

*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-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 8, 2023*

Bonnie News

Franciscan Church of St. Bonaventure



Still Life of Fruit by Severin Roesen, (1815-1872), Oil on Canvas, Unknown date.
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Thy Kingdom Come by Malcom Guite

*Thy kingdom come thy will be done on earth
Can we imagine what we're asking for?
When all we know and all we think we're worth
As vanity might vanish, disappear,
Fading before the splendours you reveal:
The beggars crowned with glory, all the meek
Exalted even as the mighty fall,
And everywhere the triumph of the weak.*

And we, who have been first, will be the last
And queue for mercy like the refugees
Whom only moments earlier we passed
By on the other side. For now the seas
That separated are no more. The Sun
Is risen like justice, and his will is done.



We have so much to be thankful for: faith, health, family, friends and loved ones, education, employment, freedom, life... The list goes on and on. As holidays go, Thanksgiving is one that could easily be considered a religious holyday as well. After all, God is the ultimate source of every blessing.

Have a happy and blessed Thanksgiving! And know that all of you are amongst my reasons for giving thanks to God. *Fr. Tom*

LITURGY & SACRAMENTS

THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, October 9	9 AM	† Ester Villarroel-Hiller
Tuesday, October 10	9 AM	† Milagros S. Pogoy
Wednesday, October 11	9 AM	† Liliane Verbeek
Thursday, October 12	9 AM	† Edward Haigh
Friday, October 13	9 AM	† Jacinta Osuji † Denis Moynihan † Breda Comerford † Holy Souls in Purgatory Brothers, Sisters, and Benefactors of the Order
Saturday, October 14	5 PM	† Frances Macdonald
Sunday, October 15	8:30 AM	† Nimfa Chua
	10 AM	† Josef Sitar
	12 PM	The Parishioners
Sanctuary Lamps Bl. Sac. Bl. Sac. O.L. Chapel	16 th Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops	
	† Norma Mañebo Reyes	
	Sick Members of the Parish	

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



Through the dedication of volunteers, we are fortunate to be able to invite children to celebrate the Liturgy of the Word with their age and ability in mind. By providing a celebration of the Liturgy of the Word with children, we help our youngest parishioners encounter the Lord, interiorize the message of the Sunday Gospel, and pray together. We hope that this experience of the Liturgy will help our children grow into that full, active, and conscious participation during the Mass to which we are all called. **We provide this ministry to children from 4 to 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 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.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION FOR CONFIRMATION

The deadline for registering youth (age 12 years and older) in the preparation program for Confirmation this 2023-2024 season is Oct. 15 at 3 p.m.

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.

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, and + John Tasker.

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 416-444-4719 with your prayer intentions or if you would like to join the prayer network.

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



With the Solemn Celebration of the Eucharist on October 4, Feast of St. Francis, the First Session of the 16th Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops officially opened.

In his Homily, Pope Francis said: *“Let us look at the first aspect: a gaze that blesses. Though having experienced rejection and having seen around him so much hardness of heart, Christ does not let himself be imprisoned by disappointment, he does not become bitter, he does not cease to praise; his heart, founded on the primacy of the Father, remains serene even in the storm.*

This gaze of the Lord that blesses also invites us to be a Church that, with a glad heart, contemplates God's action and discerns the present. And

which, amid the sometimes agitated waves of our time, does not lose heart, does not seek ideological loopholes, does not barricade itself behind preconceived notions, does not give in to convenient solutions, does not let the world dictate its agenda. This is the spiritual wisdom of the Church, summarized with serenity by Saint John XXIII: “It is necessary first of all that the Church should never depart from the sacred patrimony of truth received from the Fathers. But at the same time she must ever look to the present, to the new conditions and new forms of life introduced into the modern world which have opened new avenues to the Catholic apostolate” (Address for the Solemn Opening of the Second Vatican Ecumenical Council, 11 October 1962).

Jesus' gaze that blesses invites us to be a Church that does not face today's challenges and problems with a divisive and contentious spirit but, on the contrary, turns its eyes to God who is communion and, with awe and humility, blesses and adores him, recognizing him as its only Lord. We belong to him and - let us remember - we exist only to bring him to the world. As the Apostle Paul told us, we have no other “glory except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ” (Gal 6:14). This is enough for us; he is enough for us. We do not want earthly glory; we do not want to make ourselves attractive in the eyes of the world, but to reach out to it with the consolation of the Gospel, to bear witness to God's infinite love, in a better way and to everyone. Indeed, as Benedict XVI said, precisely when speaking to a synod assembly, “the question for us is this: God has spoken, he has truly broken the great silence, he has shown himself, but how can we communicate this reality to the people of today, so that it becomes salvation?” (Meditation, First General Congregation of the XIII Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops, 8 October 2012). This is the fundamental question. And this is the primary task of the Synod: to refocus our gaze on God, to be a Church that looks mercifully at humanity. A Church that is united and fraternal - or at least seeks to be united and fraternal -, that listens and dialogues; a Church that blesses and encourages, that helps those who seek the Lord, that lovingly stirs up the indifferent, that opens paths in order to draw people into the beauty of faith. A Church that has God at its centre and, therefore, is not divided internally and is never harsh externally. A Church that takes a risk in following Jesus. This is how Jesus wants the Church, his Bride, to be.”

The First Session of the 16th 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.

WE WELCOME TRENA FINNEGAN TO OUR MINISTRY WITH MATURING ADULTS

We are so very pleased to welcome Trena Finnegan to our Ministry with Maturing Adults, MMA. Trena has just joined the Staff of St. Bonaventure's as the Co-Ordinator for MMA. She comes to this position with a wealth of experience and a great desire to accompany maturing adults on their journey and to tap the depths of their faith and life experiences. Trena is friendly and engaging. Please introduce yourselves to her and have a chat with her, and I suspect – and hope – that you will be participating in the presentations and activities that she will be coordinating. Trena, welcome to St. Bonaventure's!!! *Fr. Tom*

HELPING OTHERS

SHARELIFE 2023 PARISH CAMPAIGN - LIVING THE GOSPEL



Living the Gospel: 2023 Parish Campaign

Thus far our parish has raised **\$80,248.70** toward our goal of **\$94,000**. 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

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

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

TUESDAY MORNINGS: Coffee and Conversation: 9:40 - 10:00 am
Meeting: 10:00 - 11:30 am



Walking Together in 2023

October 10 TOPIC: Fraud Prevention for Seniors
Presenter: Heather Walsh, CPA (Chartered Professional Accountant)

Please come and join us for this special presentation on October 10 in the Main Hall of the Parish Centre. The presenter will cover what fraud is, how it works and real-life examples of fraud. She will also talk about five reasons why seniors are particularly vulnerable to fraud, signs of being victimized and what to do if you have been a victim of fraud.

Heather Walsh is a retired accountant who has been volunteering with CPA Canada's Financial Literacy program since 2015. She welcomes opportunities to volunteer with CPA Canada because she believes it is important to help people in Canada develop the knowledge, skills, and confidence to make responsible and appropriate financial decisions at every life stage. Before retiring, Heather worked in the investment industry for twenty years primarily in the areas of compliance and financial reporting.

Future Dates:

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

December 12 TOPIC: *To be Announced*
Presenter: TBD

PARISHIONER ATTENDANCE SURVEY

The Archdiocese is requesting our participation in its annual parishioner attendance survey for all parish and mission communities, on the weekends of **October 14/15** and **October 21/22**. To participate, the ushers will be counting the number of parishioners at each mass for these two weekends. We ask for your patience and cooperation. Thank you in advance!

CWL FLEA MARKET - SATURDAY OCTOBER 21, 2023- 9 AM TO 2 PM



Remember to keep your quality, gently used, and in good working condition items to donate to the Flea Market! We do not accept magazines, textbooks, encyclopedias, VHS or cassette tapes, mattresses, baby furniture and baby equipment, or plants.

We will need volunteers to help with set-up and clean up.
We Need volunteers for the following booths: Books, Odds & Ends

High school students are welcome. What a great way to complete your required volunteer hours for school. Contact: Elfreida at 416-424-4984 or Teresa at 416-200-5733.

All items for the Flea Market should kindly be dropped off at the Parish Centre, Kitchen Entrance ONLY on: October 19th and 20th, from 9:30 am to 8 pm.

Baked goods should be dropped off on Friday and on Sat Oct 21 BEFORE 9 am.

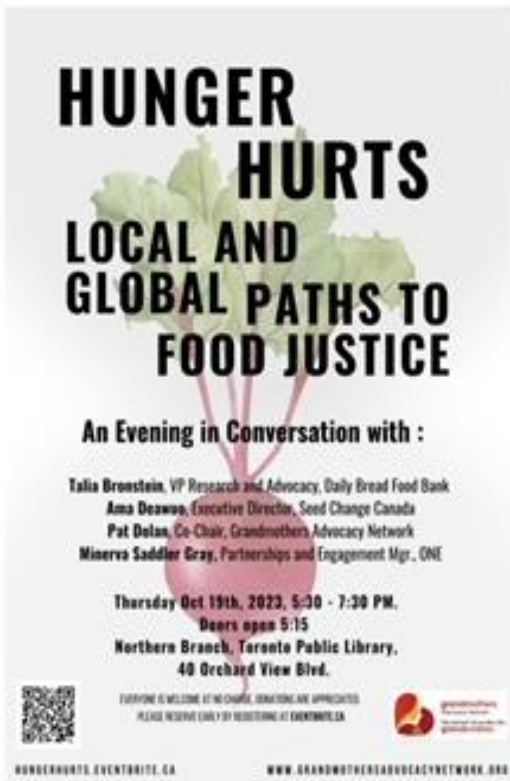
2024 PARISH OFFERTORY ENVELOPE BOXES

As most of you are aware, we have been mailing offertory envelopes to parishioners' homes every three months. 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!

TOGETHER AT THANKSGIVING - CAFE 65 - THURS, OCT 12TH, 2023 - ENTERTAINER, VIVIANNA

The upcoming Cafe 65 event - "Together at Thanksgiving" - to be held on Thursday, October 12th! Singer, Vivianna, will entertain with a variety of songs you likely know well. Join us at Cafe 65 for the first time or join us again - 12 to 2 pm - for lunch (at noon) and entertainment. Now \$15.
Parish Hall, Church of the Ascension, 33 Overland Place, Don Mills, ON M3C 2C3

HUNGER HURTS: LOCAL AND GLOBAL PATHS TO FOOD JUSTICE



Members of GTA GRAN (Grandmothers Advocacy Network) are planning an educational event on food justice entitled, "Hunger Hurts: Local and Global Paths to Food Justice". It will be held on Thursday, October 19 from 5:30-7:30 pm at the Northern District branch of the Toronto Public Library, 40 Orchard View Blvd. We hope that this location, two blocks north of the Yonge/Eglinton subway stop will be convenient for you and others (parking is available next to the library).

Issues related to food insecurity will resonate with both staff & students. We also believe that it is extremely important to increase our understanding of the issues involved in the right to food and help others to become informed and more engaged in promoting change. We hope you will help us by sharing the attached information (PDF poster with QR code for registration) and posting as appropriate to your networks. Please encourage them to attend. This is a free event.

We welcome students, university colleagues, professionals employed in the area, and representatives of nonprofit agencies, as well as the general public. The event is timed to be after most have finished their workday and not too late into the evening. Light refreshments will be provided.

Our guest speakers will address the issue of food justice from both local and global perspectives. These include the current dimensions of the crisis, its contributing and exacerbating factors, examples of promising projects, and the actions people can take to make a difference. The format is informal and guided by questions from a moderator. Comments and questions will also be encouraged. We hope you can attend!

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

REFLECTION

“Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom.” -Matthew 21:43

What counts in your life and mine is not successes but fruits. The fruits of our life are born often in our pain and in our vulnerability and in our losses. The fruits of our life come only after the plow had carved through our land. God wants us to be fruitful.

The question is not, “How much can I still do in the years that are left to me? The question is, “How can I prepare myself for total surrender so my life can be fruitful?”

Our little lives are small, human lives. But in the eyes of the One who calls us the beloved, we are great—greater than the years we have. We will bear fruit, fruit that you and I will not see on this earth but whose reality we can trust.

Solitude, community, ministry—these disciplines help us live a fruitful life. Remain in Jesus; he remains in you. You will bear many fruits, you will have great joy, and your joy will be complete.

- Henri J.M. Nouwen, “Moving from Solitude to Community to Ministry” in Leadership (Spring 1995).

May the Lord bless you and keep you!