



*Growing  
in Spirit,  
Community,  
and Service*

*Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time  
October 5, 2025*

# Bonnie News

*Franciscan Church of St. Bonaventure*



Detail of the servant and one of the disciples in *The Supper at Emmaus* (1648), Rembrandt (1606-1669)  
Oil on mahogany. The Louvre, Paris. Public Domain. Source: Wikicommons.

## **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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## **XVI: Venite, exultemus by Malcolm Guite**

For equal rights and justice, cry out loud!  
Then come before God's presence and be glad,  
And harden not your hearts. Do not be proud,  
But kneel before your maker, for he made  
You for himself and also for each other,  
To share his good gifts equally. Our God  
Is everyone's salvation, and our Father  
Is Lord and father equally to all.  
Let us rejoice before him, let him gather  
The scattered tribes and nations back from all  
The corners of the earth, and also from  
The wilderness of willfulness. His call  
To bring our lives, and our whole world to him  
Resounds in all of us. Could we but hear,  
Our Saviour, King and Shepherd calls us home.

<https://malcolmguite.wordpress.com/2021/04/14/o-come-let-us-sing-a-response-to-psalm-95/>

## LITURGY & SACRAMENTS

### THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, October 6	9 AM	† Aurora ad Romulo Villamil
Tuesday, October 7	9 AM	† Joselito Garcia
Wednesday, October 8	9 AM	† Denia and Manny Enrile
Thursday, October 9	9 AM	† Esther Villarroel-Hiller
Friday, October 10	9 AM	The Friars A Special Intention Romulo Villamil, in thanksgiving † Justine Forrest † Harold and Josephine Sidle † Jude Weerasinghe
Saturday, October 11	5 PM	† Nimfa Chua
Sunday, October 12	8:30 AM	The Parishioners
	10 AM	† Edward Haigh
	12 PM	† Josef Sitar
Sanctuary Lamps	Bl. Sac.	Intentions of the Leong Family
	Bl. Sac.	† Cynthia D'Cruz
	Our Lady	For the Sick

### 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.

### 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.

### THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER

**For collaboration between different religious traditions.**

Let us pray that believers in different religious traditions might work together to defend and promote peace, justice and human fraternity.

## HELPING OTHERS

### THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE ON OCTOBER 4/5 AND OCTOBER 11/12

Good Shepherd Ministries is organizing its annual Thanksgiving Food Drive. To provide a special meal for those struggling with hunger in our community, the Knights of Columbus in conjunction with our parish plan to participate in this Thanksgiving Food Drive.

We will be collecting donations of non-perishable food items after every mass prior to Thanksgiving on two weekends: October 4/5 and on 11/12. We are grateful for your support, and only together it is possible for us to provide needed services to those less fortunate in our community. Let us share our blessings this Thanksgiving. Most needed food items:

Tuna and Canned Meat  
Beans and Chickpeas  
Canned Tomatoes  
Salad Dressing  
Bagged Rice  
Soy Sauce & BBQ Sauce

Soups and Stews  
Pasta & Pasta Sauce  
Corn and Vegetables  
Cooking Oil  
Mini-Sized Juice Boxes  
Ketchup and Mustard

Coffee and Tea  
Jams  
Sugar, Salt, Pepper and Spices  
Pancake Mix  
Granola Bars & Packaged Snacks  
Mayonnaise

### 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 out 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

#### Respect



We are all God's children, created in God's loving image and deserving of compassion and respect. The Catholic Women's League's core values go beyond this, caring for all of God's creation. Join us and experience the joy of love and respect.

### 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/>

## 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](mailto:mma@st-bonaventure.ca)

**Tuesday October 7, 2025, 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM - Main Hall**

**A Virtual Visit of the Tomb of St. Francis in Assisi presented by Fr. Thomas Reist, OFM.**

Every year, literally, tens of thousands of people visit the tomb of St. Francis in Assisi on the 4<sup>th</sup> of October, his feast day. Assisi is an easy day trip from Rome for the pilgrims in the Eternal City for the Jubilee Year.

Although you might not be able to travel to Rome or Assisi during this Jubilee Year, you can still experience the sense of hope that the spirit of St. Francis offers all of us.

On October 7, Fr. Tom will conduct a virtual visit of the tomb of St. Francis. Using the frescos of the Master of Assisi, you will approach the tomb of St. Francis as a faith-filled pilgrim would have done in the latter half of the 13<sup>th</sup> Century. St. Francis has inspired women and men of every age and century. He was a major player in St. Bonaventure's call to become a Franciscan. He can be a major player in the spirituality of those who visit St. Bonaventure Parish. Join us on the 7<sup>th</sup> as we hope to follow Christ more closely by learning from the journey of the life of St. Francis.

**Tuesday October 21, 2025, 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM Main Hall**

**Documentary and Discussion on St. Carlo Acutis presented by Fr. Thomas Reist, OFM**

Come and learn about the newly canonized and the Church's first millennial saint. More information to follow.

**Save the Dates: November 4, November 18, December 2 and December 16, 2025**

### COFFEE MONDAYS FOR SENIORS AT HAWTHORN SCHOOL



As a gesture of respect and gratitude for senior citizens in the community, the students at Hawthorn School would like to invite all seniors to Hawthorn's monthly Coffee Mondays. Join us! Enjoy complimentary coffee & snacks at 3:15 pm on the following Mondays: October 20, December 15, February 9, April 13. For more information: Contact Queenie Yu at 416-444-3054 or [gyu@hawthornschoo.com](mailto:gyu@hawthornschoo.com) Hawthorn School, 101 Scarsdale Rd, Toronto. [www.hawthornschoo.com](http://www.hawthornschoo.com)

### 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](mailto:ovu@hawthornschoo.com) or visit [www.hawthornschoo.com](http://www.hawthornschoo.com)

### THANK YOU, ST. BONAVENTURE PARISH FOR A NOTHER SUCCESSFUL LINDA'S WALK

**Thank You, St. Bonaventure's Parish!**

A big thank you to everyone at St. Bonaventure's Parish for your incredible support of Linda's Walk again this year. We are so grateful to walk alongside such a caring and generous community. Thank you for helping us continue to support women in need. Your faith in our mission continues to inspire hope and change.



## 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](mailto:dave@davetrafford.com)

## ST. MICHAEL'S AWARD - CONGRATULATIONS

Last Sunday, the 28th of September and Feast of St. Michael the Archangel, Archbishop Francis Leo made the second presentation of the St. Michael Award. This award recognizes distinguished and faithful service to members of the Archdiocese of Toronto. Recipients are elected from each pastoral region of the archdiocese (Central, North, East and West).



James and Elfreida Soans were honored to receive the award this year for their many years of service in social outreach. As we extend our congratulations to them, we also acknowledge that this is also a great honour for St. Bonaventure Parish and the many parishioners who have served the church and society in an outstanding way. Congratulations!



## ANNUAL FLEA MARKET, SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2025

Saturday October 25, Open from 9:00 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Drop off your donations at the Parish Hall Kitchen entrance on October 23 & 24 from 9:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Remember to keep your quality, gently used, and in good working condition items to donate to the Flea Market! We will need volunteers to help with set-up and clean up and for watching over the booths. High school students are welcome. What a great way to complete your required volunteer hours for school!

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FOR A PARISH REGISTRATION FORM TO COMPLETE

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## REFLECTION

**“If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it would obey you.” ~Luke 17:6**

In the Gospel Reading, Jesus says that if you have faith even as big as a mustard seed, you could command trees and they would obey you. A mustard seed is *very* small. But none of us can get trees to obey our commands. And so, from this, it is clear that the faith any of us has is not even a very small amount.

That’s not the only disheartening thought in the Gospel Reading. It gets worse. No matter how much faith you have, as the Gospel Reading makes plain, you are still highly unsatisfactory. Jesus says that, however hard you work in the service of the Lord, at the end of the day, recognizing all your sins in the day, you should say to yourself, I am an unprofitable servant of the Lord’s.

This isn’t a good thought to have before going to bed, is it? And it does make it hard to get out of bed in the morning, too. Who wants to wake up with this thought: “Oh boy, another day for me to be my sinful self! At the end of this day, I will be inadequate, unsatisfactory, and unprofitable!”

You can see why the prophet in the First Reading would say to the Lord, “How long, O Lord!” The prophet thinks it is hard to wait for the Lord to do something about the sins of other people. But it can be hard to wait for the Lord to take care of our own sins too. How long indeed!

But the First Reading also says that the just will live by faith. Now real living is joyous, not depressive. And here’s another thing to see. The First Reading doesn’t mention *how much* faith you need in order to live. So, apparently, any amount is enough. Your faith doesn’t have to be even mustard seed size. You will still live, really *live*, as long as you have any faith at all.

And so we can wait for the Lord to do something about our sins. It doesn’t take even as much faith as a mustard seed for us to live. And if we live in the Lord, then we can also rejoice in the Lord, even if we are also still unprofitable servants.

And if it brings a life of joy in the Lord, then however little our faith is, it is a lot, isn’t it? And that is itself a joyful thought.

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