



*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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*Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 29, 2023*

Bonnie News

Franciscan Church of St. Bonaventure



Two female personifications (probably Mercy and Truth), circa 1220-25, unknown master, from an historiated letter in the "Peterborough Psalter", Fitzwilliam Museum MS 12, fol. 12v

My heart ran forth on little feet of music
to keep the new commandment.
(O feast and frolic of awakening spring!)
It would beguile the world to be a garden
with seeds of one refrain: My little children,
love one another; so my heart would sing.

But wisdom halted it, out far afield,
asked: did you sow this seed
around your house, or in the neighbor's garden
or any nearby acreage of need?
No? Then it will not grow in outer places.
Love has its proper soil, its native land;
its first roots fasten on the near-at-hand.

Back toward the house from which I deftly fled,
down neighbors' lanes, across my father's barley
my heart brought home its charity. It said:
love is a simple plant like a Creeping Charlie;
once it takes root its talent is to spread.

-Jessica Powers (Sr. Miriam of the Holy Spirit, OCD), "My Heart Ran Forth" from *The Selected Poetry of Jessica Powers*, ICS Publications, Washington DC, 1999.

LITURGY & SACRAMENTS

THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, October 30	9 AM	† David Hui
Tuesday, October 31	9 AM	† Antonia Ortuoste
Wednesday, November 1	9 AM	† Peter Glowczewski
Thursday, November 2	9 AM	† All Souls in Purgatory
	7 PM	† Memorial Mass for the Deceased of the Parish
Friday, November 3	9 AM	† Grazia Maida † George and Arlene D'Cruze † Jose Garcia Senior † Josef Sitar † Joseph A Fernandes † Carolina Bautista Cyril and Merle Castelino, 55 th Wedding Anniversary
Saturday, November 4	5 PM	† Gerald Day
Sunday, November 5	8:30 AM	† Terence Wolff
	10 AM	The Parishioners
	12 PM	Antonio Fernando and the Fernando Family
Sanctuary Lamps Bl. Sac. Bl. Sac. O.L. Chapel	+ Marjorie McGinty	
	For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, Mission	

ALL SAINTS' DAY ~ NOVEMBER 1

The Ordinary Saints ~ a poem by Malcolm Guite

The ordinary saints, the ones we know,
Our too-familiar family and friends,
When shall we see them? Who can truly show
Whilst still rough-hewn, the God who shapes our
ends?
Who will unveil the presence, glimpse the gold
That is and always was our common ground,
Stretch out a finger, feel, along the fold

To find the flaw, to touch and search that wound
From which the light we never noticed fell
Into our lives? Remember how we turned
To look at them, and they looked back? That full-
-eyed love unselfed us, and we turned around,
Unready for the wrench and reach of grace.
But one day we will see them face to face.

<https://ordinary-saints.com/intro-video/>

ALL SOULS' DAY AND REMEMBERING OUR LOVED ONES

On All Souls' Day, November 2nd, we will celebrate an additional weekday Mass at 7 pm to remember and pray for our parishioners who died since last November. Their family members have been contacted to participate in this Mass, which includes placing a candle in a niche in front of the altar in memory of their loved one. The candles will burn throughout the month of November. You are welcome accompany these families with your prayerful presence.

A remembrance "Book of the Deceased" will be placed in the alcove that contains our memorial "Tree of Life." Here you may enter the name(s) of your deceased loved ones whom you wish remembered in the prayer of the community throughout the month of November.

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 or complete the form available at the back of the church. Thank you for your help!

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,
+ Raneé 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, + Jim Meyer
and + Marjorie McGinty.

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.

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

The First Session of the 16th Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops concludes October 29.

Prayer for the Synod

We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name.
With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts;
Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it.
We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder.
Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path
nor partiality influence our actions.
Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life
and not stray from the way of truth and what is right.
All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time,
in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever. 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.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL



Sharing God's love with others through acts of service

“May the Lord always be with you and may you always be with Him. We are to become vessels of God's compassionate love for others.” -Saint Clare of Assisi-

“The poor are valuable in the eyes of God because they remind us how we should live the Gospel, like beggars reaching out to God. The Church encourages us to open wide our hands to our brothers and sisters in need. ...remembering the poor is a fundamental aspect of Catholic teaching, and the Church calls on us to practice solidarity and compassion towards those in need.” -Magisterium AI



Our confidential helpline is: [416-447-5571](tel:416-447-5571) Ext. 570 for those who need assistance. In addition to donating through our poor boxes located at 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/>

Special Need: Used winter clothing in good condition for 10-yr.-old boys (size 10-12) and one-year-old toddler boys (size 18-24 months). Please bag and leave at Ministry Centre marked SSVP. Thank you!

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.



A MESSAGE FROM THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus, St. Francis Council 5080, would like to would welcome its new members, **Alex Lee, Bill Puskas, Dennis Ezeanya, Thiago Benfica and James Barnes**. Congratulations to Michael Dosman who achieved his 3rd degree on October 26th.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Walking Together in 2023

Tuesday October 31st, 2023

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

Meeting: 10:00 - 11:30 am

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Reflection: 10:00 - 11:30 am Praying Our Goodbyes

As a Catholic community we observe All Souls' Day, also known as "The Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed", on November 2nd,

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

Facilitated by Trena Finnegan.

November 14th: TOPIC: Travel to Spain

Come join us for coffee, tea, Spanish cookies and conversation November 14th, 9:45 to 10:00 then enjoy our presentation on Travel to Spain. Photos, Food (recipes), Beverages (suggestions) and more.

Presenters: Richard Strange & Curtis McDonnell

December 12th: 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.

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CWL GENERAL MEETING - NOVEMBER 5TH AT 1PM (MAIN HALL)

SPEED DATING (Well not actually)

St. Bonaventure CWL General Members Meeting

Enjoy a unique opportunity to get to know other members at our next General Meeting, **Sunday, November 5th, 2023 at 1:00 pm** in the Parish Hall. You will be lovingly forced to go from table to table to get better acquainted with your sisters in The League. What's the worst that can happen? You make a new friend? You exchange your email or phone number with someone new? You find a mentor or valuable connection? Or you just have a few laughs and good time?

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

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<https://www.tcdsb.org/SCHOOLS/STBONAVENTURE/>

Society of St. Vincent de Paul
416-447-5571 ext 570

Casseroles for the Good Shepherd Centre, contact
casseroles@st-bonaventure.ca

REFLECTION

“You shall love your neighbour as yourself.” -Matthew 22:39

People are renewed by love. As sinful desire ages them, so love rejuvenates them. Enmeshed in the toils of his desires the psalmist laments: “I have grown old surrounded by my enemies.” Love, on the other hand, is the sign of our renewal as we know from the Lord's own words: “I give you a new commandment—love one another.” Even in former times there were people who loved God without thought of reward, and whose hearts were purified by their chaste longing for him.

They drew back the veils obscuring the ancient promises, and caught a glimpse through these figures of a new covenant to come. They saw that all the precepts and promises of the old covenant, geared to the capacities of an unregenerate people, prefigured a new covenant which the Lord would bring to fulfillment in the last age. The Apostle says this quite clearly: “The things that happened to them were symbolic, and were recorded for us who are living in the last age.” (1 Cor 10:11) When the time for it came the new covenant began to be openly proclaimed, and those ancient figures were expounded and explained so that all might understand that the old covenant promises pointed to the new covenant.

And so love was present under the old covenant just as it is under the new, though then it was more hidden and fear was more apparent, whereas now love is more clearly seen and fear is diminished.

For as love grows stronger we feel more secure, and when our feeling of security is complete fear vanishes, since, as the apostle John declares: “Perfect love casts out fear.”

~St. Augustine, Sermon 350A, 1-2: PLS 2, 449-450

May the Lord bless you and keep you!