



*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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*Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 27, 2024*

Bonnie News

Franciscan Church of St. Bonaventure



Heilung des Blinden bei Jericho (Healing of the blind man of Jericho) c. 980-993 A.D., Anon.. Codex Egberti, Fol. 31. Stadtbibliothek Trier. Public Domain.

I never saw your face,
but those who know it spoke of it to me.

Since that day I expect your passage
and I hear that today is the day.

*Jesus, our light!
Christ, our salvation!*

Blinded by our darkness, far from God,
we cry to him:

Lost in the world, without horizons,
we cry to him:

Harbouring hope, looking forward to encounter,
we cry to him:

*Jesus, our light!
Christ, our salvation!*

Commission Francophone Cistercienne, *Tropaires des dimanches*, 131. (Fiche de chant G242-1, with some modifications in the text of the stanzas.) in *Days of the Lord*. Vol. 5 (Collegeville: The Liturgical Press, 1993), 279.

LITURGY & SACRAMENTS

NEXT WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, October 28	9 AM	† Gerald Desjardins
Tuesday, October 29	9 AM	† Jacob Kremer
Wednesday, October 30	9 AM	No Mass - Church & Office Closed
Thursday, October 31	9 AM	† Peter Glowczewski
Friday, November 1	9 AM	Intention for Frances Fong Vocations Friars † Maria Aurora Fernandes † Jose Garcia Senior † Larry Brown † Julia Leacock Smith
Saturday, November 2	11 AM 5 PM	† Souls of all the Faithful Departed The Parishioners
Sunday, November 3	8:30 AM	† Evangeline Beltran
	10 AM	† Mackie Ortega
	12 PM	Intention of Cyril and Merle Castelino on their 56 th Wedding Anniversary
Sanctuary Lamps	Bl. Sac.	Intentions of Frances Fong
	Bl. Sac.	Intentions of Christine De Freitas
	Our Lady	The Deceased Members of the Parish

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.

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.

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. **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 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.

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

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@hawthornschool.com or visit www.hawthornschool.com

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/>

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE FOR THE GOOD SHEPHERD REFUGE ~ THANK YOU!



The Thanksgiving Food Drive at St Bonaventure's helps provide meals for the homeless and at-risk individuals in our community. With the support and generous food donations from our parishioners and local community we delivered **1,000 LBS** of food to the Good Shepherd for Thanksgiving. **THANK YOU! THANK YOU** to all for your generous food donations and for your kindness. Thank you to the Knights of Columbus for organizing this effort to help our neighbours in need.

CASSEROLES FOR THE GOOD SHEPHERD REFUGE



Completed casseroles should be dropped off to the Ministry Centre by Monday October 28th for pick up.

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.

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 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!

ST. MICHAEL'S CHOIR SCHOOL SENIOR CHOIR VISITS ST. BONAVENTURE PARISH

St. Michael's Choir School Senior Choir will be joining us to celebrate Mass on Sunday, October 27th at 10AM. Founded in 1937, with the purpose of providing sacred music for services at **St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica** in downtown Toronto, St. Michael's Choir School is a centre for musical and academic excellence. It is one of only six choir schools in the world affiliated with the **Pontifical Institute of Sacred Music in Rome and consistently ranks at the top of the Fraser Institute**. Each student admitted to the Choir School is trained in vocal and instrumental music and sings in at least one of the school's choirs. In addition to the annual Christmas concert, the choirs tour regularly and perform at many local events. St. Michael's Choir School operates under the auspices of the Toronto Catholic District School Board and the Archdiocese of Toronto. To learn more about St. Michael's Choir School, please visit smcs.on.ca

CWL FLEAMARKET - THANKS TO ALL WHO PARTICIPATED

The CWL would like to thank all of the Volunteers, the Donors and all who helped to make this year's Fleamarket Possible. Thank you for helping out and attending the event!

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
More information to follow

CHURCH CLOSURE - WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 30, 2024

Our construction project continues. Our contractors are working on the underground water services, and they will need to turn off the water to our facilities on Wednesday October 30, 2024. We will be closing all of the buildings on Wednesday because there will be no availability of water or toilets. There will be no Mass on Wednesday and the Ministry Centre, Parish Centre, Franciscan Ministries, St. Anthony of Padua Mission Aid and St. Clare Inn offices will all be closed.

We apologize for the inconvenience. Thank you for your understanding.

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**ARE YOU REGISTERED? IF NOT, ASK AN USHER
FOR A PARISH REGISTRATION FORM TO COMPLETE**

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416-447-5571 ext 580

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REFLECTION

“Immediately the man regained his sight and followed Jesus on the way.” (Mark 10:52)

Everyone must become aware of being blind, of failing to understand the mystery of Jesus; everyone must stop sitting “by the roadside” and run toward the son of David, crying, “Have pity on me.” Overcoming all interior hesitation, ignoring the voices that would deter us from this decisive move, we must closely follow in the footsteps of the Lord, that is, act as resolute disciples and go with him on the road to Jerusalem.

Rightly does this Scripture picture the blind man sitting by the wayside and begging: for Truth himself said, “I am the way” (John 14:6). Thus, all who ignore the radiance of the eternal light are blind. If people already have faith in the redeemer, they are sitting by the way. But if these believers neglect to ask to be given back eternal light and do not pray, they may be sitting by the road, but they are not begging. But if they believe, if they know their blindness of heart and pray to receive the light of truth, then they are the blind man sitting by the road and begging. Therefore, let those who acknowledge the darkness of their blindness and feel the deprivation of eternal light, let them cry in the bottom of their heart, let them cry with their whole soul and say, “Jesus, son of David, have pity on me.” (St. Gregory the Great, *Deuxième homélie dur les évangiles*, in H. Tissot, *Les Pères vous parlent, L’Evangile selon Marc*, 109-173; *L’Evangile selon Marc: Commentaire, Lire la Bible* 61.)

The time is no longer a time for silence (see Mark 8:30). We must now shout the gospel in the public squares and in all the streets, we must encourage the blind, eager to see, so that they may confidently approach Jesus.

- *Days of the Lord*. Vol. 5 (Collegeville: The Liturgical Press, 1993), 278.

May the Lord bless you and keep you!