Larry Small, John James, and Dan Fellin at the Kof C Food Drive.



Members of The Good Shepherd Ministries loading up the truck.

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.
Memorial Mass for the faithfully departed will be held on November 2, 2026, at 7:00 pm followed by light refreshments in the Hall. Expect a personalized email invitation from Kathryn if you have a loved one on this list.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

ST. BONAVENTURE YOUTH MINISTRY

Last Friday, the St. Bonaventure Youth Ministry gathered for our second session of the school year. We both learned and talked about the invitation Jesus offers each of us to be his disciple. All the youth had very insightful things to say! Our next session will be on Friday, **October 30th at 6:30pm**. It will be a Halloween (Hallow's eve) party which will include food, snacks, and games. All that attend is more than welcome to dress up in Halloween costumes, as long as it's church appropriate. A reminder that the ministry is open to both High School students and Grade 8 students who have already been confirmed. Hope to see you there!

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!

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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REFLECTION

They said to him: "Whose head is this and whose title?" ~ Matt. 22: 20

There seem to be two realms, God's and Caesar's. Jesus says this in Sunday's Gospel: "Give to God the things that are God's and to Caesar the things that are Caesar's." Which realm do we live in? Are we "Sunday Catholics," giving to God maybe an hour per week at Mass and then getting on with television and cars and work and food? And maybe with being afraid? Or with wishing things had turned out better? Do you leave it to professionals to pray to God while you live a lesser life? Have we given your life to Caesar?

Or do we try it the other way around? Perhaps we are so serious about Christianity and spirituality that we try to get away from enjoyment of any worldly thing so as to live uncorrupted. Through the history of Christianity there have been marvelous examples of this. The desert hermits. The cloistered nuns and monks. The great mystics. "A penny for Caesar and all the rest for God"? If you push this statement too far, everything of Caesar must go away because it is not God, or on the other hand, God has to go away because science and secularism are so powerful.

Maybe Jesus made his statement to settle the argument posed to him by Pharisees. Here is a key. Can God and Caesar co-exist? What if you are created to be a container for God's presence right in the midst of the secular world? What if, in spite of the voices within you saying that you are not worth much, in spite of the setbacks of life, the losses, the flatness, in spite of all these, what if God created you with room inside you where God, out of love for you, can be quietly present? I can hear objections to such an idea: "God would never be at home in me, not until I do a lot better with my life." Or, "You want me to be some kind of nut, running around acting holy?" Or, "Sure, I want to let God in, but I like beer and TV too much." Or, "What does all this have to do with real life?" Or simply, "I don't want to." But if God were a great friend, a loving, faithful amigo who really does want to be with you, within you, as much as is possible? In fact, how would it be if God were a companion who truly and actually accepts you and forgives you completely whenever you need it? Wouldn't this give you another way to look at the connection between heaven and at earth? Wouldn't it mean that God put you and me into the world to be holy in it, to be friends with the things of Caesar? To work in the world of sin in spite of our own sins? Could be that we ourselves are those "things that belong to God" that Jesus spoke of. "Belong," not in a possessive way, but in the way felt by people who love and are loved. We "belong." If this were so, why wouldn't we want to give ourselves to God, and then also to bring our God-filled selves to Caesar's palaces and to the dirty roads outside them and show everyone what Jesus is all about? Which realm should we live in? Both. ~ Larry Gillick, SJ. SLU Sunday Website

May the Lord bless you and keep you!