



*Growing
in Spirit,
Community,
and Service*

*Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 26, 2025*

Bonnie News

Franciscan Church of St. Bonaventure



The Parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector (1854), in Die Bibel in Bildern, Plate 200. Engraved by Julius Schnorr von Carolsfeld (1794-1872), Published Leipzig, by Georg Wigands, 1852-1860, © Cologne, Wallraf-Richartz-Museum & Fondation Corboud Public Domain. Source: Christian.Art

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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XXXIV Benedicam Domino by Malcolm Guite

He raises and delivers us from death,
And even now he shows us how to live
That we might savour life with every breath,

That we might taste and see, might truly thrive
Might see the good days that he wants for us
And make the best of all he has to give.

And so he comes to live as one of us
And teaches us afresh the ways of peace.
He lives the fullest life in front of us

And shows us how to break the bonds, release
The captive, seek the truth that sets us free
To choose the right and do it, to increase

The reach of love, the possibility
Of fruitful life together, and to hear
The poor cry out and help them speedily.

LITURGY & SACRAMENTS

THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, October 27	9 AM	† Joyce De Gannes
Tuesday, October 28	9 AM	† Gerald Desjardins
Wednesday, October 29	9 AM	† Thomas Votruba
Thursday, October 30	9 AM	† Dr. Dominic Ng
Friday, October 31	9 AM	Special Intention † David Hui † Grazia Maida † Sigmund Soudack † Larry Brown † Nimfa Chua
Saturday, November 1 Sunday, November 2	5 PM	† Peter Glowczewski
	8:30 AM	Souls in Purgatory
	10 AM	† All the Deceased of the Parish
	12 PM	† All Deceased Friars who served at the Parish
Sanctuary Lamps	Bl. Sac.	Martha Kremer's recovery
	Bl. Sac.	Intention of Leong Family
	Our Lady	† Henry Horodyski

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,
+ James Durbano and + Joyce Chong.

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

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 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



Sisters

Have you ever longed for a sister? The Catholic Women's League will bring many women into your life. Some will journey with you through thick and thin, some will come and go. Always, these women will carry and support you with their prayers and sisterly love. Come meet new sisters.

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/>

SHARELIFE



You support our community in countless ways through ShareLife
Learn more about the people you have helped at sharelife.org/impact.

Thank you for living the Gospel by providing for those in need! Thus far we have raised **\$78,277 or 72%** toward our goal of **\$109,000**.

Help us reach our goal! If you have not yet donated, or if you have already made a donation, please consider doing more if you are able to do so. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.

LINDA'S WALK



Your generosity made Linda's Walk our best year yet with \$45,000 Raised!

Congratulations to the winners - Ralph Draws for Early Bird Registration, Grace Chu for most sponsorship money raised and Michele Hall for top fundraising family!

Your generosity is at the heart of all we do.

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 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 November 4th, 10 - 11:30 AM, The Memory Project, Historica Canada, Main Hall

Join us as we welcome a Veteran who will speak to us on the theme of Hope.

The Memory Project is a volunteer speakers bureau that arranges for veterans and Canadian Forces members to share their stories of military service at school and community events across the country. "When others forget, we remember: Historica Canada is your trusted source for all things Canadian. Learning brings us together."

[Homepage - The Memory Project](#)

Tuesday November 18th, Excursion to The Aga Khan Museum

Gather in our parking lot at 9:45. We will carpool to the Aga Khan Museum

More information to follow as details are confirmed. If you are interested in attending, please email us at mma@st-bonaventure.ca We will provide an update through the bulletin but also email the information to you directly. [Aga Khan Museum - Visit](#)

Save the Dates: December 2 and December 16, 2025

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 ovu@hawthornschoo.com or visit www.hawthornschoo.com

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

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

WEEKEND MASS ATTENDANCE SURVEY - OCTOBER 18/19 AND OCTOBER 25/26

This year's annual weekend Mass attendance survey for all parish and mission communities within the Archdiocese of Toronto will be held on the weekends of **October 18 and 19, 2025** and **October 25 and 26, 2025**. We thank you in advance for your cooperation with this process.

**MEMORIAL MASS COMMEMORATING THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED OF THE PARISH
SATURDAY NOVEMBER 1, 2025 AT 5 PM**

The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed - Memorial Mass
Saturday, November 1, 2025, at 5 pm in the Church
Followed by light refreshments in the Main Hall

St. Bonaventure Parish will remember those who have gone before us this past year by reading their names and lighting candles for each of them.

God of might and tenderness,
your Son underwent death to break its fetters.
Nothing now can separate us from you.
Keep us ever in your love,
so we will always be with those whom you gave us,
and who have gone before us to be with you.
This we ask through Jesus, our Lord. Amen.

(* A Word of Consolation is taken from Robert M. Hamma's *In Times of Grieving*, published by Ave Maria Press, Notre Dame, IN, 2004, page 87.)



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REFLECTION

“God, be merciful to me, a sinner!” –Luke 18:13

“For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted.” This is not the proclamation of a reversal of status that will occur at the end of time. It is the affirmation of what happens today, because God is God. God raises the lowly and sinners to himself by giving his grace to them, but leaves to their absurd, pretended greatness those who believe they can raise themselves. This is what the beatitudes and the *Magnificat* say.

The three readings this Sunday face us with the judgement of God, and they demonstrate the only attitude that is appropriate to us. The Lord is a judge who, far from despising the poor, heeds their prayer and gives them justice. It is from him alone that justifications comes, and not from the wealth of merits on which we pride ourselves. The tax collector of the Gospel raises toward God a prayer of the poor; he returns home justified. The Pharisee, on the other hand, can receive no grace, since he seems to be ignorant of his need for it. Heeding this lesson, the Church, at the beginning of each Eucharistic celebration, has us turn toward God to beg his mercy. But all of Christian prayer must have the humility that is found in the tax collector.

Consider also in what our prayer consists. We are certainly not worthy to receive what it belongs to friends to ask and obtain, but what is portioned out to rebellious servants and great sinners. We do not call on the Lord that he may grant us recompense or favour, but that he may be merciful to us. To ask Christ, the friend of humanity, for mercy, pardon or remission of sins and not to go away with empty hands after this prayer, to who does this belong if not the guilty, since “those who are well do not need a physician” (Matt 9:12). If men should raise a suppliant voice to God, this can only be the voice of those who stand in need of mercy, the sinners. (Nikolas Cabasilas, 14th C. La Vie en Jesus Christ, livre 6, P.G.150, 682-683.)

The epistle, finally, shows us Paul’s thoughts at the end of his life. In the prison that he would only leave to go to martyrdom, he expresses his complete confidence in “the God of justice” from whom he awaits the “winner’s crown.” The apostle certainly fought well for Christ, but how could this be a cause for vanity? All of us are sinners, all are deprived of the glory of God. But all may be gratuitously justified by his grace.

From Days of the Lord, Ordinary Time Year C (Collegeville: Liturgical Press, 1999), 277-277.

May the Lord bless you and keep you!