



*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-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
October 22, 2023*

# Bonnie News

*Franciscan Church of St. Bonaventure*



Render unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and unto God the things that are God's, by Domingos Sequeira (1768-1837). Print on paper. Private collection.

*In the same way as Caesar looks for his image  
in a coin,  
God looks for his in your soul.  
“Give back to Caesar what is Caesar’s,”  
the Saviour says.  
What does Caesar demand from you?  
His image.  
But Caesar’s image is on a coin,  
whereas God’s is in you.  
If the loss of a coin causes you to weep  
because you lost Caesar’s image,  
would not any damage brought in you to God’s image  
be for you a cause for tears?*

*~St. Augustine*

## LITURGY & SACRAMENTS

### THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, October 23	9 AM	Brothers, Sisters and Benefactors of the Order
Tuesday, October 24	9 AM	† Hugh Canning, Sr. and Jr.
Wednesday, October 25	9 AM	† Patricia Docherty
Thursday, October 26	9 AM	† David Sullivan
Friday, October 27	9 AM	† Jacinta Osuji † Leslie Becker † Souls in Purgatory † Maria Ribarich Vocations The Friars
Saturday, October 28	5 PM	† Nimfa Chua
Sunday, October 29	8:30 AM	The Parishioners
	10 AM	† Gerald Desjardins
	12 PM	† Victor Pappalardo
Sanctuary Lamps    Bl. Sac. Bl. Sac. O.L. Chapel	16 <sup>th</sup> Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops	
	+ D. O. Lueniora	
	Personal Intention of Aldo Broglio	

### LITURGY OF THE WORD WITH CHILDREN: SUNDAYS AT THE 10 A.M. MASS



**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.

### 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.

### 2024 PARISH OFFERTORY ENVELOPE BOXES

We will be switching to an annual offertory envelope box that will be available for pick up in the church in December. To help us prepare the boxes, please make sure your contact information including address, telephone number and email address is up to date. Please email any changes to: [admin@st-bonaventure.ca](mailto:admin@st-bonaventure.ca) or complete the form available at the back of the church. Thank you for your help!

### PRAYER NETWORK REQUESTS

Network members pray daily for your prayer intentions which are held in confidence. New members are welcome! Please call Patricia Floros at 416- 444-0424 with your prayer intentions or if you would like to join the prayer network.

## 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, + John Tasker, and + Jim Meyer.

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

The First Session of the 16<sup>th</sup> Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops continues to October 29.

### Prayer for the Synod

Oh Lord, help us to pay attention to each other,  
to spend our time wisely by giving time to each other.  
Teach us the art of listening to one another,  
receiving others without judgment,  
understanding their feelings and what they live in their hearts.  
Let us learn to value the experience of being changed by dialogues,  
to honestly share our own heart and to receive the other in their singularity  
with an open and patient heart.  
We leave this Synod in your hands,  
make it fruitful and encourage us to walk together in your Church, serving your mission.  
Amen.



## HELPING OTHERS

### SHARELIFE 2023 PARISH CAMPAIGN - LIVING THE GOSPEL



### Living the Gospel: 2023 Parish Campaign

So 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 - DROP OFF YOUR CASSEROLE BY OCTOBER 30TH

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

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

#### **Walking Together in 2023**

Tuesday October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023

Coffee and Conversation: 9:40 - 10:00 am

Meeting: 10:00 - 11:30 am



**REFLECTION: *Praying Our Goodbyes*** Facilitated by Trena Finnegan.

As a Catholic community we observe All Souls' Day, also known as "The Commemoration of

all the Faithful Departed", on November 2<sup>nd</sup>. You are warmly invited to join us in the Parish Centre in a small group setting to pray, share and be supported as "*we share our stories of union and separation that are written in all our hearts*". Joyce Rupp

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

December 12      **TOPIC: *Advent Reflection - From Darkness to Light***  
An opportunity to take time out from our busy schedules and ponder the Reason for the Season! The morning will include presentation, music, prayer, small group sharing and a time for reflection.  
Facilitated by Trena Finnegan.



## SAVE THE DATE - ADVENT & CHRISTMAS EVENT

It may be early, but we finally have some bulletin space to share some upcoming events that are now being planned. More details and information to follow but in the meantime, save the date for the following:

Saturday, November 25, 2023	Advent Retreat sponsored by the CWL
Weekend of December 2 & 3, 2023	Christmas Market, Main Hall
Friday, December 8, 2023, at 7 pm	Seraphim and Cherubim Christmas Concert, Church
Sunday, December 10, 2023	CWL Advent Lunch, Main Hall
Friday December 15, 2023	Reconciliation: 9:30 - 10:30 am 12:00 - 1:00 pm 7:00 - 8:00 pm

## MESSAGES OF PEACE

### **Pope Declares Friday a Day of Fasting, Penance and Prayer for Peace in the World**

Posted: Archdiocese of Toronto, October 19, 2023

During his general audience on Wednesday, His Holiness, Pope Francis declared that Friday, October 27, is to be a day of fasting, penance and prayer for peace. The Holy Father invited, "the various Christian confessions, members of other religions, and all who hold the cause of peace in the world at heart to participate." A Vigil will take place at 6 p.m. in St. Peter's Square, where an hour of prayer in a spirit of penance to implore peace in our time, in this world. "Our thoughts turn to Palestine and Israel. The number of victims is rising and the situation in Gaza is desperate," the Pope continued. "Please, let everything possible be done to avoid a humanitarian disaster." The United Nations said Tuesday that more than 4,200 people have been killed and over 1 million people have been displaced in a short span of only 10 days.

### **Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops President Issues a Plea for Peace in the Holy Land**

Posted: Archdiocese of Toronto, October 12, 2023

The Most Rev. William McGrattan, president of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB), has issued a statement urging the Catholic faithful in Canada to unite in prayer for peace in the Middle East.

"Over these last few days, the world has witnessed a rapid escalation of armed conflict in the Holy Land, with reports of a growing number of wounded or dead, including innocent civilians," said Bishop McGrattan, "As the Holy Land is immersed in this violence and bloodshed, we remember that Jesus, the Son of God, who lived and walked there as Love Incarnate, through His teaching by word and deed, calls us as brothers and sisters to be always united by the bond of charity. "As Christians we are compelled by the teachings and example of Jesus to pray for peace throughout the world."

"As we pray for peace, let us remember all the families and individuals suffering because of this most recent outbreak of violence."

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FOR A PARISH REGISTRATION FORM TO COMPLETE

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## REFLECTION

***“Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor’s, and to God the things that are God’s.”  
~Matthew 22:21***

Maybe Jesus made his statement to settle the argument that was posed to him by the Pharisees. Alright, here is a key. Can God and Caesar co-exist? What if each of us is created to be a channel for God’s presence right in the midst of the secular world? What if, in spite of the voices within you that say 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 what if God were a great friend? 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 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 it 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. That might be how 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. ~John Foley, SJ

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